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President’s Letter



Whitney Tero

Dear League Friends,

It is hard to believe that spring is around the corner, and another League year will be coming to a close in a few short months. Spring forces us to embrace change and transition, which can be challenging at times, but spring also brings possibility, and opportunity, which helps to ease us into life’s new phases. **WE ARE DEVELOPING OUR OWN POTENTIAL!**

The February General Membership meeting was a great “opening night” for our community projects. Members donned fabulously chic, red carpet attire, and had the opportunity to discuss each “production” of Junior League in the community with this year’s directors (Project Managers), and learned about the plot-lines, the cast and crew duties and the potential box office draw (community impact). Thanks to Mary Delafield and the Project Manager Team for a fabulous night! **WE ARE CHANGING AND IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY!**

I am excited about the amazing Sustainers that will be this year’s Sustainer award recipients. Meg Salyer has been awarded the Mary Baker Rumsey Award. Jeary Seikel has been named Sustainer of the Year, and the President’s Spirit of Commitment Award has been given to Ranell Brown (posthumously). These women epitomize what it is to be a “community changer.” We are so fortunate to have them as members of our organization. It will be an honor to recognize them on March 29th at the Annual Member Luncheon. **WE ARE EMPOWERING WOMEN!**

I am also so excited that we will host Central Oklahoma Humane Society’s Executive Director, Christy Counts as our speaker at the April General Membership meeting. The strength of a community is determined by how it treats its most vulnerable populations. Animals are definitely considered a vulnerable population in Oklahoma City. JLOC exists to prepare us to impact our community through voluntarism. The issue of animal welfare and how Oklahoma City is addressing the issue directly relates to preparing all of us to be the best volunteers and citizens we can be. **WE ARE TRAINING VOLUNTEERS!**

JLOC is again spearheading the OBI Blood Drive, which will be held on April 13th. This annual event is a partnership between JLOC, Women of the South and the Edmond Women’s Club, and demonstrates to our community the impact women working together can have on Oklahoma City. I look forward to great member participation and the satisfaction of knowing that our involvement actually saves lives. **WE ARE IMPACTING LIVES!**

Again, I thank you for your time, commitment and dedication to the Junior League of Oklahoma City. **WE ARE CHANGING LIVES THROUGH LITERACY!**

Gratefully,
Whitney Tero
President 2011-2012

MISSION

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

VISION

The Junior League of Oklahoma City, Inc. will empower volunteers to impact our community and enrich lives.

FOCUS

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Inspiring January Meeting

By Liza Cryder



If you missed January's General Membership Meeting, then you missed a wonderful and inspiring presentation, given by one of the most energetic and charismatic speakers the Junior League has had. Anne Barab is a motivational speaker with her own personal style, full of wit, humor, wisdom and an arsenal of stories that will keep any group entertained.

Barab's programs teach people how to craft resilient, robust, juicy lives of significance. Her core message helps people learn how to balance work, home and relationships, thrive in times of

change, put stress in the past tense and think like a leader.

Anne's business experience is wide-ranging. She worked her way through college in telecommunications, then moved into insurance, banking and financial services. She busted the glass ceiling when she became the first female Chief Operating Officer of a \$1 billion mortgage bank. Ten years ago, Barab accepted her calling to become a motivational and inspirational speaker for audiences around the world. In addition, she has written two books and numerous articles about education and family living.



Motivational speaker Anne Barab

COUPONING 101

On February 22nd, Wendy Mounger taught the secrets behind couponing and how to be fiscally responsible and get the most out of grocery store ads and inserts. She provided great

tips on how to plan shopping trips, stay organized, and save a lot of money for your family.

Here are some of Wendy's tips for saving money:

Pay attention to the fine print on coupons!

The fine print tells you everything you need to know about the quantity you may need for the coupon, what sizes can be purchased and how many per shopping trip. A lot of retailers are starting to limit the number of coupons you can use per shopping trip - know your store's coupon policy before you go! Most stores have their policy available on line and some have them printed out at the store. Make a plan before you shop - plan your meals for the week and know what stores have the best deals. Pay with CASH! This will help you focus on purchasing only what you need vs what you might want (impulse buys).

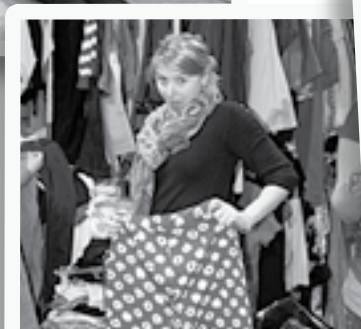
Let bloggers do the work for you, find one and follow them on a regular basis. Most good coupon bloggers post the sales for various stores. One of my personal favorites is www.consumerqueen.com. She is an Oklahoma blogger and gives great information. Use YouTube to find videos on the best ways to shop and save money at Walgreens and CVS.

And most importantly, just because you have a coupon it doesn't mean it's always a great deal. Check the price per unit/lb on items to see if you are getting the best deal. Manufacturers want you to buy EVERYTHING; you need to decide what YOU need to buy.

Remarkable Shop Fun



◀ Amanda Harding updates the housewares department



▲ Jennifer Privett has fun while organizing the back room at the Remarkable Shop



▲ Provisionals are all smiles sorting through a rack at the Shop

NORWALK SOCIAL

Norwalk Furniture invited the Junior League of Oklahoma City to a mix and mingle event on February 23rd to see their new selection of spring colors and styles. League members stopped by and enjoyed light appetizers, drinks and lots of furniture to choose from. Norwalk Furniture provides the best quality of luxury furniture, lighting, art, and accessories. They make it easy. Complimentary design service is offered to all customers from their highly talented design team. Each piece of furniture is one of a kind with endless custom options, always priced competitively and made of the finest quality in the USA. The Vice President of Marketing for Norwalk flew in from California and conducted a seminar informing members of room design, current furniture trends, and allowed members to check out fabric samples. A big thank you to Cindy Curley and Ryan Johnson for inviting us into their store for this wonderful JLOC event.

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Whole Foods staff member, Keri Sullivan, teaches members how to cook without oil

Health Starts Here

WHOLE FOODS MARKET

On February 8th, around 50 League members learned how to get the most bang for their buck at the new Whole Foods Market, while getting a lesson on healthy cooking. Keri Sullivan led the group through the four pillars of healthy eating which include: whole food, plant strong, healthy fats and nutrient dense, while demonstrating how to cook without oil. Some of Keri's shopping tips included: shopping on double deal Wednesday

and taking advantage of produce on sale. She also recommended checking out the Whole Foods website and printing off coupons under the Whole Deal. The staff at Whole Foods is committed to helping shoppers pick out the right ingredients, while informing customers on the different ratings on meat and seafood products. The website is a great source of information, with several recipes to satisfy anyone's appetite. Stop by the new Whole Foods and see what you've been missing.

SWEET CASHEW CREAM WITH APRICOTS

MAKES ABOUT 2 CUPS

- 1 cup raw unsalted cashews
- 5 large pitted dates
- 2 Tbsp coconut milk (optional)
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon
- 1 Tbsp orange zest (optional)
- 2 lbs of ripe apricots

Soak the cashews overnight in cool water, or in warm water for several hours. Cover dates with water (about 3/4 cup) and soak for 1-4 hours. (If you need to skip these steps, you may, but it will produce a creamier, smoother sauce.) Rinse and drain cashews and place in a blender, (but don't drain the dates.) Place dates and the soaking water into the blender along with remaining ingredients. Blend until smooth. If needed add more water or juice from the orange, if using. Serve on top of fresh sliced apricots or your favorite fresh fruit.

ANCIENT GRAIN STUFFED BELL PEPPERS

Impressive, yet simple with whole grains & arame, a mild sea vegetable

SERVES 4

- 1/2 cup uncooked quinoa, rinsed
- 1/4 cup uncooked amaranth (or more quinoa)
- 1 cup frozen edamame, thawed
- 1 cup loosely packed (about 12 grams) dry arame seaweed, soaked in cold water for 15 minutes, drained well
- 6 green onions, thinly sliced
- 3 carrots, grated
- 1/3 cup roughly chopped fresh cilantro, dill or parsley
- 2 tablespoons brown rice vinegar
- 4 red bell peppers, tops removed and reserved, then cored and seeded

Preheat oven to 350°F. Put grains and 1 1/2 cups water into a medium pot and bring to a boil. Reduce to medium-low; cover and simmer until grains are tender, about 15 minutes. Let rest 5 minutes; fluff with a fork and transfer to a large bowl. Toss in edamame, arame, onions, carrots, cilantro and vinegar. Stuff peppers with mixture and arrange in a baking dish with 1/4 cup water. Place tops on peppers, cover with foil and bake 30 minutes. Uncover and bake until tender, 20 to 30 minutes.

TASTING ROOM

On March 28th the Tasting Room at Will Rogers Theater will host a cooking class. Join Chef Mackenzie Bentley at this interactive culinary training. We will be learning how to cook delicious meals to entertain friends and family. Chef Bentley will walk us step by step through preparation of the courses, and then we get to enjoy the wonderful food. We will also have a brief discussion on wine pairings and entertaining. Join us for this training, dinner, and wine sampling for \$45 per person--please invite your friends or future Junior Leaguers to join us at this event. Space is limited so please RSVP as soon as possible on jloc.org.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

March (no meeting)
April 10th, 7pm
May 8th, 7pm

Mistletoe Market Record Breaking Year

Total shoppers: **9,721**

Market net income: **\$168,000.00**
(budget was \$135,270, prior year was \$163,246.86 (which was a record year)
Now we have a new record!!

Mark your calendar for Mistletoe Market 2012

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH is the Preview Party
Let the shopping begin October 11th, 12th, and 13th at the Cox Convention Center.

TACKY SWEATER PARTY

Provisional "Tacky Sweater" Holiday Party was held on December 7th with everyone dressing in their "most festive" attire. Prizes were given out to the best outfits and baby items were collected and donated to Infant Crisis Services.



Laura, Kelli, Jennifer and Lindsey enjoy the Provisional holiday party



Provisional Jessica Hunt and PAT Advisor Keri Clemons show off their festive attire



Natalie Himes and Jessica Hunt have fun at the Provisional Tacky Sweater party



PAT Advisor Wendi Shipp is all smiles with Provisionals Kate Deaton and Julia Assef

Gallery

JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



▲ Nichole Glover, Paige Sheller and Ashley Engle



► Jennifer Harrison and Tracey Frederick pose for a quick picture



▲ Provisionals Jessica Hunt, Jennifer Fritsch and Lindsey Mongold

► Amy McDougall, Lynzi Rice and Wendy Mounger socialize before the January meeting



▲ Anne Barab and Whitney Tero



▼ Christi Coyle and Kimberly Swan



▲ Caption

PROVISIONAL QUOTA DUE

Provisional members - Please remember that you have quota items due at the Remarkable Shop. March 1, 2012 is the deadline for provisionals with last names beginning with A-L and April 1, 2012 is the deadline for those with last

names beginning with M-Z. You are required to bring \$125 worth of merchandise to the Shop on or before your due date. Thanks in advance for your help. If you have questions, please contact Rebecca Farris at farrisra@yahoo.com.

DECEMBER HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The Holiday Open Houses were on December 13th. The daytime meeting was at the home of Betsy Mantor. The evening one was at the home of Kristen Brown.



Kristi Leonard, Whitney Tero, Cristi Reiger and Jeanette Stanton spend time together



Tiffany Little and Leigh Scully are enjoying the open house party

TRANSFER COMMITTEE



On Tuesday, January 31, the Transfer committee attended a cooking class at Kyle's 1025.

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Community Fair Goes Hollywood

Oscar night came early this year as the February General Membership Meeting kicked off in style. Members hit the red carpet on February 21, 2012 and were treated to a stylish row of project managers, displaying their projects on laptops. Each project manager was eager to answer any questions

pertaining to their placement and show members what they have achieved. During the meeting the 2011 - 2012 project managers each received a golden statue for a job well done. A huge thank you goes to everyone involved in setting up a night at the Oscars and for turning Quail Creek Country Club into the Kodak Theatre.



KIPP project manager Adrienne Nobles strikes a pose



Girl Scouts of America Event Specialist Stephanie Ronck and project manager Ellen Pogemiller answer questions about Uniquely ME!

A WELL DESERVED CELEBRATION

On Monday, December 5th, Whitney Tero held a party at her house celebrating the current board, the incoming board and members of the nominating committee.



Katherine Hager, Ashley Black, Kristi Leonard, Gina Burchfield and Jamie Maddy pose for a picture at Whitney's house



Boys and Girls Club project manager Macey Panach poses with A Jaye Johnson from the Boys and Girls Club



Angie Martin answers questions about Life 101



Cultural Literacy manager Kingsley Burke and Prime Time manager Tiffany Sill are proud to show off their projects



Lee Camargo-Quinn represents the Oscar nominated movie The Descendants

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History Begins in the Heart of a Woman*

The 2011-2012 Recipients of The Sustainer Of The Year Award and The

Mary Baker Rumsey Lifetime Achievement Award **adapted from Willa Cather*



he Junior League of Oklahoma City's history began in the heart of Mary Baker

Rumsey who, together with a group of like-minded young women, set in motion a movement in our community that has made lasting positive change for citizens, neighbors and friends. On March 29, the League will honor three history-making Sustainers at the Annual Member Luncheon at Quail Creek Country Club. The luncheon is a time to celebrate the accomplishments



Jeary Seikel

of all our members by specifically honoring three women who have made our community a better place to live, work and play. Each award comes with a cash donation to the organization of the honoree's choice. Luncheon co-chairs Beth Kerr and Christi Woodworth look forward to sharing this special event with League members and guests.

Receiving the Sustainer of the Year Award for 2012 is **Jeary Seikel**. The theme of the luncheon could not be more fitting for Jeary whose most recent contributions to the League include completion and installation of the JLOC kiosk at the Oklahoma History Center. Jeary's love for the League's history is evident every fall when she and good friend, Gayle Semtner, address each Provisional class to ground them in the history of the organization they are in the midst of joining. A past president of the League, Jeary's history presentation is entertaining, as she dons her big red eyeglasses (circa 1990) and her big purse that were the hallmark of her presidential year. Jeary continues to say "Yes!" enthusiastically to any League request and has served as a Sustainer advisor to different committees and councils for the past four years. The Sustainer of the Year Award is given to a Sustainer for a specific project in the community within the last three years, making her leadership on the History Center project a perfect fit.



Meg Salyer

City Councilwoman Meg Salyer will receive the Mary Baker Rumsey Award. The qualifications to receive the Mary Baker Rumsey include the Sustainer using her League training to underpin a significant community achievement or achievements. Meg currently sits on the Oklahoma City Council representing Ward 6.

An entrepreneur, she is President and Chief Executive Officer of Accel Financial Staffing, which provides temporary, contract and direct hire candidates specializing in finance and accounting functions for clients. She is also President of Magnolia Enterprises, a real estate development company that specializes in downtown revitalization projects. Committed to historic preservation, Meg led the team that established the Automobile Alley Main Street Program and she recently served as Treasurer of Downtown Oklahoma City, Inc. A pioneer in her own right, Meg was the first woman President of the Rotary Club of Oklahoma City and often speaks to young professionals about engaging in the community. She advises young women to join the Junior League, take every training available to build their skills and abilities and to not be afraid to roll up their sleeves and take on projects, committees and opportunities that may put them outside their comfort zones.

PRESIDENT'S SPIRIT OF COMMITMENT AWARD RECIPIENT RANELL BROWN

The President's Spirit of Commitment Award will be presented posthumously to the late Ranell Brown. Ranell was a pioneer for the League and for the community. Among her many community and League accomplishments, Ranell served as the editor and chair of the committee that published locally-beloved *Superlatives!*, the League's cookbook, in 1988. Outside of the League, Ranell was a founding member of the Oklahoma Breast Cancer Project and the Mercy Women's Center Board. She was the first president of the Heritage Hall School Parents Association and

helped create and build their endowment fund. Her service to the League continued as Sustaining advisor and most-recently as co-chair of the Fundraising Task Force in 2009-2010. Ranell was actively involved in numerous organizations in the community including her sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, as well as the Oklahoma City Arts Council's Festival of the Arts. Ranell died in December 2010 and the League misses her dearly. We look forward to celebrating the lasting impact she made on our membership and community at-large.



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MEMBER BLOGS

LIZA CRYDER

New to the League Link this year is a feature that seeks to highlight the numerous JLOC members – Provisionals, Actives and Sustainers – who have started their own blogs. Each month a JLOC “blogger” will be interviewed so that members can be made aware of the blog and gain an understanding of what the blog is all about, its motivation and audience. We hope all members will enjoy this new feature, and we ask that you send blog recommendations that you would like to see profiled to Liza Cryder – liza.cryder@gmail.com. The more recommendations the better! We don’t want to leave anyone out.



BLOGGER: ANNIE BROWN (A) BLOG: <http://wallycado.blogspot.com/>

When did you launch your blog?
I launched my blog in January of 2009. And I’ve consistently posted at complete random since then.

What is your blog about/What does your blog focus on?
The tagline of my blog is “creating my own happiness” and I try to keep that in mind when writing a post. It’s about my life, my little place in the world and the things that go into and come out of it. I write most often about food because cooking is my favorite hobby and eating is a close second. I also like to write about my dog (probably too much), books I’m reading, my family and friends, Oklahoma, traveling, etc. I was never really interested in having “one focus” for my blog, because that’s just not the way I work, so I’ve just been letting my interests take the lead, random as they may

be. I end most posts with a list of “graces” because I feel it’s important to remember and note the things that make your world a better place, big or small.

What motivated you to start a blog?
I don’t remember what it was exactly that made me start a blog. I love reading blogs, and I guess I just thought that if others could so easily put themselves out there, and had strangers interested in reading about their lives like I did, then why couldn’t I do it too?

What is the most challenging aspect of writing a blog and what is the most fun?
The most challenging is definitely coming up with something to write about. I often wonder why anyone would want to read what I have to say, so it can be so easy to talk my-

self out of posting about something for fear that others find it boring. I have had many blog hiatuses and each time I’m surprised by how many people say they’ve missed my blog, so that’s helped keep me motivated to write something, anything, and have faith that it will resonate with someone out there.

The most fun thing about writing a blog is definitely the positive feedback, whether it be comments on the blog directly, or just kind words from my friends when we’re out to lunch. So if you read blogs, post nice comments! It makes people feel better than you’d imagine. I’ve also found my interests grow since I’ve started a blog. I cook more, take more pictures, and have even started doing lots of DIY projects. I don’t know if it’s in hopes of eventually posting them to my blog, or just that creativity sparks creativity. Either way, it’s fun!

Who do you hope your blog reaches?
I honestly don’t have big aspirations for my blog, readership wise. That being said, if someone can come to my blog and find a simple recipe, relate to something I’ve mentioned I struggle with, or find a fun new place to visit in OKC, that’s good enough for me.



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*Congratulations ladies.
Have a wonderful year!*



CONGRATULATIONS to the 2012-2013...

LITTLE LEAGUERS

“People who say they sleep like a baby usually don’t have one.”—Leo J. Burke



Braxton James Turan
Born Sept. 1, 2011
Parents are
Chris & Caroline Turan



Daphne Elizabeth Prykryl
Born Oct. 11, 2011
Parents are
Jonathan & Beth Prykryl



Meredith Virginia Rawls
Born Oct. 24, 2011
Parents are
Karen & Gregg Rawls



Bethany Mae Sims
Born Nov. 2, 2011
Parents are
Sam & Jennifer Sims



Alice Nicole Jackson
Born Nov. 16, 2011
Parents are
Bob & Leah Jackson



Paige Ann Froehlich
Born Dec. 20, 2011
Parents are
Jay & Sabrina Froehlich

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Trip Around the World

CULTURAL LITERACY

By Bailey Gordon

The Cultural Literacy placement takes children on a “Trip Around the World” from their local public library. Junior Leaguers venture to the Bethany, Edmond, Capitol Hill, Village, Northwest Oklahoma City and Ralph Ellison libraries to teach a class on the cultures of different continents. From there, kids journey to Asia, Africa or Latin America and even get a stamp on their passports.

At the beginning of each class, children are greeted with the sounds of the continent of the day. Then, they don their smocks for craft time and make African masks, Asian domroo drums or lanterns, or Latin maracas. The children get to view artifacts from

the continents and hear a story that is native to that area. Snack time is always a highlight during class as they sample the native fare. The kids each have their own opinions about what is good, and the ladies in the placement have found a new favorite in the Ethiopian restaurant, Queen of Sheba!

It’s exciting to see the children make a new discovery during each class time. They are so proud of their art projects and leave with smiles on their faces as they show off their creations and dive into their new books. Cultural Literacy gives these children the chance to connect with other cultures without leaving their library. We are looking forward to finishing the spring with several more trips around the world!



Having fun with chopsticks



Jennifer Kerr helps a child decorate his domroo drum



Child paints Chinese lantern



Kingsley Burke helps a young boy read a book

INTRODUCING THE 2012-2013 PROJECT MANAGERS

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GINNY STARR
BACK TO SCHOOL

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BOYS & GIRLS CHILD LITERACY

STEPHANIE GANNAWAY
CULTURAL LITERACY

JENN TUPPS
FAMILY FUN IN THE ZONE

JULIE MCCANN
FAMILY READING NIGHTS

LAUREL HALL
HEALTH LITERACY

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JLOC BOOK DRIVE

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Q & A With Jennifer Harrison

2012 - 2013 PAT CHAIR



How long have you been in the League?

I'm going into my sixth active year.

What prior placements have you done?

KIPP, PAT Advisor, Project Manager for the Book Drive, and PAT Vice Chair

What is the best advice you would give to an incoming Provisional?

Have fun, make new friends, and be involved in as much as possible. Finally, stay caught up on your Remarkable Shop volunteer hours.

What is your favorite thing about the League?

The feeling of knowing how I am helping our community as well as all the friends I've made.

With the amount of incoming Provisionals unsponsored, how will you ensure every Provisional is sponsored?

We have a great group of Active members who have volunteered to sponsor 1-2 Provisionals this year. And, I thank them for helping me ensure that every Provisional has a wonderful and fulfilling year with the JLOC.

Why did you choose to be the PAT Chair?

I have wanted to be the PAT Chair since I was a Provisional. I totally understand the need and desire for women in our community to want to do something "more"....to be a part of something and to make a difference in the lives of others. I also wanted to be the PAT Chair so I could share my passion for the League and my passion for doing good for others in need with all the Provisionals.

What qualities do you bring to the PAT Chair position?

Organization, tenacity, friendship, leadership, and passion

What are your goals?

My number one goal is to ensure that the Provisionals have a fulfilling experience volunteering at the Remarkable Shop, volunteering on the Provisional committee and Junior League committee as well as feeling a sense of accomplishment in meeting the needs of our community.

What are your expectations?

My expectations are that the PAT Advisors go the extra mile in ensuring a fun and productive Provisional year. I also expect the Provisionals to give it their all and help me meet the needs of our community through the Junior League of Oklahoma City.

Will you do anything different as the PAT Chair?

I have watched many excellent PAT Chairs in the past, including Jonice Meziere, and I will continue to lead by example, show enthusiasm, and stay organized.

Please congratulate the following women who have been selected to serve as PAT Advisors with PAT Chair, Jennifer Harrison, and PAT Vice Chair, Blair Bradley:

TRACEY FREDERICK
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RANDIS GALLAWAY
NICHOLE GLOVER
CYONE HARRIS
LEAH HARROZ
SHEENA KARAMI
JENIFER RANDLE
SHELLY SOLIZ

TWO MONTHS

MEMBERSHIP

Report

JANUARY

RESIGNATION

Riz White (A)
Jill Herndon (A)
Shelby Sewell (A)
Shannon Moad (A)
Celena McCord (A)
Natalie Middleton (A)

LOA

Amy Scott (A)
Allison Stanford (A)
Kellie Currie (A)
Anne Vermillion (A)
Cecilie Pfluger (A)

EMERGENCY LOA

Leigh Scully (A)

CONGRATULATIONS

Chelsey Cobbs (Epley)-Adopted Baby Boy
Jennifer Yowell (Thompson)-Birth of Baby Boy
Erin Langdon- Birth of Baby
Beth Prykryl-Birth of Baby Girl

30/30 AWARDS:

Amanda Kirkpatrick
Mandi Briggs

CONDOLENCES

Family of Amy Scott on her father in law's passing
Gayle Semtner-loss of mother in law

FEBRUARY

RESIGNATION

Amy Sanders (A)
Joie Amos (Reineke) (A)
Janet Riggan (S)
Janet McLain (S)
Lynsey Davis (A)
Ginny Sevier (A)

LOA

Lisa McConnell (A)

TRANSFER OUT

Allyson Vistica (A) (to Denver, CO)

PENDING TRANSFER IN

Courtney Boring (A)

SUSTAINERS



Beth Kerr

When was your Provisional year and how many were in your class (roughly)?

I believe it was in 1987. Have no clue how many. I just remember my sweet friend Matilda Clements and I were Provisionals together.

Where did you grow up?

Dallas, Texas

We love to talk about our family, tell us about yours.

Steve and I have been married 27 years. We have two sons who we are extremely proud of, James is 22 and Wilson is 20.

What was your favorite placement?

Without a doubt, Hospital puppets

What was your favorite committee that you served on?

My favorite committee, besides the two I serve on now, was as a Sustainer and it was Mistletoe Market. I was the special events Sustainer co-chair and met and worked with my wonderful friend, Amy Parrish.

Favorite Active memory?

Believe it or not, it was the opening of Remington Park, when I was a Provisional. We had a great time!

Favorite Sustaining memory?

Being together with the Mistletoe Market team at nights after everyone had left. We laughed, boy did we laugh. Wonderful company!

What does being a part of the JLOC mean to you?

It is the opportunity to give of yourself in so many different ways. The training, the education, the friendships have made me a better person.

Do you think the League is different now than when you first became Active? And how?

Definitely. Many more women work and there are many more single women. I love the diversity.

Is there anything from the past that you wish we still did?

I wish that more general meetings were mandatory for Actives. The meetings were where we bonded.

Is there anything that people would be surprised to know about you?

People would be surprised to know that I served as the Associate Municipal Judge for the City of Edmond for 8 years

Most proud achievement or moment?

Professionally, the day I was sworn in as Associate Municipal Judge. Personally, without a doubt, my family. I am blessed.

What is your favorite book?

To Kill a Mockingbird



ON THE BLOCK

Carolyn Hansing

When was your Provisional year and how many were in your class (roughly)?

I was in the 2002 Provisional Class and I think we had about 68 in our class.

When did you go Sustaining?

I went Sustaining in 2009 after serving on the Board as Community VP

Where did you grow up?

My family moved to OKC from Kansas when I was in 1st grade. We lived in Western Village. We moved to Ski Island when I was in 7th grade.

We love to talk about our family, tell us about yours.

Rick and I have been married for

almost 17 years. Our son, Jack, is an 8th grader at Heritage Hall. He loves Heritage Hall sports, wake surfing and snowboarding. Our daughter, Lilly Ann, is a 6th grader at Heritage Hall. She loves her Morgan horses and every other animal she can talk us into! We love hanging out at Lake Hiwassee when we aren't cheering on the Chargers or at a horse show. Rick, is a Managing Director at The Baker Group where he has been for 21 years. In his free time, he is training for or competing in triathlons. We both serve as small group leaders in Group 56 at Crossings Community Church and on the Board of Directors of OKC K-Life Ministries. Our eight four legged family members are: Willy, Anna,

Chappy, Belinda, Jackie, Yankee, Chelsea and Sam. Life is just better with horses and dogs!

What was your favorite placement?

My favorite placement was North Highlands. I loved going back to the school I attended in 5th grade and seeing what an impact JLOC was making in the lives of the students. They would start jumping up and down when they saw us coming!

What was your favorite committee that you served on?

I loved Nominating Committee. How often do you get to hear so many wonderful things about the women you are associated with? Getting to pair talents with opportunities was a great experience.

What was your favorite training that you attended?

Wow! There were so many! Being a first born, I have to admit I loved Parliamentary Procedure refreshers and organizational tips. Those training opportunities have helped me as I continue to serve in our community.

Favorite Active memory?

Going to AJLI in Scottsdale, Arizona. OKC JLOC has so much to be proud of! Getting to share what was going on in OKC was so exciting.

Favorite Sustaining memory?

Going to work at The Remarkable Shop with Provisionals I had sponsored because I wanted to and not because I had to.

What does being a part of the JLOC mean to you?

JLOC introduced me to so many

amazing women with so much passion for those around them. I am continually blessed by friendships and opportunities to make a difference in OKC because of JLOC.

Do you think the League is different now than when you first became Active and how?

Of course! JLOC is always getting bigger and better. I love hearing about and seeing what new things are on the horizon.

Is there anything from the past that you wish we still did?

As a Provisional, we were at the "old" Remarkable Shop and the "old" headquarters. I have fond memories of those places, but looking at the past and the future, I think the changes make JLOC better. Can I mention "Hooray for technology!" enough?

Most proud achievement or moment?

Being a parent brings me so much joy! Parenting is full of moments spent encouraging my children that they can achieve their goals. I am very proud to be serving on the Board of Directors of Infant Crisis Services. Feeding and diapering babies and encouraging parents and caregivers as they do the best they can humbles me every day.

What is your favorite book?

"The Help" is still way up there on my list. My 98 year old Grandmother can still tell me stories like the ones in that book.



Profile

Joy Richardson

When was your Provisional year and how many were in your class (roughly)?

My 1973 Provisional class had such amazing women full of leadership ability that we had T-shirts made, ALL of which said "Chief" - and just one shirt was printed with "Indian".

Where did you grow up?

I was born in Cleveland, Ohio then moved and attended Edmond schools BEFORE Edmond was cool.

We love to talk about our family, tell us about yours.

My husband Jerry and I raised three incredible children (Brad, Brett & Robin), who are fabulous parents to our eight grandchildren.

What was your favorite placement?

Most MEMORABLE placement: In an age of innocence, we League volunteers were locked in the craft room, weekly, at Berry House with juvenile offenders being held for trial, teaching them to make paper-clip necklaces!

Is there anything from the past that you wish we still did?

In the '70's and '80's, the Admissions Committee was VERY selective - it wasn't pretty!

Most proud achievement or moment?

For over twenty years I've written my weekly column, EXCURSIONS for FRIDAY newspaper. This is my fourth year as an artist in the Oklahoma City Arts Festival. Website: Joyrichardsonart.com. I am also proud I was gutsy enough to put myself out there in writing and painting and made careers of them - after raising children.



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Changing **YOUNG** Lives Through Literacy **Life 101**



JLOC is a long-time friend of Youth Services for Oklahoma County (YSOC). Currently JLOC members volunteer through Community Project Life 101 at YSOC's Family Junction Emergency Youth Shelter. The Life 101 project seeks to improve literacy and life skills for teens, ages 13 to 18, who are in county custody because of their parents' abuse or neglect, rather than their own behavior. Teens may reside at the shelter for a few days or up to several months, so the audience is always changing. JLOC volunteers present materials that help the teens prepare for adulthood and serve as mentors and role models. Topics

include nutrition, money management, job interview skills as well as other practical skills. Family Junction Shelter residents enjoy learning life skills from Project Manager Angie Martin and other League members and eagerly anticipate their monthly get-togethers.

Youth Services is celebrating their 40th anniversary this year and is governed by a 20-member Board of Trustees. Current Board members include JLOC Sustainers Karen Delaney, Betsy Mantor, Valerie Oakley, Susan Porter, and Ginger Shaw. The agency is always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to serve on the board and help with various activities including their annual fundraiser, Reach for the Stars! coming up on April 20th.



Baby Ziala thanks the Junior League of Oklahoma City

THANK YOU

Junior League of OKC,

Thank you for the continuous donation of children's books to Infant Crisis Services. We are so blessed to have an organization like JLOC to support the families we serve. Many thanks for your continued support.

Becky Taylor
Infant crisis services

Star & ABC Award Winners

Congratulations to the following members for all their hard work and receiving the Star and ABC awards!

THE ABC AWARD IS GIVEN TO SOMEONE IN AN APPOINTED POSITION WHO HAS GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF WHAT IS REQUIRED OF THEM.

NOVEMBER RS BOARD Their hard work in planning and hosting the Remarkable Shop's Grand Reopening was amazing! The store has a whole new look thanks to the vision of the Board. They all put in countless hours designing the new layout, painting walls, building the cash wrap, and organizing the merchandise. They also solicited donors for fabulous auction items for the event's silent auction.

DECEMBER LEE CAMARGO QUINN FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Lee designed the new logo for the 2011-2012 Annual Campaign. She also designed and printed the new donation envelopes you received when the campaign launched. Lee has been an integral part of this year's Financial Development Committee and JLOC is lucky to have her as a member!

THE STAR AWARD IS GIVEN TO SOMEONE IN A COMMUNITY PLACEMENT WHO DESERVES SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITION

NOVEMBER KRISTY KAPP She's done an outstanding job for Life 101 and has gone above and beyond in becoming involved in the placement. She arrives early to sessions to spend time with the kids, stays late to spend time and helps them with homework. She went above and beyond, by arranging for the kids in the shelter to have a Thanksgiving dinner, this past Thanksgiving. She's currently working with DHS caseworkers for the kids in placement to further her opportunities to service.

DECEMBER ANNIE NAGEL We should all give it up to Annie Nagel - she's transferring to Boston this month, but even knowing she was transferring, she stepped up to lead a very time-intensive December project for KIPP, with a daunting subject...financial literacy! She could have very easily

stepped back and focused on her move, but instead she helped make a memorable and educational day for our KIPP students. The Boston League is getting a fantastic, community-minded member!

JANUARY JILL TRICE She has done an amazing job for Health Literacy. Jill took the Tobacco Use Prevention lesson and ran with it! She borrowed amazing visual aids from Schools for Healthy Lifestyles, she made visual aids of her own and she "ran the show" when Laurel Hall, the PM, was called by her son's school to come pick him up at the last minute and could not be there. This lesson could have been a boring flop had Jill not spent so much time planning and coordinating. In fact, she was so prepared that she had to save one of her ideas to present on our next visit! It is because of her enthusiasm and ingenuity the students at Johnson Elementary are equipped to make healthy choices regarding tobacco use that will someday save their lives!



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c/o Ms. Jill Greene
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Dear Ms. Greene & members of the Junior League of Oklahoma City,
We are proud to update you about the exciting year we have had in The Zone at The Children's Hospital at OU Medical Center. From December of 2010 to November 2011, we served 16,795 patients and family members at sessions in The Zone. In partnership with the Junior League of Oklahoma City, The Children's Hospital Volunteers and other community organizations, an average of 66 play and learning sessions were offered each month, including an average of 10 special events per month.


This programming for children and families facing hospitalization is possible because of community support. Thank you for your time, support and passion. In 2011, community members, including Junior League of Oklahoma City members, supported supplies and program costs for sessions in The Zone. In addition, it has helped us to provide opportunities for involvement to groups like the Junior League of Oklahoma City and other community organizations.

We saw additions to the Child Life staff at the hospital this year, which allowed us to better maintain session availability in The Zone. A goal that will move to our 2012 timeline is to hire additional activities staff to further expand session times in The Zone and allow for consistent outcomes measurement of programs.

A few other hopes for 2012 are to expand the reach of programming in The Zone by providing abbreviated versions of activities upstairs on patient units, to reach children and families who are unable to leave their rooms. Another goal is to implement a pilot program for Music Therapy. We have already received a donation of instruments and have been reaching out to other children's hospitals that have successful creative arts programs. Our final step will be to implement the pilot as a research project with measurable outcomes—we have a tentative timeline for this to take place in the first two quarters of 2012.

We cannot thank you enough for supporting the growth of our programs. We will continue to update you as plans are refined for our 2012 needs. It's been a great year of learning. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Happy Holidays,



Sara Jacobson, Director, Patient Experience & Child Life

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The Junior League of Oklahoma City

Impact Lives

By Mandy Heaps



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campaign? You've heard of it, right? The Impact Lives Campaign?

Donations to the Impact Lives campaign actually support the most fundamental and significant role of our organization: making each and every one of us the best volunteers we can be. That might sound cheesy but think about how much you've learned being a Junior League member. You've learned about the diverse needs of the community and how your ability to

lead a meeting, chair a committee or plan an event can positively impact that organization. Yes, anyone can be a volunteer, but when an organization recruits a Junior League member as a volunteer, they know they are getting someone who has been trained to do more than sit in a chair and survive a meeting...Junior Leaguers get in there and actively contribute to any project we take on. That's right. We are kind of a big deal!

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Mentoring at the Remarkable Shop

BY MANDY HEAPS

Like many of you, after my Provisional year, I swore I would never work at the Remarkable Shop again. Sounds harsh, right? But after working 72 hours anywhere it's easy to feel worn out. So, last year, when I received the call from the Nominating Committee, asking me to serve as a Remarkable Shop mentor I had to pause for a second and ask myself, "Am I ready to go back to the Shop?" Of course the answer was yes. We Junior Leaguers have a hard time saying no, don't we? I had just finished my placement as a PAT advisor and was completely in love with the idea of working with Provisionals again. And if the Shop was where I had to do it, then ok, count me in!

I have to admit, it's been a great placement. The girls I work with are tons

of fun. We laugh constantly about the crazy treasures we uncover, and we get a lot of work done. I joined Junior League with the goal of making new friends. And I have found that, hands down, the Remarkable Shop is the best place to accomplish that goal. I also discovered an appreciation for the Shop that I didn't have as a Provisional. When you're new, you just focus on the number of hours you have to complete. But as an Active member of several years now, I fully understand how essential the Shop is to our efforts in the community: both in raising much-needed funds to support our projects and in providing an affordable place to purchase

quality items. When you really think about it, working at the Remarkable Shop is one of the few Junior League experiences we all share...and that's pretty special.

The time is coming up for this year's Nominating Committee to appoint Remarkable Shop Mentors for 2012-2013. We need plenty of motivated and friendly Actives to support the next group

of Provisionals and make their time at the Remarkable Shop fun, rewarding and productive. Please consider self-submitting for this position and, most importantly, saying "YES" when you get the call. Don't you want to make some new friends, too?

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