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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF OKLAHOMA CITY

NOVEMBER 2005

2005-06 schedule: General Meetings

Nov 8 • 11:30 a.m./7 p.m.
Will Rogers Theater

Dec 13 • Cancelled due to
move to new Headquarters

Jan 10 • 7 p.m. only
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Feb 21 • 7 p.m. only
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Mar 21 • 7 p.m. only
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Apr 11 • 11:30 a.m./7 p.m.
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May 9 • 7 p.m. only
Location TBA

General Meetings are held the **second Tuesday** of each month except February and March. Start time is 11:30 am and 7 pm, with a social time 30 minutes before the meeting. Meetings last about 1½ hours unless published in advance. January and May will last longer than 1½ hours.

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

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Perfect vision

BY SANDY SHAPARD

In October, 1977, the Junior League of Oklahoma City took a giant step into the future with the purchase of its first permanent headquarters, Blinn House.

This was important for our League on many levels. Prior to Blinn House, the League's headquarters changed every few years. Files were moved often with some obviously being lost in transit.



Midge Lindsey
(1977)

"The League was outgrowing every space, and we had no permanent face in the community," explained Midge Lindsey, League President in 1977.

All of that changed, thanks to the bravery of our League in 1977, when the Junior League of Oklahoma City voted to purchase and restore Blinn House, a historic Oklahoma City building, for its permanent headquarters.

This one act said to the community: the Junior League believes in Oklahoma City, we are investing in Oklahoma City and we want to capture and save the history of Oklahoma City. "The



JLOC's 1977 Board

purchase and restoration of Blinn House gave the League a presence in the community," explained Lindsey.

This was a giant leap of faith. In Midge Lindsey's president's article for the newssheet (the predecessor of the *League Link*) in November 1977, she wrote: "I agree with the member who said future generations of Leaguers will look back and say, 'Maybe those old ladies really did know what they were doing. They did a great job of future planning for us.'"

Who could have known back in 1977 that an oil company called Chesapeake would crop up south of Blinn House and would have a meteoric rise and explosive expansion that would enable the Junior League of Oklahoma City

to have a new-and-improved permanent home in 2005-2006.

The quote from Midge's article was right on the money. The act of saving a historic building, Blinn House, turned out to be a great job of future planning for the 21st Century League.

As we prepare to say good-bye to Blinn House and move into our new headquarters, it is evident the vision and courage shown by the JLOC members in 1977 has once again been duplicated. The doors of Blinn House will close and mark the end of an era, but the door to the League's future opens wide. It's exciting to see that generation after generation our organization continues to build on its rich history as we find ways to better serve our community!

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Community emergency fund

Every year according to our polices, we dedicate funds to an Community Emergency Fund equal to 1 percent of our budgeted expenses. This year we have budgeted a little over \$4,000 to be used for emergencies that arise in the community and do not fit within our projects or focus area.

At the September Board of Directors Meeting, the Board approved a distribution of \$2,000 to the Association of Junior Leagues International's newly established Junior League Disaster Fund.

The AJLI Board of Directors will oversee the administration of this fund. How fortunate we are that our very own Pam Newby is the current AJLI President. AJLI made an opening contribution of \$10,000 on behalf of all leagues across America and the fund will be used to support our sister leagues and their communities

impacted by Hurricane Katrina. The fund will continue to ensure a process that makes money available quickly and effectively in response to a disaster when it occurs.

Many of our sister leagues were a tremendous support to us in 1995 during the Murrah Bombing. We are grateful to have this opportunity to provide support for them in return. As we all know, the effects of Hurricane Katrina will last for a very long time as New Orleans and the Gulf Coast move from a recovery stage to a rebuilding stage. We, as a Board, made the decision to not distribute all of the funds within the Community Emergency Fund in anticipation that another need will arise and we can distribute the fund at that time.

If you would like to make a contribution to the JL Disaster Fund you can connect to AJLI through "Who We Are" at jloc.org.

2006 Council meetings

Councils meet the **fourth Tuesday** of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m., except where otherwise indicated.

November 29	March 28
January 24	April 25
February 28	

AJLI Liaison available to answer questions

As a source of information, we have our own Liaison at the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) who can answer questions about the Association, help you navigate the AJLI website and connect you with other Junior Leagues. Liaisons also provide consultation in areas that include membership, leadership and fund development, community impact, communications and marketing, governance and financial management so our League can more effectively achieve the Junior League mission. Your AJLI Liaison is Sylvia Rivera. She can be contacted via the information below.

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President's *message*

The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. – DeANN HOLLIS

On the morning of August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast states. Once again, the Junior League of Oklahoma City and its members volunteered their time, as well as donated money and goods to the recovery effort.

On Friday, September 2 (Labor Day weekend), I received a phone call from our local American Red Cross asking for help. Praises were sung for our help during the Oklahoma City Bombing and, once again, they were in need of JL

volunteers to man phones, take donations, help with intake, health care registration and disaster welfare inquiry. I called Active member Ann Trudgeon, our Project Appraisal Chair, at 5 p.m. and asked her to organize and head up this volunteer effort. She graciously and unselfishly said, "Yes. Anything for the Red Cross."

By mid-September, 72 five-hour shifts had been completed by JLOC members, and another 20 shifts were filled with volunteers for a total of nearly 500 volunteer hours.

During the September Formal



Katie Blaik James

Board meeting, your Board of Directors unanimously voted to send \$2,000 from our Emergency Relief Fund to the Junior League Disaster Relief Fund established

by AJLI. The Fund is for contributions from Junior Leagues that wish to support their sister Leagues and their communities in areas of natural disaster.

And at the September 13 General Membership Meeting, members opened their purses and donated \$2,314 to the Red Cross to support the Hurricane Katrina relief effort. President-Elect Betsy Mantor and I delivered the check to the Red Cross the next day.

On September 7, we closed the doors of our Remarkable Shop at 12:30 p.m. and began folding, boxing and labeling all of our spring/summer merchandise to donate to hurricane victims. Provisionals, Actives and Sustainers were on hand to help with this enormous job, and it was a huge success.

So many members went above and beyond to help those affected by this disaster.

Many thanks to Fundraising VP Elyse Beisel, Remarkable Shop

Chair Aimee Gordon, long-time Active of 16 years and Variety Pack Project Manager Matilda Clements and READ Chair Mei Cheng for their hard work and dedication to the Turnstock/Hurricane Relief project (see Star Award). And, of course, there is Ann Trudgeon who said, "yes" when I called. Thank you, Ann, for the time you gave to the League by heading up the Red Cross volunteer effort.

Last but not least, thank you to my Board – Betsy Mantor, Mary Delafield, Shelly Soliz, Elyse Beisel, Sue Ryan, Joyel Haave, Anne Collins, Julie Smith, Barbara Cooper, Lyn Watson and Nancy Greer – who donated their time at the Remarkable Shop and also brought meals to those who were working.

And thank you to all other League members who helped out with the hurricane relief efforts. There are too many names to list, but please know you have my sincerest appreciation. You are the true example of what it means to be a volunteer.

Katie



President Katie Blaik James turns over a check for \$2,314 to James Tittle, Chapter Development Director of the American Red Cross Central Oklahoma Chapter, for the Katrina Relief Effort. Thank you to all members who made generous donations at the September General Meeting!

Thanks

A very special and much deserved thank you to **Ann Trudgeon** who without any hesitation whatsoever jumped in to organize and schedule JLOC volunteers around the clock at the local Red Cross to help those affected by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. Your selfless efforts and giving spirit are beyond incredible!

Junior League responds through volunteering for the American Red Cross

Around the clock

The American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma and the Junior League of Oklahoma City have enjoyed a great partnership over the years. Both during the Murrah Bombing and tornado emergencies, the members of the Junior League of Oklahoma City have helped both financially and with manpower. Given this history, it was not a surprise that JLOC would be asked to assist when the magnitude of the Hurricane Katrina disaster became evident.

JLOC Sustaining member and former Executive Director of The American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma, Debby Hampton, made contact with JLOC President Katie Blaik James on the Friday afternoon of Labor Day Weekend with a significant need for volunteers through the weekend, and for as

long as three weeks. Katie James quickly assigned the task to Ann Trudgeon, who met JLOC Office Manager Linda Straily at Blinn House at 9 p.m. that evening to craft an email to the membership.

"I got home at 9:30 and already had messages waiting for me on my phone," explained Ann Trudgeon. "I was on the phone until 11 o'clock that night and the phones started ringing again at 7:30 a.m." While it was no surprise that JLOC members responded to the call, Ann says she was amazed at the number of responses, especially since it was a holiday weekend and home-opening weekend for both OU and OSU.

Over the course of the next two weeks, the Red Cross assigned Ann 41 specific shifts to fill, around the clock. Both Financial Vice

President Barbara Cooper and Sustaining member Valerie Aubert worked shifts from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m.!

As of Thursday, September 15, 72 five-hours shifts had been worked by members of the Junior League of Oklahoma City, and another 20 were filled with volunteers but not yet completed – for a total of nearly 500 volunteer hours.



Over the course of the two weeks, Junior League volunteers worked in client in-take, health care registration, reception and disaster welfare inquiry.

"Disaster Welfare Inquiry was fascinating," said Ann Trudgeon. "The first call I took was from a displaced New Orleans resident

who needed to find a methadone clinic to complete his rehabilitation. The next call was a woman who was trying to find her aunt, an 80-year-old nun with diabetes whose entire convent was missing. The Red Cross staff knew exactly how to help both of these people."

Since this effort began, many members have thanked Ann for the opportunity to volunteer for the Red Cross and told her how much they gained from this memorable experience.

"The Junior League has been a lifesaver," said Janienne Bella, Red Cross Director of Human Resources. "We couldn't have done it without these organized, well-trained volunteers."

"The Junior League of Oklahoma City made a major impact during this emergency. It was an honor to work with both the Red Cross and the amazing Provisionals, Actives and Sustainers of the Junior League of Oklahoma City," said Ann Trudgeon.

Ann,
Thanks for giving my sister and me the opportunity to volunteer. We met many inspiring people and at least felt we could help a little. We actually saw many people have their temporary problems solved today and this was so rewarding.

– Claire Kennedy

Hi, Ann,

I wanted to let you know that I volunteered again this afternoon at the Red Cross from 1:30–5:30. The woman in charge of the family services room asked me to come back today and help her. I hope that will count toward your hours and was OK! The Red Cross case workers are doing a terrific job and I am privileged to be a part of the JL OKC volunteer effort. Thanks again for all you are doing to coordinate this.

– Barbara Bingham

Ann,
My daughter, Shannon, works for the National American Red Cross in Washington, DC. They are grateful for all the effort the OKC JL has put into this effort. I was not available for the last scheduling of volunteers, but hope you will add me to your list as I have a heartfelt commitment to the ARC and all they are doing in this effort and the many other disasters past and future. I think the ARC and the JL should run the USA. It would be more compassionate, efficient, and better serve the citizens of this country. Thanks for all you are doing Ann.

– Charlotte Ream Cooper

From the *editor*

Upon returning from a family vacation in September, I learned that many of our League members had stepped up in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, volunteering and helping our local American Red Cross to aid the victims of his horrible tragedy. It came as no surprise, as I know what a dedicated group of women we are when it comes to serving the community and those in need.

In this issue, you will read more about the amazing, selfless efforts made by our members so I won't go into details. However, as I continued to reflect upon this tragedy, it reminded me that often

it takes an event of such magnitude to cause us to seriously examine our own lives and those of our loved ones.

Among the things we may question are our purpose, our priorities, our relationships and other meaningful aspects of life. We often take for granted that our basic needs for food, water and shelter are met each day. Through soul searching and with gratitude, we realize that we are blessed with life's essentials and much



Kim Sabolich

more, but we also come to realize that all can be lost in the blink of an eye just as it was in the Gulf Coast area.

In my own case, thinking about the aftermath of Katrina and observing the League's response

led me to sense of renewal and appreciation that I belong to such a noble organization. The Junior League members' compassion and willingness to give so freely of their time and efforts despite their busy lives exemplifies the League's

vision to impact our community and enrich lives. Isn't this truly what life is about – giving of ourselves to make a difference in the lives of those around us, whether they are a loved one or a stranger?

As Dr. Martin Luther King remarked, "Everyone has the power for greatness – not for fame, but greatness – because greatness is determined by service." I firmly believe this is what we as individuals and as members of this organization are all about.

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And the September STAR award goes to ...



The STAR (*Special Thanks and Recognition*) Award is presented to a JLOC member who goes above and beyond placement obligations making a significant impact in the community. Typically, one member is recognized at a time. However, at the September General Meeting, it seemed appropriate to recognize four women for their initiative and exceptional efforts responding to the tragedies of Hurricane Katrina. The women honored were **Elyse Beisel, Aimee Gordon, Matilda Clements** and **Mei Cheng**.

Elyse Biesel and Aimee Gordon acted on Betsy Mantor's suggestion to donate Remarkable Shop Turn-stock items to Hurricane Katrina victims. Aimee immediately began calling organizations around town and soon made arrangements for Feed the Children to transport the

donated and collected items to hurricane victims in various shelters around the United States. She did a fantastic job coordinating this effort and worked hard to see it through. Elyse was also involved every step of the way, even renting and driving the U-haul (in a mini-skirt and flip-flops!) to Feed the Children. Matilda Clements donated and assembled a huge amount of boxes, personally donated other needed items and helped pack and load the truck. Last, but not least, Mei Cheng, sacrificed a personal day off from work so she could assist in the packing and loading of the truck.

We think the efforts of Aimee, Elyse, Matilda and Mei epitomize the STAR award. Great work, ladies, and thank you!



Elyse Biesel



Aimee Gordon

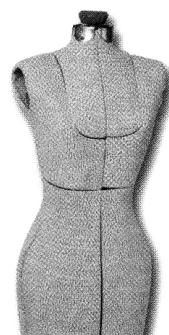


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New Headquarters update

BY JAMIE FARHA

Great news! The construction of our new Headquarters is almost complete! The completion date has remained on track and is scheduled for mid-December. What a great way to begin the new year.

If you have driven by recently, you may have noticed that the cast stone installation is complete and the brick laying is in progress. One exciting element now present is our name and logo recessed into the façade of the front and side entries. Task Force member Marinell Guild has worked hard and been able to save the League money on irrigation costs. Thank you, Marinell!

The interior of the building is also progressing and taking shape. The wiring has been installed for security, fire protection, data and electrical. All sheetrock has been installed and the millwork is in production off-site. The furniture has been ordered, and our library now has a gas fireplace installed



New Headquarters Task Force members Lee Ann Nordin and Barbara Thompson listen to Architect Allen Brown.



New Headquarters Task Force Co-Chair Jamie Farha reviews some interior design aspects with architect and interior designer Karin Vann.

thanks to the in-kind donation made by the Blaik Family. To fill our new Headquarters with practical items such as kitchen and housewares, Sustainers Midge Lindsey and Lee Ann Nordin are working on putting together a Sustainer

Shower to take place in January.

Many thanks to the members of the New Headquarters Task Force: Valerie Aubert, Lori Blumenthal, Liason Mary Delafield, Co-Chair Jamie Farha, Co-Chair Kris Frankfurt, Marinell Guild, Midge Lindsey,

Milissa Martinez, Lee Ann Nordin, Lisa Roberts, Becky Roten, Rebecca Schimandle, Susan Silver, Claire Thompson and Barbara Thompson. Your tireless efforts and attention to detail have made this dream a reality, and our League is forever grateful!



Above: The new Headquarters is taking shape as the exterior work is nearing completion.

Left: JLOC signage is present above the front door of our new Headquarters.

A conversation with a former Blinn House resident

BY CARRIE LEONARD

I had the privilege of meeting Elizabeth Williams a few weeks ago at the Blinn House. It was a chance meeting. Mrs. Williams longed to see the Blinn House one last time, as she heard it was to be torn down. I introduced myself and was thrilled to meet someone who once lived in the same place the Junior League has called home for decades. Anxious to know more about her memories, I requested an interview with her. I had no idea how much one interview would touch my life.

Elizabeth Williams is a remarkable woman who spent most of her childhood living at what we call the Blinn House. She knew it as the County Girls Home. Never knowing why she was taken from her mother, at the age of 8, Elizabeth became a longtime resident and would spend the next eight years of her life calling the Blinn House "home." She lived with her "sisters," all 49 of them. Yes, there were 50 girls living in the house. The house was filled with bunkbeds. There was also a garage apartment in what now is our north parking lot. The oldest girls lived there with the

Head Matron. It was not a happy life, but there were some happy memories. Mrs. Williams made some wonderful friends there. They were in similar situations and had to make the most of it.

It was a highly structured life. There were chores and more chores. There was very little playtime. They attended church three times a week. They viewed one movie a year; the Nichols Hills police would drive them. They

vacationed one week of the year at Falls Creek. Christmas was always a highly anticipated event. Several women's groups sponsored the girls. Thousands of presents surrounded a huge Christmas tree. Mrs. Williams always seemed to have the most gifts! They never knew who to thank but were most grateful. Women's groups also sponsored the girls at Easter. Each girl received an Easter dress. It was her most favorite outfit of

the year. On the subject of clothes, the girls received their outfits from Nichols Hills families. For that, she was also grateful.

At the age of 16, Mrs. Williams ran away from the home. But, she returned to see it one last time. She will be at the Blinn House Celebration on November 10 and is hoping to bring her grandchild. I was honored to meet her and hope you will have the opportunity to do so as well.

Blinn House keepsakes and celebrations

Would you like a keepsake of the Blinn House? As seen in the photograph to the right, Greg Burns painted a lovely picture of the Blinn House. We will be selling exclusive signed and numbered prints this fall. You can purchase them at General Meetings, the Blinn House or online. The one-of-a-kind prints cost only \$100. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the celebrations this fall and in the early spring.

PERSONALIZED BRICKS

It's not too late to purchase a personalized brick! The bricks will be placed in the courtyard at the new Headquarters! November 15 is the date! Don't forget! It's a wonderful way to honor your family or loved one. It is also a great Christmas gift! The cost is \$100. You may purchase bricks at General Meetings, the Blinn House or online. Or use the order form on page 10.

CELEBRATION AT BLINN HOUSE

Don't forget about the Blinn House Celebration taking place November 10! This memorable event will take place from 5:30 to



7:30 p.m. Join us for live music, light food, drinks and fun as we say our goodbyes to the beloved Blinn House. Valet parking will be provided. You won't want to miss

this evening that will forever be a part of JLOC history! Contact Carrie Leonard with questions regarding prints, bricks or the celebration.

The December General Meeting has been cancelled in order to move to the new Headquarters. Members will still receive a credit for this meeting.

Happy Holidays

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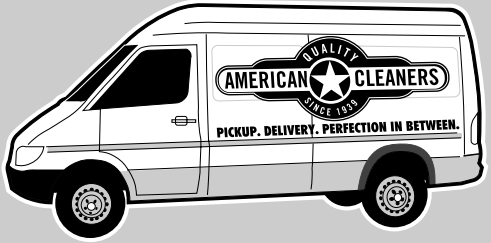
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BY AIMEE GORDON

FALL TURNSTOCK AND KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS

Fall turnstock was held September 7–9. We closed the doors at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday and began folding, boxing and labeling all of our spring/summer merchandise. We made a decision to help the people who were affected by Hurricane Katrina and enlisted Feed the Children to help us. They graciously agreed to take our donations and distribute them to help evacuees in various shelters around the US.

Many provisionals, actives and sustainers were on hand to help with this enormous job. The membership stepped up to the plate and donated food and clothing in addition to our store merchandise. We packed and

labeled over 200 boxes containing over 4,000 items of clothing, housewares and food. Thanks to Elyse Beisel, who rented and transported all the items in a 24-foot U-Haul to the Feed the Children warehouse.

Thank you to all the members who made donations for this great cause. We must mention that we would never have been able to pull this off without the help of some very special and helpful people. Mei Cheng and Matilda Clements worked tirelessly to help us complete our packing and loading. Katie Blaik James, Betsy Mantor, Mary Delafield, Shelly Soliz, Elyse Beisel, Sue Ryan, Joyel Haave, Anne Collins, Julie Smith, Barbara Cooper, Lyn Watson and Nancy Greer were all so very helpful with

their time and made our shifts easier by bringing us delicious meals. Remarkable Shop Board Members Danielle Coats, Julie Griffen, Leslie Littlejohn and Whitney Tero were also heroes for this effort. Sustaining advisor Elaine Jackson went above and beyond the call of duty to make sure turnstock and hurricane relief efforts went smoothly. We should all feel proud to be associated with a group of women who worked this hard to complete a project in such a short period of time. Many thanks also go out to Wade Starr for providing lunch from Charlie Newton's one day and to Robin Hopkins for donating carpet-cleaning services.

After all this hard work, we opened the store for business on Saturday and sold close to \$5,000 in new fall merchandise. Come by the shop to see the new merchan-

dise and check out the improvements we have made that give the shop a nicer look. We have our new sign installed now, so you won't be able to miss the store. We look forward to your visit.

BACK TO SCHOOL BOOK DRIVE

The Remarkable Shop hosted a Back to School Book Drive for an entire week in August. Customers who brought in a new children's book received 75 percent off their order. We had an overwhelming response to this and turned over 100 books to Julie Smith, Community VP; she will now distribute them to the various community projects the league supports. We plan to have this book sale one day each month. So check out the Remarkable Shop calendar to see when you can help support our



Above: Katie Blaik James is proud to show the U-haul is completely filled.

Left: An assembly line is created as the volunteers work as a team to get the job done.



Remarkable Shop employee Judy Barr (second from left) along with her staff and JLOC Board, Active and Provisional members load boxes and goods into the U-haul.

community projects and get a deal at the same time.

INCENTIVE GIFTS

Congratulations to Katie McClendon, winner of the August incentive gift. Katie won four tickets to Disney on Ice and graciously donated them back to the League. The tickets were given to a family that was displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

The winner for September was Sustainer Betty Kay Karim. She won five one-hour reading tutoring sessions donated by Leslie Littlejohn.

Please keep bringing in your merchandise. You may be our next winner. By the way, Provisionals and Actives, your quotas are due.

TREE PLANTING

A beautification and tree planting celebration took place by the north parking lot of the Remarkable Shop on Sunday, October 2. The area of grass there is referred to as "Dolly's Garden" in memory of Dolly Coyle, long-time and loyal Remarkable Shop employee who lost her bout with cancer in 2004. Members and their families joined to bring trees and shrubs, gardening tools and loads of smiles to this meaningful event. Thanks to all who donated their resources, time and effort! It will be fun watching the fruits of your labor grow and become more beautiful year after year.



Joyfully lending helping hands at the Remarkable Shop Tree Planting are (L - R) RS Promotions Chair Vonne Hanke, her daughter Savannah, RS Vice Chair Piper Cleveland and RS Quota Chair Apryl Beall.



Remarkable Shop Chair Aimee Gordon, President Katie Blaik James, and Fundraising VP Elyse Beisel take a break from loading the U-haul.

Sponsorship form and agreement

☐ Resident Prospective Provisional ☐ Non-Resident Prospective Provisional

Name of Prospective Provisional _____
FIRST MIDDLE MAIDEN LAST

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Birthdate (Month/Date/Year) _____ Name preferred on name tag (First/Last) _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Date of residency in Oklahoma City area (Resident Prospective Provisionals only) _____

Date Prospective Provisional moved from Oklahoma City area (Non-Resident Prospective Provisionals only) _____

ELIGIBILITY

1. **AGE:** She may not be younger than 21 nor older than 45 on May 31, 2006 (born between June 1, 1961, and May 31, 1985, inclusive). Please attach a copy of a driver's license, birth certificate or passport.

2. RESIDENCY

A. Resident Prospective Provisionals

A Prospective Provisional shall have been in residence in Oklahoma City or a suburban area thereof (see Admission Area Boundaries) on May 31, 2006.

- Those years during which she may be a student in a school away from Oklahoma City are included in these minimum residency requirements provided her parents or other legal guardians remain in Oklahoma City at the time.
- Those years during which she may be away from Oklahoma City temporarily as the wife or student or a member of the armed forces are included in these minimum residency requirements.

Admission area boundaries: North, N. 248th St.; East: Pottawatomie Road; South: S. 189th St.; West: Gregory Road

B. Non-Resident Prospective Provisionals

A non-resident Prospective Provisional member shall have been in residence in this League's admissions area for a minimum of one year and may not have lived outside this League's admissions area for more than five years immediately prior the time of her proposal. She must live within another Junior League's admissions area at the time of her acceptance.

3. INTEREST IN VOLUNTARISM

4. COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

5. INTEREST IN DEVELOPING HER POTENTIAL FOR VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

We have read and agree to adhere to the Sponsor Guidelines and to the best of our knowledge this Prospective Provisional meets the criteria for membership.

Sponsor names	Signature	Active	Sustaining*
1. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Lead sponsor</i> Home phone _____	Work phone _____		
2. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*One of the sponsoring team's signatures must be a Sustainer in good standing.

Please include:

- Completed Sponsor Form and Agreement
- \$40 sponsor fee for Resident Provisional (write in check memo: "resident sponsorship") OR \$40 sponsor fee plus \$35 AJLI fees for Non-Resident Provisionals (can be one check; write in check memo: "non-resident sponsorship")
- A copy of the Prospective Provisional's driver's license, birth certificate or passport.

Please return to: Provisional Admissions/Training Committee (PAT) Vice Chairman's box at JLOC Headquarters by 4 p.m. **February 28, 2006.**

For Non-Resident Provisional Sponsors: To help us assure your non-resident provisional can join the 2006-07 Provisional Class of the city in which she resides, the PAT Committee recommends you submit these items by January 18, 2006.

Sponsorship time is here!

For all those women you know who are interested in joining the Junior League of Oklahoma City, it is time to help them be a part of the **2006-07 provisional class**.

Here are a few tips:

- Active and Sustaining members in good standing can sponsor two resident and one non-resident prospective Provisionals.
- To sponsor a new Provisional, you must have attended four General Meetings OR three General Meetings and one Training course from September 2005 through March 2006.
- The Sponsoring team must be comprised of three Active members and one Sustaining member.
- At least one member from the Sponsor team must attend one of the upcoming Sponsor Workshops:

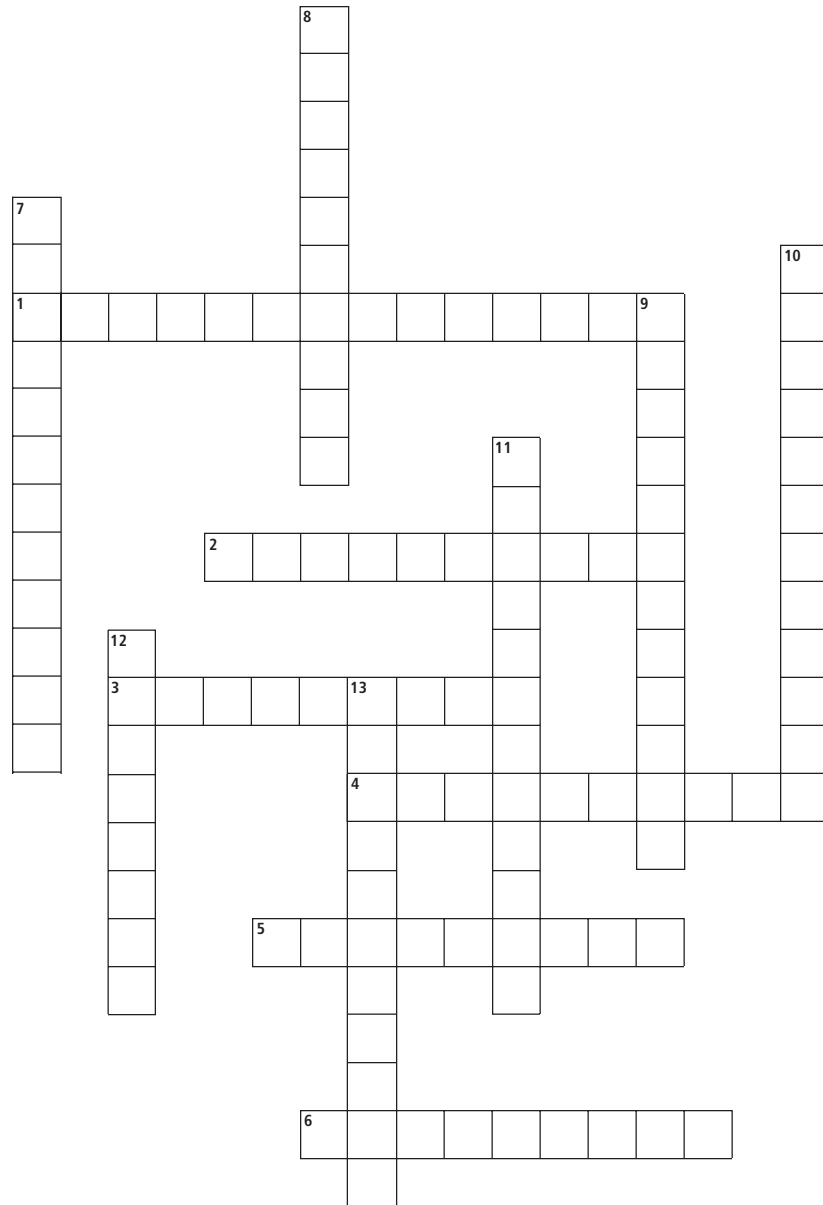
Non-Resident Provisional Workshop
Wednesday, November 30
6 p.m. at Blinn House

Provisional Workshop
Tuesday, January 24
12 Noon or 6 p.m.
at Headquarters

For your convenience, you will find a copy of the sponsor form on the adjoining page. Sponsor forms will also be available on the JLOC website.

If you have any questions about sponsorship, please call PAT Vice Chair Staci Aduddell at 378-0640.

Sustainer Crossword



ACROSS

1. Sustainer Co-Chair of the Blinn House Restoration Committee.
2. Sustainer Co-Chair of the 2005-06 Annual Member Luncheon.
3. A past League president who now is a Habitat advocate.
4. Current Sustaining Advisor to the Board of Directors.
5. A past president who was Sustaining Advisor to the Board in 2004-05.
6. The first winner of the Mary Baker Rumsey award in 1991-92.

DOWN

7. President of the League when Blinn House was purchased in 1977.
8. Co-Chair of the Blinn House Restoration Committee.
9. Current 2005-06 Sustaining Advisor to the *League Link*.
10. 2004-05 Sustainer of the Year award winner.
11. OKC bombing survivor and Sustainer of the Year in 1998-99.
12. OKC Sustainer who has ascended to the current AJLI presidency.
13. Sustainer who wrote and performed "Silhouette of a Territorial Lady."

ANSWERS:
1. DOTTIE LAMMERTS
2. NANCY ELLIS
3. ANN FELTON
4. NANCY GREER
5. KAREN LUKE
6. MEX FRATES
7. MIDGE LINDSEY
8. JUDY WILSON
9. SANDY SHAPARD
10. PAT GALLAGHER
11. POLLY NICHOLS
12. PAM NEWBY
13. LINDA ROSSER

“Leaders Read”

BY GRACE KELLEY

It is hard for many of us to believe, but one in four children in Oklahoma City will enter school unready to read! Leaders Read is a literacy-based project designed to ensure that young children enter kindergarten eager to learn and ready to read. The program offers one-on-one and small-group reading opportunities to at-risk children.

According to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), “Literacy is about more than reading and writing – it is about how we communicate in society. It is about social practices and relationships, about knowledge, language and culture. Literacy – the use of written communication – finds its place in our lives alongside other ways of communicating. Indeed, literacy itself takes many forms: on paper, on the computer screen, on TV, on posters and signs. Those who use literacy take it for granted – but those who cannot use it are excluded from much communication in today’s world. Indeed, it is the excluded that can best appreciate

the notion of “literacy as freedom.”

Learning begins at birth, so it is important for children to be exposed to quality early childhood education. Reading to young children creates a good foundation early on so they can learn and succeed.

Through the Leaders Read project, Junior League volunteers are making a difference by reading to 3- and 4-year-olds at the TLC childcare center each morning of the week for two hours. Not only are they read to, but the children are encouraged to participate. Once a month, the children receive a book to take home and keep. For many of the children this is truly a gift as it is clear they are completely delighted to pick a book that will become part of their very own library.

As fall turns into winter, it is gratifying for the volunteers to see children beginning to name colors, read aloud with them and pick out their favorite book when they see their volunteer and new friend come in the door! Our volunteers know they are making a difference in these precious little lives!



These precious little guys proudly show off their new backpacks.

Citizens Caring for Children – Back to School

BY BONNIE SCHWARZ

When the store aisles turn from 4th of July fun to paper, pencils, and backpacks, we know school will be starting soon. The school supply rush is usually one of our busiest times of year, helping our own children get ready for the new school year. With supply lists in hand, parents and children rush to local stores with excitement about what the new school year may bring. They fill their bright colored backpacks with goodies galore such as rulers, pencil boxes, erasers, glue and spirals.

This is not such an exciting time for all children. A back-to-school ritual may have never even crossed their minds. The annual trip to the store to fill their baskets with supplies has never occurred. For some children in foster care, the first day of school may mean a different school with new class-

mates and, oftentimes, coming to class with none of the recommended school supplies.

To make the start of the school year better for these children, Citizens Caring for Children (CCC) sponsors a Back-to-School event. It is the mission of CCC, a local non-profit in existence since 1984, “to break the cycle of abuse and neglect for Oklahoma’s foster children by addressing their material, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs.” They operate under the premise that “every child deserves the chance for a better life.”

This year marked the seventh year JLOC has partnered with CCC to provide essential school supplies to foster children. Directly related to the Junior League’s focus on literacy, the group committed \$9,000 and 14 volunteers to the 2005 Back-to-School project. Volunteers worked through the summer to ensure all the supplies were purchased and ready for the four-week program, which started August 2.



JLOC member Christina Churchill helps kids fill their new backpacks with supplies.

It was the task of the Junior League to purchase age-appropriate school supplies and set up a "store-like" environment for the nearly 700 children who attended the event. Upon arrival, the children were greeted by a Junior League volunteer who guided them through the maze of school supplies. Among the items given to the children were backpacks, paper, notebooks, pencil boxes, pencils, dictionaries, calculators, rulers, glue, glue sticks, pens and highlighters. Each child received about 35 items.

Bonnie Schwarz, Project Manager, said, "It is heartwarming to see these kids come through the door with nothing and leave with a backpack they chose packed full of school supplies. Their smiles are all the thanks we need."

If you are interested in helping with the immediate needs of Oklahoma's foster children, please consider a donation of new boys and girls clothing in sizes 6 to 12. All contributions can be dropped off on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the CCC resource center located at 45 NE 50th St. If you would like to make a financial contribution, mail your gift to the corporate office of CCC at 3317 S. Wynn Drive, Edmond, OK 73013. For further information, contact CCC at 348-9034 or visit their website at citizenscaringforchildren.org.

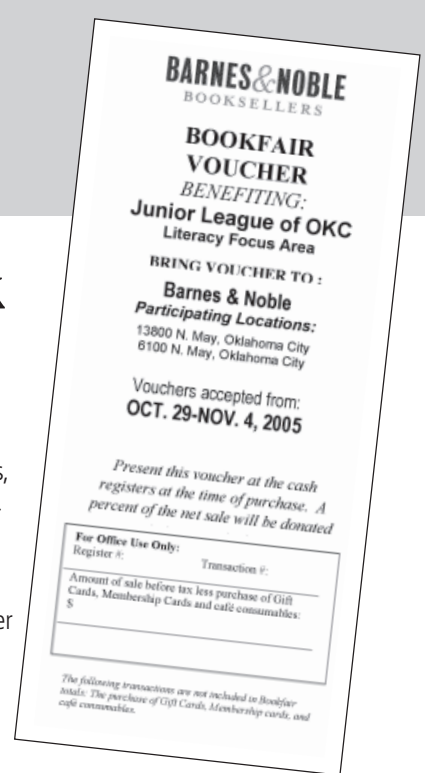
A huge thanks to all of the JLOC volunteers that made this project such a success!

National Children's Book Week set for November 14-20

The Children's Book Council website cbcbooks.org states, "Children's Book Week is a celebration of the written word introducing young people to new authors and ideas in schools, libraries, homes and bookstores. The Council encourages young people and their caregivers to discover the complexity of the world beyond their own experience through books." Visit the "Children's Book Week" portion of their website for a list of online resources including ideas, activities and suggested readings to share with children of all ages. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to bring the fun and joy of reading to the special little ones in your life!

JLOC Book Drive

In support of our literacy focus, JLOC will celebrate National Children's Book Week with a book drive. We will collect new and gently used books at the November General meeting and at Blinn House through November 20. Books collected will be distributed as holiday gifts to children and partnering agencies in December. You can purchase new books at Barnes & Noble Booksellers (13800 N. May or 6100 N. May) using the Book Fair Voucher from October 29 to November 4. During that time, 15 percent of our sales will be donated back to JLOC. **If you didn't receive your voucher at the October General Meeting**



or at Mistletoe Market, you can download and print one off our website jloc.org. Be sure to act quickly – time's almost up – and please present your voucher at checkout! Thank you for participating in the effort to put age-appropriate books in the hands of our smallest community members.

A is for Artist, I is for Illustrator, N is for Need

After a successful membership brainstorming session at our October General Meeting, we now have the beginnings of our book for the League. The goal of this project is to create a children's ABC book centered on the "Helping Hands" of our community. The purpose of this project is to compliment our focus area of Literacy and generate funds to support direct community involvement in literacy.

Junior League members came up with the words, children will come up with the pictures and now we need a talented artist to put the drawings and words together. If you have an interest in



contributing your talent to this endeavor and would like to know more, please call or contact Betsy Mantor at bmantor@cox.net. We invite you to submit a blind entry of your work for the opportunity to illustrate and design our book. You do not need to be a League member to enter. The deadline for submittal is December 15, 2005. Please enclose, with an example

of your work, a closed envelope with your name, address and phone number and submit your entry to:

Junior League of Oklahoma City
Attention: ABC Book Entry
6300 N. Western
Oklahoma City, OK 73118

A Committee of Active and Sustaining members of the League, as well as our Community Advisory Board, will have the opportunity to view your work. A decision should be made by late February. Tell your friends about this exciting opportunity and consider being a part of this very important project for our League.

Literacy collaboration services for the community

BY REBECCA SCHIMANDLE

The Literacy Collaboration Initiative (LCI) Committee is meeting with literacy agencies to understand the scope of the our community's literacy problem from different perspectives. This innovative committee, based on a collaboration model from the Junior League of Plano, Texas, is designed to develop an interagency approach to illiteracy and promote public awareness.

In August, representatives from Community Literacy Centers, Literacy Link, Oklahoma City Literacy Council, and Project READ spent time with the LCI committee discussing the dire need for adult literacy services in our community. These agencies serve different geographic areas within the metro area; however, each has the same

challenges. Approximately 20 percent of the Oklahoma City community are low-level readers. According to the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, a Level 1 reader "can perform many tasks involving simple texts and documents, all adults scoring at Level 1 display difficulty using certain reading, writing and computational skills considered necessary for functioning in everyday life."

In September, the LCI committee, met with school districts and early childhood educators. Representatives from Edmond, Mid-Del, Moore, Oklahoma City, Putnam City and Yukon schools shared the difficulties teachers and children face in our school systems. Representatives also shared individual successes. Our guests departed

energized with the knowledge that Junior League is committed to making a difference; they also left with new ideas to share with colleagues.

Early childhood educators and agencies joined us for yet another information-packed meeting. Various city and state agencies were represented, from local pre-K educators to Reading First and Smart Start Central Oklahoma. Each person brought a wealth of experience to share, as well as an eagerness to work together to impact the community.

The LCI will continue meeting with various agencies and plans to bring the guests together in a large forum by January. The primary objective of convening these groups is to discuss a

community wide awareness program to promote and highlight existing literacy resources that can provide assistance and develop achievable goals for those in need.

In the future, the LCI plans to hold regular meetings with community agencies to educate and train participants of existing services and to provide networking opportunities that will lead to capacity building within the organizations.

In working with these groups, we are continually reminded that the Junior League of Oklahoma City has adopted a focus area that is the right and relevant agenda for our community.

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INGREDIENTS

6 oz lean pork, diced
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 1 tsp thyme
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 2 cups whipping cream or half and half
 6 tbsp flour
 3 three-ounce cans minced clams with juice
 Salt
 2 cups water
 Pepper
 Tabasco or cayenne (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Sauté pork in a 10-quart pan with tight fitting lid. Add enough butter to clam juice to make ½ cup. Stir flour into liquid and add diced onions. Cook 3 to 6 minutes. Watch carefully, as it will burn easily. Add clams which have been spooned from the can, water, potatoes and thyme. Cover and simmer until potatoes are tender, about 20 to 30 minutes. Add heavy cream and simmer until well blended. Add salt and pepper to taste. A dash of tabasco or cayenne may be added for a hotter taste.

Marcia Hopping Powell
 (Mrs. John L.)

Published in the JLOC "Superlatives!" Cookbook

New projects taking shape

BY MEI CHENG

The Research Education and Development (READ) Committee has worked all summer and fall on developing new community placements for 2006-07. Vast community needs, specifically in literacy, were apparent as agencies answered JLOC's call for proposed projects.

The committee started meeting in June to review the requests. A number of community agencies submitted potential projects. The scope of requests ranged from helping develop a permanent library to English as a Second Language work. Significant volunteer interaction and funds for materials were requested to assist individuals from birth to adult.

Projects that met the criteria outlined by JLOC Policies and Procedures were researched further. Criteria for developing a community placement included projects that align with the Junior League's mission and focus area, literacy.

READ committee is excited to be developing new projects under the literacy umbrella that will suit members' interests and schedules. There is a definite need for help in a variety of areas within the field of literacy. We also saw a consistent theme of need for books. Now READ's job is to review the membership input and put all the pieces together to finalize new volunteer opportunities.

This is the first year members were able to submit their input online for potential projects. All actives and provisionals were asked to complete easy-to-fill-out forms that summarize options for potential community projects. A description of the project and available time frames were

outlined. Members designated potential projects of interest to them and that fit into their schedules. Members were also able to give opinions on current projects.

Membership input will be used to prioritize the candidates for our new projects. Projects will be developed based on the number of potential placement opportunities needed in the coming year to place our active membership. In

accordance with the Strategic Plan, the committee is striving to develop fewer projects with more members participating in each project to address membership's desire to work with more members in their placements.

After approval from Community Council and the Board of Directors, new projects will be added to the 2006-07 Placement Brochure as community placement choices.

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JLOC Past, Present and Future Community Project Bus Tour

BY SHERIE CANTRELL

On Saturday, August 27, the 2005-06 JLOC Provisional Class kicked off the year with their first Provisional Course: a bus tour of different community projects impacted by Junior League and its corps of volunteers. It was an eye-opening ride through Oklahoma City, with each Provisional learning more about the differences made by Junior League and deciding what placements they hoped for next year.

On the way to the first stop, Provisionals heard about the four projects developed with Citizens Caring for Children: Santa Shop, Back to School and the two Pauline E. Mayer projects. First stop was the Pauline E. Mayer Juvenile Shelter, where JLOC volunteers serve as Arts Commandos and throw birthday parties for the children who live there.

Then it was off to Citizens Caring for Children. The ride over provided time to learn the League's vision statement. With that training goal accomplished, the buses unloaded for a tour of the Back to School placement. Everyone was impressed with the project. It truly looks and feels like a store which makes for a true "shopping trip" experience for the children who benefit from this project.

While riding past some additional projects of the past and those that the League hopes to build on, there was time to fulfill another training requirement: learning the Junior League mission statement.

The tour circled OU Medical Center and heard about the long partnership with Children's Hospital and the puppet shows that began in 1928. Retired in 2000, the shows were the longest-running community placement. Passing the American Red Cross, the class learned that JLOC donated \$50,000 from the Community Emergency Fund after the 1999 tornadoes and also logged volunteer hours on the phone. Next, hearing about projects of the future, Provisionals passed



Laura Moore, Katie Blaik James, Carolyn Hansing and Ashley Duncan along for the ride to get to know and support the Provisional members



PAT Chair Lorrie Kelley prepares to depart for the Provisional Bus Tour

the Riverside Community Center, home of the Latino Community Development Agency and were informed about the National Mariachi Festival that is in the works to celebrate Latin heritage. Then, off to the Oklahoma City Arts Council

and Festival of the Arts. Junior League has been instrumental in the development and ongoing growth of the highly successful (and oh, so tasty) Festival!

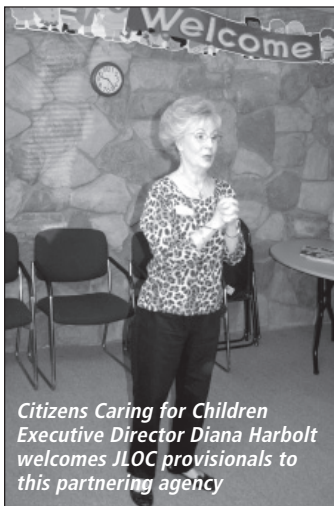
The mood grew slightly more somber as the bus slowly passed the Oklahoma City National Memorial and learned about the integral part the League played in the days and weeks following the 1995 bombing. Not only did the League secure funding and provide many hours of service, former League President Karen Luke was instrumental in the development and fulfillment of the National Memorial. For her service,

she received the Mary Harriman Community Leadership Award, given to League members who personify the mission statement.

After rounding out the tour by passing Sunbeam Family Services and the Boys and Girls Club, most Provisionals felt they had a better understanding of the impact they can make in the community.



Provisionals Erin Howeth and Cheslee Osborn sit together and visit on the bus



Citizens Caring for Children Executive Director Diana Harbolt welcomes JLOC provisionals to this partnering agency



Provisionals Allison Stanford, Tracy McLawhorn, Kerri Beasley and Sarah Brune pose with PAT Vice Chair Staci Aduddell and PAT Advisor Ashley Duncan

Sustainer Tea Bundle

The Junior League of Oklahoma City would not be the successful League it is today without the dedication and guidance of our amazing sustaining members.

We want to show them how much we appreciate their service to Junior League by hosting a Sustainer Tea Bundle in their honor and to commemorate the Remarkable Shop's 75th anniversary.

All Sustainers are invited to bring a "bundle" of merchandise and join us for snacks and conversation on **November 13**, from 2 to 4 pm. Sustainers should have already received an invitation in the mail.

We look forward to seeing you as we celebrate the new, improved Remarkable Shop.

Thanks

A special thanks to **Sandy See**, Community Relations Manager at Barnes & Noble Booksellers Quail Springs. We look forward to our promotional partnership with Barnes & Noble and the many opportunities to work together in our literacy focus area.

Upcoming trainings

LEAGUE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM #3

"Facilitation" with Beth Shortt, Executive Director of Leadership
Oklahoma City

Saturday, November 5 • 9 am to 1 pm at Blinn House

Other trainings

EVERYDAY ETIQUETTE

Tuesday, November 8 • 10 am at Will Rogers Theater
Conducted by Carey Sue Vega, Co-director, Junior Cotillion

ELIMINATING LIFE DRAINS

Tuesday, November 8 • 5:30 pm at Will Rogers Theater
Taught by Life Coach Donna Lawrence

EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY

Friday, December 9 • 6 to 8 pm at Blinn House

Get online today at jloc.org. Log in under the members section and click on training for information about all our trainings!

New Leadership Training held

On August 29, New Leadership Training was held at Westminster Presbyterian Church for members appointed to 2005-06 leadership positions. Leadership OKC and JLOC Past President Beth Shortt spoke to the group about "meeting facilitation," guiding members in how to conduct an effective meeting. Afterwards, members separated into their assigned Councils for their first meeting of the year.



Beth Shortt

Remaining Provisional Courses

3 Q&A WITH BOARD

Q&A Session with JLOC Board of Directors
Wednesday, November 2 • 6 pm dinner, 6:30 pm meeting
OR **Wednesday, November 16** • 11 am lunch; 11:30 am meeting
At Oklahoma City Metropolitan Library (downtown)

4 HISTORY OF JLOC

The History of JLOC, AJLI and the Oklahoma City Community
Wednesday, January 17 • 6 pm dinner, 6:30 pm meeting
At the State Capitol or Historical Society (location TBA)

5 PLACING DAY

Placing Day Process
Wednesday, March 8 • 6 pm dinner, 6:30 pm meeting
OR **Wednesday, March 22** • 11 am lunch; 11:30 am meeting
At New Headquarters

6 JUNIOR LEAGUE RAP-UP

League Experience and Training at Work in the Community
May General Meeting Planning
Wednesday, April 5 • 6 pm dinner, 6:30 pm meeting
At Oklahoma City Zoo Education Center

Membership report

In order to protect our members' privacy, the Membership Report will no longer contain changes in directory/contact information. This information is available exclusively through the "Members Only" portion of our website, jloc.org.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mary Davenport (A)
Trica Keyser (A)
Leigh Reece (A)

A warm welcome

TRANSFER IN

Linda Huggins (S) from St. Louis
Ann Richter (A), from Tulsa
Ginny Seamans (A), from Little Rock
Carter Townsend (A), from Palo Alto -
Mid Peninsula

NON-RESIDENT ACTIVE

Tracy Cook (A) from Washington, DC, to
Charlotte, NC

REINSTATEMENT

Jane Crain (S)

A fond farewell

RESIGNATIONS

Ashley Burke (A)
Kelly Garrison (P)
Caroline Tawwater (A)

TRANSFER OUT

Jennifer Allison (A) to Houston, TX
Cynthia Dutton (S) to Amarillo
Lindsey Selph (A) to Richmond, VA

NON-RESIDENT PROVISIONAL

Lauren Steakley (P), Denver
Rosemary Walker (P), Los Angeles
Tara Ferguson (P), Tulsa
Amy Horabin (P), Charleston, SC

PROVISIONAL DEFER

Jill Castilla, **Cindy Lewis**, **Whitney Gebard**, **Jacqueline Horan**, **Marcy Kelley**, **Kristi Talley**

Our thoughts are with you

Janet Daugherty (S), whose mother-in-law passed away
Betty Ann Furseth (S), whose mother passed away
Donna Giasson (S), whose father-in-law passed away
The family of **Betty K. Hill** (SE), who passed away

Little Leaguers

"A new baby is like the beginning of all things – wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities."

— EDA J. LE SHAN

We extend a warm welcome to the newest additions to our League members' families:

Leigh Barrett (A) welcomed son Jonathan "Nathan" Varner, born August 15, 2005.

Trica Keyser (A) welcomed son Henry Thomas, born August 26, 2005.



Stella Dorothy and Harper Jean, born June 25, 2005, to Brandon and **Sherry Sage** (A)



Fletcher Gray, born May 3, 2005, to Spencer and **Hilarie Stone** (P)



Gabriel Jason, born August 18, 2005, to Jason and **Erin Engelke** (A)



Addison Nicole, born June 14, 2005, to Charles and **Ashley Craft** (A)



Ava Elizabeth, born June 30, 2005, to David and **Whitney Hooten** (A)

To announce the birth of your baby in the *League Link*, go to jloc.org and submit the requested information. Click on >Members Only< >Status/Update Change< >Little Leaguers<. If you would like us to include a photo, send a digital photo to Kim Sabolich at ksabolich@aol.com or turn in a hard copy photo to the *League Link* box at Headquarters. Be sure to include the child's full name.

NominatingNews

**BY ANNE COLLINS
AND KIM SABOLICH**

It's that time year again! The Nominating Committee is preparing to slate JLOC members for the 2006-07 Board of Directors, PAT Vice Chairman, single slate for the Provisional Admissions and Training Committee, double slate for the Nominating Committee, Delegate D and Delegate D Alternate. The requirements to be considered for these positions can be found in the Policies and Procedures section of your Black Book/Yearbook.

Slating will take place the first weekend in January. The success of our League begins with the passion and dedication of our great leaders.

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to develop and provide leadership for the League, AJLI and the community. The committee uses member profiles referred to as PRFs (Permanent Record Files), a Point System, Straw Ballots and Willingness to Serve surveys to help determine who will be slated.

With the new website up and running, it is easier than ever to make sure your PRF is complete and accurate. You can view your PRF by going to the "Member Profile" section on the "Members Only" portion of the website. You will be able to update information such as changes in address, employment, education and family. If you find a discrepancy regarding meeting attendance, placements, committees, trainings or conferences, please contact your placement advisor. She is your advocate for any changes that need to occur. If you made these recommendations in your fall interview, please check online to be certain the changes

were made. **All corrections must be made by Friday, December 9.**

It is important to **self-submit** (send an e-mail or letter to Nominating Chair Anne Collins) for positions you'd like to be considered for. Make your talents and interests known so that you have the opportunity to serve the League in the capacity you feel would be most beneficial to you and the League. To form the most effective leadership team, the Nominating Committee depends on your input as they match the organizational needs of the League with the individual strengths of our members.

If you have questions about

the positions or the process by which they are slated, contact Nominating Chair Anne Collins.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Anne Collins, Chair; Sarah Frank, Liaison; Connie Nowell, Liaison; Janie Kinsinger, Placement Chair; Mei Cheng; Christi Coyle; Sara Crooks; Ashley Danke; Aimee Gordon; Lisa McConnell; Susie Moock; Christa Richardson; Amy Cottrell, Sustaining Advisor

AJLI, the Association of Junior Leagues International, did an extensive study on what makes a League "healthy." They determined strong leadership is one of the most important keys to a successful Junior League.



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Girls on the block



Leslie Kearns

Provisional Leslie Kearns

Hometown: Edmond, OK

Education/occupation: Undergraduate degree in Communication and Spanish from St. Louis University; master's degree in Adult and Higher Education from University of Oklahoma. Currently works as a Special Event Coordinator for March of Dimes in Oklahoma City.

Family: Boyfriend, Brian Skalovsky.

Pets: Two pugs, Matilda and Lucy Lui (we call her "Lulu").

Other community involvement:

Church Altar Guild and sometimes help my mother with the Wedding Guild.

Provisional year/location:

2005/Oklahoma City

Current league placement:

Remarkable Shop, Mistletoe Market Hospitality Room Committee, *League Link* Committee

Favorite thing about Oklahoma:

You always feel at home here, everyone treats each other kindly and says "hello."

Favorite restaurant: Nick's

Favorite movie: "Rudy"

Favorite or last book read: Still trying to finish the "Da Vinci Code" and "The Devil Wears Prada" at the same time before the movies come out.

Favorite guilty pleasure or junk food: Donuts all the way; I could eat a dozen without even blinking.

What are you passionate about?

My family. I know they will always be there for me. Also, my job. I never get tired of it because I know that I am helping to better the lives of children every day.

Three accomplishments you are most proud of:

Being raised by such a caring and devoted mother; getting my dream job of being a Special Events Coordinator for a reputable not-for-profit organization; and finishing my masters degree and now looking to getting my doctorate. Can you tell I love school?

Best life lesson learned: Don't take life for granted. Cherish each day and the ones you love. Live each day as if it were your last.

What experience has changed you the most?

Working for the March of Dimes has opened my eyes to a whole new world that has made me strive to be a better person and really live the personal motto of helping others.

My goal for this year: To go to bed and wake up each day with no regrets and a smile on my face.

People would be surprised to know that I ...

hate surprises. I always have to know what's going on, and also, I played field hockey as goalkeeper all through college.

Person who has influenced my life the most:

My mother.

Favorite vacation spot/destination:

The Bahamas.

Hobbies/interests: I love working out, shopping for anything just to spend money, and decorating. They are all stress relievers for me.



Randi Bruckner

Active Randi Bruckner

Hometown: Baird, TX

Education/occupation: BA in Education with an English major and a minor in special education

Family: Husband, Chris, children Blake, 7, and Berkley, 4

Other community involvement:

D.D. Kirkland PTA Board, Chapel Hill United Methodist Church Children's Council, Chapel Hill UMC Mother's Day Out Board, Cub Scout Leader, homeroom mom, Sunday School teacher

Provisional year/location:

2000/Oklahoma City

Current league placement:

Placement Advisor

Favorite JL placement:

Project Manager for the Pauline Mayer Birthday Parties. Knowing you are part of such a special day in the life of a child and knowing you are making a difference means so much. The children made a huge impact on my life.

Favorite thing about Oklahoma:

The friendliness of the people and their willingness to give. Oklahoma City knows the true meaning of the word "community."

Favorite restaurant: Chelino's

Favorite movie: "Grease"

Favorite or last book read: "Eleven on Top" by Janet Evanovich

Favorite guilty pleasure: Mexican food

What are you passionate about?

Anything that involves my family. I try to spend most of my volunteer hours in the areas where they are most affected. That's why I am so excited our focus is "literacy."

Three accomplishments you are most proud of: My marriage, my children, my friendships

Best life lesson learned: Parenting is a learning process. Just when you think that you have figured one thing out, something else changes.

What experience has changed you the most? Accepting Jesus Christ

My goal for this year: To finish my daughter's first year scrapbook. I am only three years behind.

People would be surprised to know that I ... graduated from high school with 28 people in my senior class.

Person who has influenced my life the most: My mother. She really instilled in me the importance of doing my best in all that I do and to always be kind to others because you do not know what their day has been like.

Favorite vacation spot/destination: Santa Fe, NM. We also enjoy spending time at our family cabin in Palo Duro Canyon.

Hobbies/interests: Spending time with family and friends, reading, camping and walking



Lyn Watson

Board Member Lyn Watson

Hometown: Lawton, America

Education/occupation: BA in Journalism/Public Relations from the University of Oklahoma. Currently full-time mom, wife, volunteer and skincare specialist with BeautiControl.

Family: Married 15 years to husband Brad; daughter Emily, 11, 5th grade; son Ben, 7, 2nd grade.

Pets: Buddy, a 2-year-old yorkiepoop.

Other community involvement: 5th grade rep and homeroom mom in both classes at Quail Creek School.

Provisional year/location:

1991/Oklahoma City

Current league placement:

Strategic Planning Chair

Favorite JL placement: PAT Chair

... loved working with the Provisional Class.

Favorite thing about Oklahoma:

The people. Oklahomans are so friendly with hearts of gold.

Favorite restaurant: Casa Perico.

We're there every Friday night.

Favorite movie: Any movie that has a happy ending.

Favorite or last book read: "Your Best Life Now" by Joel Olsteen.

Favorite guilty pleasure or junk

food: Braum's double dip hot fudge sundae with peppermint ice cream and extra nuts.

What are you passionate about?

My family, great smelling candles, James Taylor, inspirational books, quiet time and creative time.

Three accomplishments you are

most proud of: Having two great, conscientious kids, owning a business then selling my business and reprioritizing my life.

Best life lesson learned: You can have it all, just not all at the same time.

What experience has changed you the most? Reprioritizing my life to focus on family.

My goal for this year is: To Complete all committee goals and continuing to look at the BIGGER picture for the League.

People would be surprised to know that I ... have a keen sense of smell.

Person who has influenced my life the most: My Mom. She laid a great foundation for me and continues to amaze me with her life journey.

Favorite vacation spot/destination:

With kids: Destin, Florida

Without kids: Las Vegas

Hobbies/interests: Gardening, Bible study, kids activities.



Linda Kennedy Rosser

Sustainer Linda Kennedy Rosser

Hometown: Oklahoma City, OK

Education: BA from University of Oklahoma.

Occupation: Wrote and published books, games, etc., for 20 years.

Family: Son, Richard Rosser; late husband, Ronald E. Rosser; and late son, Rex Kennedy Rosser

Pets: West Highland Terrier "McKenzie"

Community involvement: Current: Trustee, Oklahoma City University; Board, Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation; Board, Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. Past: Zoo, Omniplex, and others.

Provisional year/location:

1964/Oklahoma City

Favorite league placement:

Corresponding Secretary.

Favorite thing about Oklahoma: The people.

Favorite restaurant: La Baguette

Favorite movie: "Singing in the Rain"

Last book read: "The Kite Runner"

Favorite guilty pleasure or junk food: Cookies!

What are you passionate about? Music and travel.

Three accomplishments you are most proud of: The books I have written; the monologue about Anna Overholser "Silhouette of a Territorial Lady," which I wrote and performed all over Oklahoma for nine years; and the many friendships I have made in my lifetime.

Best life lesson learned: We don't have control over EVERYTHING in our lives, so we must be flexible and resilient.

What experience has changed you the most? The loss of my 15-year-old son, Rex, in a car accident.

My goal for this year is: To learn as many news things as I can.

People would be surprised to know that I ... started work on a Master of Liberal Arts at Oklahoma City University this fall.

Person who has influenced me the most: My late husband, Ron, who always encouraged me to use my creativity, who introduced me to many new interests, who shared my life for 44 years, who was fun and interesting to be with, and who took me to fascinating places all over the world. He was a great enabler!

Favorite vacation spot/destination: Kenya and the Amazon River in Peru/Machu Picchu.

Hobbies/interests: Reading, playing the piano and travel.



It's the last Zoo Playdate for Fall!

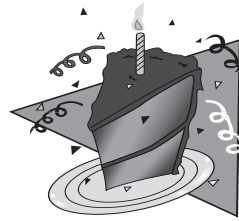
**Thursday, November 10
9:30 to 11 a.m.**

Members are invited to bring their children, grandchildren or special friends to the Oklahoma City Zoo Jungle Gym!

Come play, listen to a story, make art crafts and enjoy refreshments.

For more information about the Zoo Playdate, contact Sue Ryan at sryan1702@cox.net. Playdates will be cancelled in inclement weather.

Happy birthday!



November

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| <p>1 Dolly Flesher, Kyndra McKinstry, Marianne Rooney</p> <p>2 Ann Henry, Sue Magness</p> <p>3 Stacy Frakes, Sally Lenz, Margaret McLain, Alden Turci</p> <p>4 Melissa Brown, Megan Hann, Liz Hoffman, Mary Nichols, Suzanne Paine, Monica Szymanski, Kate Tellers</p> <p>5 Lisa Berry, Susan Davis, Joni Flesher, Mary Rockett, Margaret Ruff</p> <p>6 Gail Kathryn Blakey, Dana Coles, Cindy Curley, Margaret Davison, Sandy Eissenstat, Suzanne Pointer, Peggy Thompson, Karen Vollbrecht, Kathy Walker</p> <p>7 Cindy Howard</p> <p>8 Piper Cleveland, Cherry Kay Clifford, Carolyn Mee, Pat Sinclair</p> <p>9 Danielle Coats, Karen McLain, Susan McNitt, Carol Sue Taylor</p> <p>10 Susan Cohlmlia, Susie Viele</p> | <p>11 Linda Diane Bowles, Carolyn Howell, Linda Slawson</p> <p>12 Mary Elizabeth Bentley, Darlene Parman</p> <p>13 Shannon Edwards, Dawnell Foster, Robbin Griffin, Julie Holt, Lisa McConnell, Jackie Stanford, Ginny Starr, Helen Woodward</p> <p>14 Kathy Barbour, Susan Esco, Sharon McCown, Sarah Weed, Jennifer Welch</p> <p>15 Celina Abernathy, Linda Huggins, Diane Rulewicz, Cathy Thorson, Anne Workman</p> <p>16 Max Anna Hanna</p> <p>17 Stacey Brim, Mary Elizabeth Brown, Mei Cheng, Kathleen Johnson, Sarah Newcomb</p> <p>18 Jill King, Dana McGuire, Janet Price, Barbara Thompson</p> <p>19 Susan McPherson, Sumeeta Nanda, Joan Veal</p> <p>20 Dee Colley, Alison Naifeh, Susan Wade</p> | <p>21 Mary Anthis, Lizbeth Ogle, Angie Sanger</p> <p>22 Jackie Bendorf, Toni Wizenberg</p> <p>23 Donna Giasson</p> <p>24 Sallie Cavin, Juli Johnston, Tiffany Richards</p> <p>25 Christine Woodworth</p> <p>26 Allison Eagleston, Jane Elliott, Mary Ruth Ferguson, Mary Ann Haskins, Linda Massad, Marcia Powell, Katie Robertson, Kathleen Stevenson, Jan Turnbull</p> <p>27 Fanny Bolen, Sarah Brune, Judy Keeton, Kristin Kilpatrick, Nancy Miller, DiAnn Riggs, Marion Wilson</p> <p>28 Beth Brown, Coe London</p> <p>29 Christina Bloomer, Diana Hampton, Nancy Nagle, Betty Rowntree, Lela Sullivan, Jennifer Tortorici</p> <p>30 Kathy Alexander, Sandy Beall, Susan Clark, Rebecca Heil, Cheryl Merritt, Pam Neville, Geraldine Raupe, Tina Walker, Michelle Wynn</p> |
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December

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| <p>1 Deanna Bradley, Sarah Butler, Myrna Page, Liz Ward</p> <p>2 Michele Kraft, Theresa Long, Joan Yoakam</p> <p>3 Lisa Jennings, Casey McNeill, Mary Ann Williams</p> <p>4 Lynne Alexander, Susanne Blinn, Barbara Bolen, Nancy Hale, Judy Mee, Lesley Noller, Kim Rainbolt, Beth Shortt</p> <p>5 Laura Gary, Joyel Haave, Libbi Rose</p> <p>6 Barbara Cooper, Amy Loper, Katy Shapard</p> <p>7 Kim Wallace</p> <p>8 Mary Jo Harper, Shannon Moad, Lisa O'Keefe, Beth Tolbert</p> <p>9 Julie Bramble, Jaime Hampton, Susan Peck</p> <p>10 Susan Eckman, Faith Everest, Shannon Gottschalk, Joann Graham Cheslee Osborn</p> <p>11 Kaye Cook, Madeline Schwartz</p> <p>12 Susie Gray</p> <p>13 Ann Alspaugh, Jean Ann Crum, Montine Sprehe</p> <p>14 Dolores Boyle, Claudia Small, Christy Zelle</p> <p>15 Kerri Beasley, Aleece Clabes, Elizabeth Mashburn</p> <p>16 Anna Beasley, Carolyn Hansing, Sharon Pickard, Cindy Riesen, Chris Verity</p> <p>17 Diana Beeler, Barbara Thornhill, Marilyn Upsher</p> <p>18 Helen Cleary, Susan Moore, Kay Musser, Pam Smith, Jennifer Turner</p> <p>19 Linda Bonebrake, Lauri Gormley, Debby Hampton, Laurel Kallenberger</p> <p>20 Elizabeth Gaway, Elaine Jackson, Lorrie Kelley, Mary Dean Streich</p> <p>21 Sara Blackwell, Libby Blankenship, Becky Denny, Stephanie Simon</p> <p>22 Whitney Hooten, Rebecca Skarky</p> <p>23 Virginia Brown, Amy Cottrell, Carmie Holloway, Sharon Reeves, Angi Shaffer</p> <p>24 Shari Buxton, Erica Lape, Sharon Seminoff</p> <p>25 Carol Solomon, Lois Swinford</p> <p>26 Alexa Woodson</p> <p>27 Michelle Greene, Teresa Stephens</p> <p>28 Frances Berg, Lynn Mills, Suzanne Reynolds</p> <p>29 Gina Austin, Mendy Bergin, Linda Hadley, Laura Heatley, Kathy McCracken, Cindi Shelby, Pamela Wooten</p> <p>30 Barbara Mee, Dana Schwarz, Janie Stewart, Donna Vogel</p> <p>31 Liz Blair, Pattye High, Melissa Tausche</p> |
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The cost of the bells is \$25, which includes engraving of up to 10 letters. Any lettering over 10 characters will cost an additional 50¢ per letter. Drop off this form with your payment at Headquarters no later than **December 1**.

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A pat ON THE BACK

JLOC members have an opportunity to recognize significant achievements, promotions, personal milestones and "jobs well done" in this publication. For \$5, a short three-line ad describing the "Pat on the Back" circumstance can be purchased to run in a single issue. Contact Kim Sabolich at ksabolich@aol.com or submit online at jloc.org >Members Only< >League Link<.

TO: Jamie Farha, Kris Frankfurt and the entire New Headquarters Task Force for their tireless visionary efforts in building our new Headquarters. Excellent job!
— MATILDA CLEMENTS, VARIETY PACK PROJECT MANAGER

TO: Sara See and Sara Sweet for all your hard work on the Yearbook committee. You always said "yes," and I could not have done it without you!
— PAULA CHAVEZ, YEARBOOK EDITOR

TO: Sandy Shapard for agreeing to be my Sustaining Advisor. Your talent and creativity inspire me.
— KIM SABOLICH, LEAGUE LINK EDITOR

TO: Nancy Greer, Ann-Clore Duncan, Suzy Lytle and the Technology Committee for your diligence and vision in creating our wonderful new website!
— MATILDA CLEMENTS, VARIETY PACK PROJECT MANAGER

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