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Letter From the President



Summer is a great time in South Florida – sun, fun and a time to refresh. This summer was extra special because as we enjoyed the beach, pool and travels we also had the Olympics to look forward to and get excited about.

As I sat with my family to watch each night's lineup of swimming, gymnastics, track and field, and so many more Olympic events, I began to ponder the difference between an Olympian and an athlete. One could say it is the skill, commitment and dedication but you need those things to be an athlete as well. And so, I determined it is the training. It is the training that not only teaches these elite athletes how to compete on the world stage but also how to excel at the Olympic level. The Olympic athlete represents their Country for glory and honor. It is these ideals that fuel their fire to "Go for the Gold".

Training is what makes a Junior League volunteer and leader stand out from the rest. From the initial new member year to every year after in the league, Junior League is a place to grow and develop skills as you become and perfect being a trained volunteer. It is the commitment not only to herself but to an organization, community and legacy that makes a Junior League volunteer the Olympian of volunteers.

Our members certainly "Go for the Gold" and it showed this summer. The Management Team presented fun and interactive "Get Your Game On" Council Trainings in June and an Olympic-themed Leadership Retreat in August. Both were exceptional training experiences for our members. In July, our Advocacy Committee hosted the Florida SPAC Summer Conference at the Wyndham Harbourside in Jupiter. It was well-attended and every detail was perfection including the informative and inspiring speakers. AND... in August, the e-League committee launched JLPB's new website. It is beautiful, modern, and comes with an app!

I look forward to seeing you at the September General Membership Meeting at PGA National Resort & Spa on Tuesday, September 20th.

Welcome to the 2016-2017 League Year!

Beth Stevens

President
2016-2017

Letter From the Editor



Welcome back to another exciting year with the Junior League of the Palm Beaches! As your editor for the 2016-2017-league year, I am privileged to have the opportunity to share the true spirit of JLPB through inspiring stories from members who volunteer their time and energy to this league and to our work within the community.

Despite the league year just beginning, this year is already off to a running start as you'll see throughout this issue. What started with the May Dinner continued throughout the summer as many of our members were hard at work securing important funding, training our incoming leaders, planning and hosting a SPAC Summer Conference, and preparing for a significant update to the league's website and technological capabilities. Visit jlpb.org to see the culmination of the e-League chairs' hard work in putting together a beautifully modern website to showcase our amazing organization.

Thanks to the hard work of many committee members this summer, we start this league year with a full calendar of events you won't want to miss. Make sure to check out page 12 for details on all that the league has planned for this fall!

I look forward to another amazing year with this league that has become my home. It is a truly rewarding experience to be a part of a community of women who share the same passionate spirit for giving back to our community and supporting one another.

Ashley Scharber

Undercurrents Editor
2016-2017



Developing the Potential of Women

JLPB WINS BIG THIS SUMMER WITH TERRACON GRANT

by Alison Percy



If grant writing were an Olympic Sport, the Junior League of the Palm Beaches' Grant Writing Committee, led by committee chair Megan Rogers, would have earned a gold medal for its grant application to the Terracon Group.

The grant application was appropriately titled "Building Women, Building Communities." These four empowering words perfectly describe the league. Thanks to the committee's outstanding application and explanation of our mission, Terracon Group awarded the Junior League \$2,500 for the 2016-2017 year to help fund internal education programs and

contribute to our existing mentoring and teaching programs, such as GEMS.

The Grant Committee showcased that by providing funds to our organization, Terracon was effectively multiplying its grant dollars. Because of the grant, JLPB will be able to expand its programming, giving our members more opportunities to develop their skills as trained volunteers. The additional programs not only benefit our members, but also the community at large. The grant helps to create a virtuous cycle.

The Terracon Group is an innovative general contractor and construction firm located in South Florida. It has more than twenty years of experience in delivering exceptional projects to its clients, including providing engineering and testing services for construction, environmental and industrial projects.

In order to receive a grant from Terracon, the recipient organization must have a Terracon employee as a member. Luckily for us, Stephanie Feuer is a Terracon employee and a member of JLPB. A big thank you to Stephanie for being our gateway in applying for the grant, and a huge thank you to The Terracon Group for helping JLPB build the community by building women.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

by Ashley Scharber

One of the things that makes the Junior League of the Palm Beaches unique from other volunteer organizations is the training that our members and leadership receive.

This summer, the JLPB incoming executive team, committee chairs and lead active members attended two leadership retreats where they gained valuable leadership skills and tools they need to guide our membership through the upcoming year. After a variety of interactive games, informative presentations, and mixing and mingling with one another, our leaders enter the 2016-2017 year filled with unique ideas about how to make this coming year and the next 75 years something we can all be proud of.

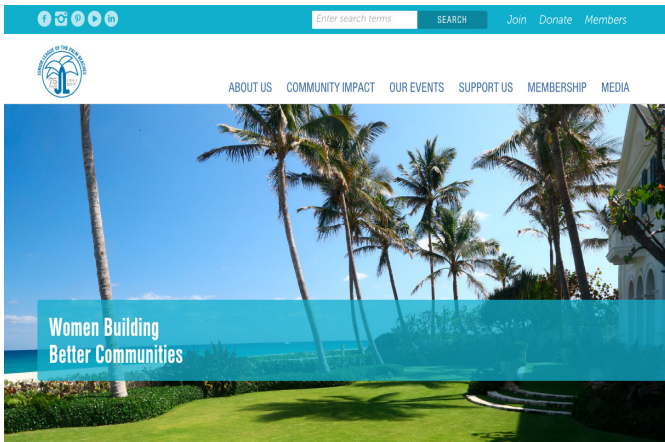




Developing the Potential of Women

LEAPING INTO THE FUTURE WITH DIGITAL CHEETAH

by Taylor St. Clair



In mid-August, the Junior League of the Palm Beaches updated its software management program from CloserWare to Digital Cheetah under the leadership of e-League chairs Jessica McBath and Christine Walter. The new change comes with a lot of excitement for the League.

Digital Cheetah provides a sleek, modern design and improved functionality for its users. The new program serves as an important tool for highlighting the impact the league has in the community, while making it easier for league members and the community as a whole to become involved with and support our activities.

Almost every detail within the software is customizable, which will greatly benefit the leadership team in particular. Digital Cheetah makes it easier for league leaders to communicate not only with each other, but also with our members.

Group views create a forum to easily connect and share information between all committee members, and files can be stored and passed down to future chairs for easier transitions.

This new program also links directly to JLPB's parent organization, The Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI), to create easier access to valuable leadership resources.

For members, the improvements have made it vastly more efficient for keeping up-to-date with the many happenings within the league. An easily navigable member home page and event reminders will make it hard to forget an activity a user is registered for.

All of the improvements in functionality that come with the transition to Digital Cheetah allow JLPB to put the needs of our members first as we continue to work toward our mission of developing the potential of women.

DECK THE PALMS
HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE
HOSTED BY JUNIOR LEAGUE OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
Save the Date!
NOVEMBER 19, 2016
AT THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER

8th Annual Deck the Palms Holiday Market
Deck the Palms Holiday Marketplace is our annual shopping event to benefit the community projects undertaken by the Junior League of the Palm Beaches. A Saturday full of holiday festivities, pampering and, of course, shopping, it is not to be missed! CLICK HERE for all the current information, merchants and sponsor information

JLPB Palm Beach Belles Sing National Anthem
We are so proud of our Palm Beach Belles who sang the National Anthem at Roger Dean Stadium on 7/18/2016!

June Leadership Retreats
Where long lasting friendships are made. Leaders gathered at JLPB headquarters for two distinct and tailored trainings and fun hosted by...

Terracon Foundation Awards \$105,500 in Grants
The Terracon Foundation on July 12 announced it has awarded \$105,500 to grant recipients, including \$24,000 in scholarship grants to...

75th Anniversary Makeover continues
Keep in the know with all the updates from our Vita Nova renovations this summer by visiting this page

SEP 09 **JLPB LEAGUE KICKOFF PARTY**
Join the Small Fundraising Committee in kicking off the 2016-2017 Junior League year for a fabulous evening of cocktails, dancing, and dinner at BICE Palm Beach.

NOV 19 **8TH ANNUAL DECK THE PALMS HOLIDAY MARKET**
Annual shopping extravaganza and largest JLPB fundraiser

Become a part of a growing community of women dedicated to improving our community
There are many benefits to becoming a member of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches, Inc. The League offers its members professional training, flexible volunteer placements, and an opportunity to not only make professional connections, but to develop friends for life with women who show common dedication to volunteerism in the community.

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LEADING THROUGH ADVOCACY

by Ashley Scharber



The Junior League of the Palm Beaches' Advocacy Committee hosted a successful Summer State Public Affairs Conference (SPAC) in June 2016 where women from Junior Leagues across Florida came together to influence change while making a difference locally and statewide. Attendees had the opportunity to discuss the mission of the Junior League with a mindful awareness of important current events affecting all of our communities.

The conference included important information about the Zika outbreak from Dr. Hyeryin Choe of Scripps Research Institute, a legislative debrief with Legislative Analyst Raquel Zungia, information about human trafficking and community outreach to stop trafficking with FBI agents Peter Angell and Michael A. D'Alonzo, an opioids usage update with PBC Fire Rescue Captain Houston Parks, an update from the State Attorney Dave Aronberg, and an active shooter segment with Jupiter Police Officers. Attendees also heard from guest speaker Rick Whitted, author of *Outgrow Your Space at Work*.





Our Members

“TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL PARK!”

July 17, 2016

A DAY AT ROGER DEAN STADIUM WITH JLPB

The Heart of the League Committee within the Junior League of the Palm Beaches hosted its first member event for the 2016-2017 year. League members and their families enjoyed a fun day at Roger Dean Stadium cheering on our fellow Junior League Belles who sang the National Anthem before the opening pitch of the game.



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May Dinner

In the spirit of “Springtime in Paris,” the Junior League of the Palm Beaches hosted its 75th annual meeting and May Dinner on May 10, 2016 at Admirals Cove in Jupiter. This JLPB tradition featured a delicious dinner and fine cocktails. It served as an opportunity to recognize the many accomplishments of the league, install the 2016-2017 officers and to welcome the new member class to active membership within the league. In true Junior League fashion, it served as an eloquent conclusion to a special year that was spent honoring and celebrating JLPB’s 75-year legacy of developing the potential of woman and improving our Palm Beach County community.





Bonjour



Awards & Recognition

Each year at the May Dinner, Junior League of the Palm Beaches recognizes members who truly represent the mission of the Junior League and who have gone above and beyond in their commitment to this organization and its members. This year, JLPB was proud to recognize four leading ladies and one committee of the year.



President's Award Julie Rudolph

Winning this award is an incredible honor to me. I am surrounded by strong, amazing women who go above and beyond to make a difference in our families, our work environment and in our communities... I am truly blessed to be included and a part of women who do the right thing every day and make a difference by helping others.

Leadership Award Angela Sarlo



Being involved with the League a little under seven years, I have learned that it takes one person to initiate change, but a group of women working towards the same goal makes the change happen.



Above & Beyond Award Erin Earl

Looking back to my new member year (last year) I would have never imagined that this is how my first active year would play out. It has been one surprise after the next- including receiving my first member recognition pin at the February GMM and being named the 2016-2017 Treasurer Elect. This is a year I will always cherish and winning the 'Above and Beyond' award is the cherry on top.

New Member of the Year Kelly Doyle



I am so thrilled and surprised about all that I have been able to experience with the league in such a small amount of time. The ladies I was able to work with this year have quickly become very good friends, and I can't wait to see what we can accomplish next year!



Committee of the Year

75th Anniversary Extreme Makeover Home Edition

“ ...we worked together as a team, coming together to accomplish one common goal. Everyone on our committee took a specific lead active role in the beginning of the year and reached the goals established for them at the outset. No task was too big or too small, more important or less important. Whether the lead active was securing artwork and scheduling painting events, raising money, de-greasing a used oven, or drilling together IKEA furniture – they got it done and with a smile. The award is truly a group effort and deserved by every member of our team.

- Committee Chairs Courtney Hickey and Stephanie Pittington

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HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

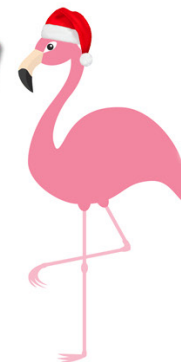
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Junior League of the Palm Beaches has a full schedule planned for the Fall 2016 as we welcome our members back from summer.

We hope you will mark your calendars and join us for the following events. You are sure to have a great time and learn a few new things along the way.

Please note that these dates are subject to change.

FUNDRAISING

November 19

Deck the Palms

December 3

Gardens Mall Shopping Event

MEMBERSHIP

September 20

General Membership Meeting
PGA National Resort & Spa

October

Cluster Meetings

November 15

General Membership Meeting
PGA National Resort & Spa

December 10

Holiday Luncheon

VOLUNTEERING

September 20

Red Apple Supply

September 22

Palm Beach Food Bank

October 8

Quantum House

October 16

Mounts Botanical Gardens

October 20

Palm Beach Food Bank

October 22

Quantum House

October 28

St. Mary's Children's Hospital
Halloween Party

November 12

Quantum House

December 10

Quantum House



Member News

SUSTAINER EVENTS

September 22

Lunch & Lit Daytime Book Club

October 11

Evening Book Club

October 12

Dine-Around at Cafe L'Europe

October 25

Fall Golf Outing

October 27

Lunch & Lit Daytime Book Club

November 7

'Walk and Talk'

November 12

Annual Sustainer Fall Kick-Off Brunch

November 15

Evening Book Club

November 17

Lunch & Lit Daytime Book Club

November 17

Happy Hour - Wine Not?

December 1

Bridge & Holiday Lunch
Lost Tree

December 3/10

Lunch and Holiday Decorating
Nelle Smith House

December 13

Evening Book Club Holiday Party

December 14

Festival of Trees at Ann Norton
Sculpture Garden

December 15

Lunch & Lit Holiday Book Exchange

December 17

Holiday Cookie Exchange

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