

Madam President

Newby to serve as international league president

By Courtney Tardy

You cannot talk with Pam Newby and not walk away impressed with the achievements and the drive of this wonderful leader. For those of you who don't know her, Pam is a past president of the JLOC, and this year will serve as President of the Association of Junior Leagues International, our governing organization. She has won several awards, most recently the Dulaney-Browne Society Award at the Societies of Oklahoma City University's Awards of Excellence program, which honors distinguished women of Oklahoma.

Pam became involved with JLOC when its volunteers worked alongside teachers in Special Care, an organization she started almost 20 years ago. Special Care is a preschool program for children, most of whom have special needs of some kind. Pam founded Special Care when she had trouble finding a preschool that would accommodate her daughter, who suffered from cancer as a small child and subsequently had some developmental delays. The JLOC was "instrumental in helping Special Care get off the ground, and I found I had to know these women better." She became a league member in 1989.

Pam became aware of the role of the AJLI when she was President Elect of JLOC. Leaders of leagues from across the nation meet three times each year, as well as meeting regionally. There are 294 leagues in four countries, including the United States, Canada, Mexico and Great Britain. The purpose of AJLI is to add value to every league and make sure that all leagues stay healthy.

The diversity of the league programs is the central strength of the Junior League. Each league establishes programs that fit the needs of its community. For example, the Salt Lake City league is involved with the homeless situation there,

and the Austin league partners with doctors and dentists to travel to South America to provide free work on patients with cleft palates. Here in Oklahoma City, we focus on child literacy, early childhood development and arts education, fulfilling needs in our community.

One of the most inspirational league stories is the Junior League of Mexico City, whose members face opposition in their work with the impoverished. Mexico City has extreme poverty, like nothing we have ever faced in Oklahoma City.

"The members there have truly stepped out of their comfort zone, indeed they could not stay behind their walled homes – they are com-



Pam Newby

mitted to helping their community," said Pam. "Mexico City is not a place where society embraces volunteerism, so they have had to work hard to create and sustain their programs."

In many ways, the current work of these women is much like the work of the Junior League founders, who in 1901 stepped outside society convention to work in the New York City settlement houses,

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Big thanks to Jungle Gym committee



The Jungle Gym project has been a tremendous success, thanks to the hard work of these dedicated folks!

General Meeting

May 11 • 7:00 p.m. only
Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club

May spotlight: Sustaining member Jennifer Shadid

Jennifer is from Oklahoma City where she lives with husband Paul and kids Jessica, 16, Paul Jr., 14, and Peter, 11. Jennifer has been a member of JLOC for 13 years but initially joined to learn more about the community, develop leadership skills and for fellowship with other women. Jennifer's first placement was Remarkable Shop shift supervisor.

Her favorite experience in JLOC was serving on the board as Fundraising VP. "The board I served on included some of the most incredible women. Pam Newby was president,

and you can't imagine the impact and influence she had on me. She is still doing incredible things in the community and with the Junior League. I consider myself blessed and privileged to have the JLOC as part of my personal history."

As Fundraising VP, Jennifer made the initial contact to secure the partnership between JLOC and Chris Keesee. The donation would be \$50,000 annually for five years for a total of \$250,000 to be matched by JLOC. This spring "Jungle Gym" at the Oklahoma City Zoo – paid

for with these funds – was dedicated. In addition to the zoo playground, \$30,000 was given to the Community Arts Project and almost \$60,000 was given to City Arts.

Jennifer says she is continually awed and impressed with the incredible impact JLOC makes on the community. When asked what she sees as the biggest problem in Oklahoma City right now, she says, "It is still hard to believe there are homeless people out on the streets. 'Even more sad is the children who face this same problem."



Jennifer Shadid

Jennifer loves living in Oklahoma City because it is large enough to have cultural activities such as ballet and the OKC Museum of Art, but small enough to raise a family and feel safe. Jennifer is involved with her children's school, serving on the board at Heritage Hall and her church, St. Elijah.

Planned Giving: Contributions a lasting gift

As a member of the Junior League of Oklahoma City, you have undoubtedly observed firsthand the tremendous impact the league makes on the Oklahoma City community. Therein lies the reason for us, as members, to strengthen the league fiscally so we may continue to grow the league's remarkable work in our community.

The Junior League of Oklahoma City has implemented a **Planned Giving program** that allows donors to make lasting gifts, thereby contributing to the long-term viability of the league. We are also pleased to announce that the Junior League of Oklahoma City has established the **League Legacy Society** to recognize and honor donors who make planned gifts. We invite you to become a member of the League Legacy Society by remembering the Junior League of Oklahoma City in your estate planning.

Some suggested types of planned gifts, as discussed in previous issues of *League Link*, are:

- A **Charitable Bequest** designated in one's Last Will & Testament or **Revocable Living Trust**
- An **Outright Gift of Personal Property** such as cash, marketable securities, artwork, jewelry, antiques and other valuables
- A gift of **Life Insurance** or other asset, such as retirement funds, which would vest after the donor's death
- A gift given pursuant to a **Charitable Gift Annuity** or a **Charitable Remainder Trust**, both of which allow a donor to transfer an asset during one's lifetime but continue to receive income from the gift
- A gift given pursuant to a **Charitable Lead Trust**, appropriate for especially large estates

These types of gifts are considered "planned" for tax purposes, often allowing the donor to realize

various income, capital gains and estate tax benefits.

Donations may be made on a current or deferred basis to:

- The Junior League of Oklahoma City, Inc., General Endowment Fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, or
- The Junior League of Oklahoma City, Inc., General Endowment Fund at the Communities Foundation of Oklahoma, or
- Directly to The Junior League of Oklahoma City, Inc.

Consultation with your attorney, tax accountant or financial planner is advised. We encourage you to consider naming JLOC as a charitable beneficiary of any part of your estate. If you do so, or if you have already done so, we would like to know! For further information, contact Sue Ann Hyde (842-6686) or Lori Blumenthal (848-7129) or any of the Junior League of Oklahoma City Board of Directors.

Yearbook reports due June 1

All committee chairmen, project managers and members of the board of directors must submit an end-of-the-year report for the 2004-05 Yearbook. The report should be formatted as a Word document if possible and sent by email to Mary Delafield, yearbook chairman no later than June 1. If you will refer to this year's black book, you can see the report last year's chairman submitted as her year end summary.

Council chat

Council Chat is an update for sustainers and actives on the work of the five areas of governance of the Junior League of Oklahoma City.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

- The Board approved the following policy changes recommended by Advisory Planning:
 - Sustaining age has been increased from 50 to 60.
 - Sign in sheets will be taken up 10 minutes after the published General Meeting start time. Members will not receive General Meeting credit if they have not signed in.
 - Members who leave General Meetings prior to adjournment will not receive General Meeting credit.
- The Board wrote the following policy regarding General Meeting times. Morning General Meetings are scheduled from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and Evening General Meetings 7 to 8:30 p.m. unless otherwise published.
- Tracy Cook and Nancy Greer led the Technology Task Force that made multiple changes to our technology system. Digital Cheetah, a company experienced in Junior Leagues across the country, is adapting our data base and will be completed by summer. The Board agreed to a three-year technology plan that includes an integrated web page and data base. The Remarkable Shop system is also included in this technology plan. Year one is primarily internal with years two and three having a great impact on our members' accessibility and ease of information.
- New Appointment Training was held April 29 at All Soul's Episcopal Church.

COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL

- The Sustainer Awards Selection Committee announced Jill King as Sustainer of the Year Award recipient and Ann Felton as the Mary Baker Rumsey Lifetime Achievement awardee. The luncheon to celebrate these fabulous women was held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 7, at Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. Congratulations to these wonderful women and to Heather Rice and Berta Faye Rex for leading this great committee.
- Next year the *League Link* will be six issues instead of four, and there will be no *Link Extra*.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

- The Community Advisory Board met on March 4. They provided a lot of feedback regarding the focus areas, training and the strategic plan. They will meet again in the summer.
- CRPD tallied the results from the Placement Interview survey. The top three choices were Literacy, School Readiness/Preschool Education and Elementary Education. These areas were presented for a final vote at the April General Meeting.

FINANCE COUNCIL

- The 2004 Mistletoe Market Board started meeting in February. October 22-24 will be this year's Market dates.
- Congratulations to The Remarkable Shop on their turnover of \$103,000 through March 2004 – 87 percent of their budgeted goal!
- The Remarkable Shop has hired a new Assistant Manager.
- On February 21 the Finance Committee met from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to finalize next year's budget. Congratulations to Nicole Jacobsen and committee on a great budget. In April, the membership voted on the budget.
- Thank you to those who attended the two Planned Giving receptions in April. Information about the League's planned giving program was distributed.

MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL

- Jayne Clarke welcomed 73 provisionals during the April 7 Welcome Celebration at Blinn House. Congratulations to this great group of women!
- The Board approved the following Strategic Planning recommendations on February 17:
 - Active members must complete a community project position within their first two active years in the League (beginning with the 2004-05 Provisional class).
 - Each provisional class shall develop, implement and complete a hands-on community project.
 - Provisional and sustainer skits will no longer be included on the May General meeting agenda.
- To improve communication and identify placement issues quickly, the Placement Chair will sit on Project Management Team (PMT).
- The Placement Vice will serve as "on call" to the CR/PD Committee.
- The Board approved the Membership Council recommendation to eliminate a length-of-residency requirement for incoming resident provisionals. This is a bylaws change and will be decided by the general membership at the April meeting.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

- On March 22, the Board approved the appointment of a 2004-05 Fund Development Task Force. This Task Force will meet from June until January when they will present their findings to the Board.
- The Strategic Plan was finalized by the Board in April.

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another place of extreme poverty and desolation. Ultimately these very women helped to start both the volunteer movement and the social work vocation as we know it today. It is no coincidence that the United States has the best volunteer-based social action in the world.

Pam's personal goal as president is to foster a strong connection between the AJLI board and individual leagues.

"We govern on behalf of the leagues, so we must stay connected to them. We'll be proactive in contacting and meeting with leagues.

Wherever we meet this year, we'll be inviting the league members to meet with us and see what we do. The ultimate goal is for the broader base of the Junior League membership to be aware of and affected by the AJLI."

Pam mentions that the board will be in Oklahoma City in September of this year.

Pam's favorite placement was being on the PAT Committee, and she has a special interest in membership issues. There has been a 12 percent increase in provisional numbers this past year, so the AJLI will be working to strengthen these new members' ties to the Junior League.

Pam says, "Once you become a member, the AJLI wants to make sure you remain satisfied and fulfilled. To that end, we stay very aware of the changing needs of women and offer support in many forms to the leagues."

One new AJLI program is the Junior League Self-Assessment Tool. This program allows each league to self-assess their "league health." If they determine that they need help in a certain area, for example in building community or fundraising, there is an AJLI staff person who will help the league with that issue. The JLOC will be starting this program in the near future.

Finally, Pam urges all interested Junior

League members to apply for AJLI positions.

"You don't have to be a past president of your league to become involved with the AJLI. There are so many opportunities, and you will meet women from all over the country and the world." Anyone with an interest can find more information at the website, www.ajli.org.

We can be proud of the work Pam is doing on behalf of the Junior League, and we can be proud of the work that our league is doing in our community. Pam's term as president makes this a perfect time for us all to do a little self-assessment and go beyond our borders to make a difference in the Oklahoma City community.

Congratulations, Pam, and we look forward to a great year!

Welcome 2004-05 Provisionals!

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- Back to School
- Pauline Mayer Shelter Birthday Parties
- Pauline Mayer Shelter Arts
- Boys and Girls Club Arts and Crafts
- Boys and Girls Club Child Literacy
- Variety Pack
- Kids' Place
- Community Arts
- Partners in Education
- Teen Outreach Program
- Positive Tomorrows
- Special Care Super Saturday

FUND-RAISERS

- Financial Development
- Mistletoe Market
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Mission

The Junior League of Oklahoma City, Inc., is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and to improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.



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March 24, 2004

Dear Junior League Members:

As Citizens Caring for Children commemorates "20 years of Hope" to Oklahoma foster children, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the Junior League of Oklahoma for your partnership and support over the past several years with our organization.

A child is abused every 18 minutes. Oklahoma is in crisis! Last year alone, nearly 13,000 Oklahoma children were found to be victims of child abuse and neglect. April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and a time to reflect and bring awareness to this serious problem right here in our own backyard.

Citizens Caring for Children began with a dream and a vision of a local couple. Twenty years later, the mission remains stronger than ever *to break the cycle of abuse and neglect...because every child deserves the chance for a better life.*

As President Bush said in his proclamation for National Child Abuse Prevention Month, "Every child is a blessing. By working together, we can put hope in our children's hearts and ensure healthy and safe lives for all our children." We appreciate the Oklahoma City Junior League members who have joined us in our efforts to bring "Hope to the future of Oklahoma's foster children."

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, we applaud you and thank you for your efforts to make our community better for the lives of these precious children.

For the Children,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diana".

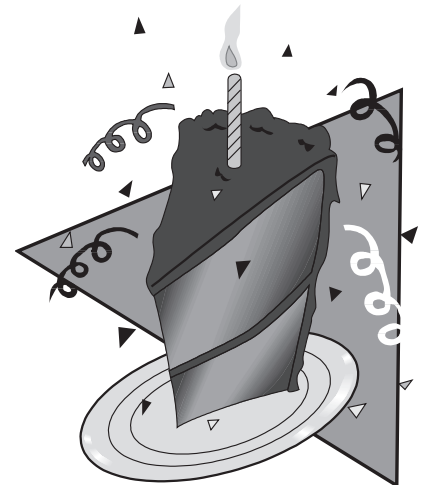
Diana Harbolt
Executive Director



Happy Birthday!

MAY

- 1 Peri Bennett, Marian Cathcart, Lyda James, Penny Replogle
- 2 Holly Abraham, Carla Bryant, Connie Fuller, Kim Kakish, Ellen Lisle, Ashley Parrish, Julie Smith, Jane Van Cleef
- 3 Paula Belanger, Charlie Knight, Cristi Reiger, Melissa Scimeca, Susie Vesper
- 4 Myrla Pierson
- 5 Beccy Brown, Adana Bryant, Donna Cole, Ruth Thompson
- 6 Diane Douglass, Judy Wilson
- 7 Nancy Arnold, Ginny Goresen, Leigh Reece
- 8 Courtney Holliday, Marcia Morgan, Susanna Voegeli
- 9 Jane Joyce
- 10 Camey Clowe, Casey Williams
- 11 Carolyn Berry, Corrine Duggan
- 12 Carole Hall, Julie Parke, Holly Reeder
- 13 Gail Beals, Page Morgan, Cara Parent
- 14 Becky Johnston, Betty Lou Stewart
- 15 Olive Austin, Jane Law
- 16 Virginia Edwards, Bonnie Foster, Terrie Hubbard, Carrie McHugh
- 17 Joanie Holmboe, Nicole Jacobsen, Shannon Love, Susan Shumate
- 18 Nancy Davies, Diane Mee
- 19 Michele Bass, Amanda Cornmesser, Aimee Gordon, Julie Griffin, Margaret Hoge, Kelly Krahl
- 20 Lori Carter, Susan Devening, Lisa Joyce
- 21 Heather Carter, Sally Dasovich, Hayley Esau, Ellen Fleming, Staci Oakes, Terri Sears
- 22 Linda Carpenter, Franci Hart, Susie Mook
- 23 Debbie McCord, Becky Roten
- 24 Barbara DeBuys, Ashley Rice, Elizabeth Robins
- 25 Laura Birdwell, Karlie Harmon, Elaine Hood, Marion Paden, Judy Samter
- 26 Staci Aduddell
- 27 Laura Barlow, Debbie Sullivan
- 28 Mary Kay Bullard, Glenna Hoke, Stacey Rockett, Melissa Sellars
- 29 Marca Floyd, Dolly Foster, Debby Goodman, Tyfanna Johnson, Chelin Satherlie
- 30 Gale Bollinger, Mandy Highsaw, Michele Hughes, Pat Northwood, Esther Rainey, Mario Vaughn
- 31 Adrienne Ahepatone, Susan Sharp, Melissa Shaw, Lisa Shinn



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