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President’s Letter



Whitney Tero

Dear League Friends,

It is hard to believe that the 2011-2012 League year is coming to a close very soon. I have loved my time serving as President, and am so thankful for the opportunity I have had to serve the League. I am constantly amazed at the women in our organization that give selflessly day after day making a real difference in our community. Our League is a remarkable organization with a solid foundation, and we possess the ability to continue to meet the constantly changing needs of our community year after year. We should be proud of our accomplishments!

I would be remiss if I did not recognize the women that have served on this year’s Board of Directors. They have been thoughtful, insightful leaders that have focused on governing the League and not micro-managing it. These women are to be commended for ensuring that our compass for the year was the League’s mission, vision and focus. We could not have accomplished any part of the League’s mission without their dedication and commitment. I know the League is in good hands with Cristi Reiger, incoming President, and Kristen Brown, President Elect at the helm next year. Their training has prepared them to be successful leaders of JLOC. We should be proud of our accomplishments!

We achieved so much this year, and I know we have continued success and greatness before us. I am excited for all of the upcoming 85th Anniversary celebrations and literacy projects. As we enter our ninth year of a ten-year focus on literacy, I anxiously await the results of our Focus Area survey indicating what direction our members want us to go in looking toward the future. We can be so proud of the lasting impact we have had on the state of literacy in our community. We have left an indelible mark on so many lives. We should be proud of our accomplishments!

It is with great pride and honor that I have served as the President of the Junior League of Oklahoma City. Words cannot express my gratitude for the opportunity to work alongside each of you. It has truly been an amazing, life-changing experience! I know our 85th year will be stupendous – filled with more newly created friendships, more positive community change, more lives impacted through our literacy partnerships, more volunteers trained, and more accomplishments to be proud of!

Gratefully,
Whitney Tero
President 2011-2012

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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

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Meaning of the League

2011-2012 Provisional Year



By Adrienne Elias, Becky Grant, and Christy Wilson

In a world bogged down by busy schedules, demanding jobs, attention deprived children and nosey parents, Junior League is a breath of fresh air. It is an outlet for like-minded women who are successful, driven, loving and passionate about their communities.

When the three of us got together to collaborate on this article about our Provisional year and "what the Junior League means to us", we didn't think much of it at first. It was an excuse to get together for happy hour and an evening of "girl talk". However, we soon realized that JLOC is much more than a volunteer group. It's an organization that cultivates lifelong friendships and significantly impacts the community around it. As we discussed everything from JLOC, to relationships, to cars,

it dawned on us "this is what Junior League is about," it is about making new friends and building lifelong relationships. Our Provisional year has been the catalyst for cultivating these new friendships and introducing us to JLOC and all the many ways it gives to the community.

As we near completion of our Provisional year, we are all eager to not only be done with RS hours, but to enter our community placements and witness the tremendous effect of changing lives firsthand. With the finish-line in sight, our class is scrambling to finish up our RS hours and also underway in planning our community project.

For our community project our class decided on volunteering at The Regional Food Bank and assisting in their "Food for Kids" backpack program. We are

all thrilled to be involved in such an impactful cause that helps over 10,000 chronically hungry children each week during the school year, by providing them with backpack filled with nonperishable, kid-friendly foods to eat on the weekends and school holidays. Since the focus of JLOC is on literacy, we will also be conducting a book drive in conjunction. This will provide books to another important Food Bank program, Kids Café, which is an after school program providing children across Oklahoma with mentoring, tutoring and activities.

Thank you to the Junior League of Oklahoma City, and especially our PATs, for such a great year! We are looking forward to next year as Active members and we cannot wait to contribute to The League and our wonderful community!

Incoming Provisional Welcome Celebration



◀ 2012-2013 PAT Chair Jennifer Harrison, Sustaining Advisor Ann Trudgeon and PAT Advisors pose for a quick picture before the welcome celebration



▶ Lindsey Cryer and Rachel Morgan are all smiles at the welcome celebration



▲ PAT Advisor Randis Gallaway and company at the incoming Provisional welcome celebration

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BY MACIE CRAVEN

To help jump start the spring season, the Remarkable Shop held its annual Spring Fashion show on April 22nd. The show took place on Earth Day and showcased spring and summer looks that were recycled and fabulous. Several trends walked down the runway and several Provisionals took part in a spring fashion shoot at the Remarkable Shop.

Guest member blogger Macie Cravens gives us her opinion on what's hot for spring and summer. Last year we saw lace re-emerge and this summer lace continues to be seen on everything from blouses, skirts and shoes. The color red and striped prints will also linger from 2011. The fresh new trends for 2012 will be repetitive for many of us...remember neons and printed pants? Of course, the designs will be a new take on past trends so don't start retracting your Remarkable Shop donations just yet. Try incorporating a pair of colored shorts or pants into your wardrobe. Pastels are additionally on point this season. If neon is too bold for you then pastels may be your safety net. Color blocked dresses are all over the stores which means designers have done the work for you. Also, we can thank Mad Men for a welcome return of many lady-like silhouettes. Get ready for not just the arrival of prints, but prints on prints. This can be a tricky one. If you are mixing prints look for a dominant and passive print. You may start with a more traditional print paired with a more trendy print. Finding colors that pair nicely or a common color thread in both pieces will help. Don't forget about the hottest color of the season Tangerine Tango. It is everywhere...even in the men's departments. Check www.pantone.com for the remainder of this season's color palette. Stop by the Remarkable Shop to pick up a few of these stylish looks.



Provisionals Juliann Strange, Meagan Owen, Elizabeth Gillum and Allison Gocke show off the latest Spring and Summer trends.



Allison Gocke and Elizabeth Gillum look great in pastels



Juliann Strange is ready for summer in a printed top and denim colored shorts

Cooking at the Tasting Room

BY KAREN EAGLESTON

One of our most recent JLOC trainings was on March 28th at the Tasting Room on Western (right behind the Will Rogers Theatre). Chef Mackenzie Bentley prepared 4 excellent dishes for each of the participants to try, as well as learning how to cook each of the items. The menu consisted of Chilled Avocado Soup, Mango & Green Papaya Salad, Curried Scallops with Red Lentils

and Snow Peas, and to finish the meal were the Tempura Bananas with Rum Caramel Sauce. Yum! There was also a wine pairing and tasting with the meal, which was an excellent way to try some new wines. Thank you to Tracey Frederick for coordinating such an interesting and educational training opportunity, and be sure to check out Chef Bentley's newest creations at the Tasting Room and the Lobby Bar.



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- cilantro
- kosher salt
- Greek yogurt
- olive oil (for the garnish)

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Add cilantro and lime juice to taste. Garnish with sliced avocado, a dollop of Greek yogurt, cilantro, and a swirl of olive oil. Enjoy!

◀ Left: Chef Mackenzie puts her Chilled Avocado Soup on display

Right: JLOC members look on as the food is prepared

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Three Amazing Women Honored at the Annual Member Luncheon

On March 29, the Junior League of Oklahoma City honored three amazing women at the Annual Member Luncheon at Quail Creek Golf and Country Club. The AML co-chairs of the event, Beth Kerr and Christi Woodworth along with their committee did a beautiful job with an inspiring “History Begins in the Heart of the Woman” theme.

Three history making Sustainers were honored. Jeary Seikel received Sustainer of the Year honors. City Councilwoman Meg Salyer was awarded the Mary Baker Rumsey Lifetime Achievement Award. The President’s Spirit of Commitment Award went to the late Ranell Brown and was accepted by her husband, Steve Brown. Each honoree was awarded a cash donation to the organization of their choice.

The committee would like to thank: The Fleuriste for the beautiful flowers, English Paper Company for the invitations and programs, and Midwest Media for the videos.



The Brown family



Award recipient Jeary Seikel and family



Co-chair Beth Kerr, 2011 award recipient Marnie Taylor and co-chair Christi Woodworth



Meg Salyer, Steve Brown, and Jeary Seikel enjoy the luncheon



JLOC RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR HONORS

The Junior League of Oklahoma City received the Volunteer of the Year award at the Community Literacy Centers Literacy Live Luncheon on March 30. Community VP Jamie Maddy accepted the award on behalf of the JLOC. This is a great honor for the JLOC. It shows that our dedication to literacy is paying off. Thank you to every one of our members for making this honor possible. It is your hard work and dedication that we are able to change lives through literacy.

TRANSFER EVENT AT THE FLEURISTE



Transfer members Corrine Simon and Merideth Herald show off their floral arrangements.

The transfer committee had a basket lunch along with a hands-on floral arranging demonstration by master florist, George Catechis at The Fleuriste. Our thanks to The Fleuriste for this fabulous luncheon.



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Living In A Reality World

An Inside Look from Bachelor Contestant Jennifer Fritsch

From being a part of the 2011-2012 Provisional class to being a part of 25 eligible women on the Bachelor, Jennifer Fritsch has experienced it all in one short year. Here is a behind the scenes look into one of televisions most popular reality shows.

How and when did you learn you would be a contestant on the Bachelor? I filled out the online application in January 2011. I thought nothing of it....I sent an email out to my girlfriends saying “I guess we will see....” Three months later a casting director called me and asked if I was still single. I completed an extensive background check and once that cleared I sent in a video of basically a day in my life, what I’m looking for in someone, what my perfect date would be, etc. They received it, liked it and asked me to come to the Dallas casting call. I missed the first Provisional Course to go! I came back from that and 2 days later I was informed that they wanted me to come to LA for a weekend....that was the first week in August. They proceeded to send me a 100 plus page contract....talk about overwhelming. I was considering backing out at that point but my family convinced me otherwise and that I could count on their support no matter what! I found out “officially” maybe 3 weeks prior to leaving in early September. It was an incredibly long process and when I was sitting on the plane on my way to begin filming I still couldn’t believe it was actually

happening...was I really doing this! *What was a typical day like?* The only thing that was ever typical about our day was that we woke up with Bloody Mary’s and Mimosas’, that we did our nails every single day, and that we went to the gym....no joke. Cameras are there as early or as late as they need to be depending on what’s happening, which sometimes meant as late as 3 am and back again as early as 7 am. Everything changed day to day depending on whether it was a One-on-One Date, a Group Date, a Rose Ceremony, or a Travel day. If you weren’t filming “reality” you were most likely doing interviews....you do an interview for everything...pre-date, mid-date, post-date, pre-rose, mid-rose, after-rose, and the dreaded exit. The interviews became an outlet and were rather comforting....in Park City I sat in an interview chair for almost 3 hours and when I walked out of the interview with a renewed self-confidence and somewhat puffy eyes, I realized the producer never said anything to me except “how are you feeling today?”

What did you think when Ben said you were the best kisser? I was flattered, but at the same time thought, “so you’ve kissed us all?”

What are the dynamics in the house like? There were girls that got along and girls that didn’t, but no one was ever blatantly rude to anyone...that is with the exception of Samantha and/ or Courtney. I saved all my sarcastic

and possibly rude comments for my interviews that luckily you never saw, but to a certain extent that is what everyone did. We all HAD to live together so we tried to make it work the best we could! The only time the dynamics would really change would be when someone went home...depending on who it was of course. Jaclyn and I were really close so when she went home in San Francisco, I had to reach out to some of the other girls that I did not know as well. I know when I went home it was really hard for Emily because we had become close as well...roommates, work-out partners, teammates on the Blue Team, and each other’s sounding boards. All relationships form fast in Bachelor time.

Can you talk about your one on one date with Ben? It was truly a perfect date for me from beginning to end. I know that sounds cheesy, but it gave me a chance to be in my element and actually show him what I was all about. The crater diving was fun and nothing I expected my date to be! My only issue with that portion of the date was that I had to wear the worst outfit in Bachelor history a couple weeks prior (the weasel costume) then they go and put me in a bathing suit and a harness! I am a woman that loves adventure and believes that if you have to sign a release form to do it then that must mean it’s worth it and that it was (despite my wardrobe)! The evening portion of the date was right out of the Bachelor play-book....dinner in the mountains on

a bridge wrapped in twinkling lights and a fire to keep us warm (along with the wine)....we talked about our interests, our family, our relationship history, what our day to day life was like, yes I mentioned Junior League! And then just like in the movies....the lightning came, then the thunder, then the sprinkles....then the torrential downpour. I remember producers yelling at us to wait it out (we were making a television show for goodness sake)! Finally we ran into an empty ski-lodge where they let me look in the mirror (I was soaked), put a flower on the table, along with plastic wine glasses and kept filming. I got the Rose and Ben told me that the date wasn’t over....I immediately

“She Won’t Be Lonely Long”?! Then the crowd parted again and we went to the front. Clay asked me where I was from and I proudly said “Oklahoma City”! The funny thing about my date was that I had no contact with my family, so my sister and mom were always checking the spoiler websites to see where we were at and if there was any mention of me. Park City posted in the newspaper that they needed volunteers to come to the concert and film for The Bachelor...my sister called my mom and told her “we should go....you know it’s going to be Jennifer’s date!”...they laughed it off and 2 days later the websites reported that “the Redhead from Oklahoma City enjoyed a Clay Walker concert, rose in

raining! Then in Park City the Rose Ceremony was inside but they opened the doors behind us and it was snowing! I couldn’t have been happier for the Rose Ceremony in Puerto Rico....that is until I went home that night.

What’s with all the helicopter rides? This is actually pretty funny....from what I heard Ashley Herbert was terrified of helicopters so it was Ben’s way of throwing it back at her. (Could that have been a warning sign?) He wanted to have as many as possible throughout the season. What is even more funny is that on my application it was all about HELICOPTERS!!! I didn’t care what we did, where we went...I just wanted to get there by helicopter! Unfortunately though I never got the opportunity....the closest I came was at the baseball game, but as you all know my team lost!

Based off your observations, did you anticipate Ben proposing to Courtney? Once I got home and was able to actually clear my head (it took a solid month or longer), settle back into my real life without anyone knowing what I had just been through, and deal with being rejected (eventually publicly) there was absolutely no way I thought he would propose to Courtney. Right about that time promos started airing and I was seeing things that I had no idea had happened....yes, I am talking about the skinny-dipping...I completely did a 180 and was confident that Courtney was exactly who he was going to propose to! Of course, I would have much rather it been Nicki, Emily, or Kacie B. because those girls were genuine, but looking back now I am glad he didn’t because they deserve so much better!

Have you kept in contact with any of the other contestants? This experience didn’t turn out the way I wanted it to, but looking back now I realize it turned out exactly how it was supposed to. The friends I made will forever be a part of my life....Jaclyn and I talk daily....and I have kept in contact with Nicki, Emily, and Elyse.

Knowing what you know now would you do it again? I wouldn’t trade the once in a lifetime experience I had or the people I met for anything....but NO I wouldn’t do it again!

“I filled out the online application in January 2011. I thought nothing of it... Three months later a casting director called me...”

thought FIREWORKS (which I love)! By then the rain had finally stopped so we went out and got on the ski lift, yes it was running just for us....at 11 o’clock at night....and again the Bachelor play-book...every single ski lift had a lantern on it so we could see them all the way down and as they passed by us on the way up. But as we got closer to the bottom I saw flashing lights.... then I heard music....we hopped off the lift and ran towards the crowd.....they parted and we ran up to a platform right in the middle. CLAY WALKER!!!! Ben and I started dancing and at one point he said to me “you know the words”. Hello?! Who doesn’t know the words to

hand. *Can you explain the rose ceremony Process?* Rose ceremony days are the longest ever....especially in the beginning of the season. Nothing dramatic happens in Bachelor time until it is dark outside and if all the interviews are done we just sit around and wait or film “reality”! This season we looked freezing because several times it really was freezing. The first Rose Ceremony was freezing and ended at dawn, roosters were crowing. The Rose Ceremony in Sonoma was actually outside and it was 40 degrees! The Rose Ceremony in San Fran was also outside...cold and had just got done



Bachelor contestant Jennifer Fritsch on her one on one date

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: MACIE CRAVEN (A)

BLOG: <http://www.thedaintydomestress.com/>

When did you launch your blog? I launched the blog a little over a year ago.

What is your blog about/What does your blog focus on? The Dainty Domestress is a designer’s perspective on fashion, interiors, repurposing, baking, cooking and all things pet friendly.

What motivated you to start a blog? I began to notice the projects I came by naturally were not so plain-

as-day to everyone else. One day I was talking with my husband about how perplexed I was by how he, along with many others, was completely unaware of the abundant creative opportunities surrounding us. He suggested I begin a blog. I was not on board at first, but I wanted to guide others to understand how to make a craft into a one-of-a-kind piece versus a crafty little trinket, to recognize the flow of design elements such as colors and shapes, to bring skilled design and beauty into their lives while saving money. Therefore, I

started the blog as an outlet to keep me in touch with my own creativity and hopefully help some of my left brained friends.

What is the most challenging aspect of writing a blog and what is the most fun? Keeping up! I try to post often, but also want to only produce quality ideas. I love when people either tell me in person or leave me a message that they tried a project for themselves. I enjoy questions too. Anything that lets me know that people

are being inspired or pushing their creative boundaries.

Who do you hope your blog reaches? I coined my own term which sums up who the blog is for: Do-mes-tress: noun, a woman possessing great capability and keen skill in the design and beautification for her family, household, self and societal affairs while sometimes using unlikely objects and processes to achieve a desired result.

ODI – FEBRUARY 2012

BY ADRIENNE NOBLES

Everything is bigger in Texas, so the saying goes. That held true for the Association of Junior Leagues International’s Organizational Development Institute (ODI), Feb. 10-12 in Ft. Worth, Texas, as more than 400 women gathered for the largest ODI in AJLI’s history. The crowd wasn’t the only thing that was big, though. Ideas, inspiration and new connections grew throughout the weekend. ODI offers development for emerging leaders in Junior Leagues throughout the world. Denise Cramer and myself were honored to be selected to attend. We could choose from five tracks: community impact, building internal capacity, fund development, new strategies for nominating, and membership development. Denise selected membership development, as she is the incoming Advising Mentor co-chair. I chose community impact as I will be serving on next year’s board of directors as we examine and assess our focus area. Denise and I would convene after each session, excitedly sharing what we had learned and found a renewed sense of how the membership and community impact are intrinsically connected. One of the first things our community impact

presenter, Vicki Clark, told us was if we don’t want to learn anything to get out of the League. If our members have not learned or transformed in some way through their experience during the year, we have not succeeded. She recommended asking members what they had learned – about the League, the mission, themselves – at the end of each year. “You can’t build charity outside of the league if you can’t build it inside. Meet people where they are and utilize the talents of your members, even if they are Provisionals or Sustainers. Instead of hours, tell them what they will experience,” said Clark. She added we needed to get members to “feel” the League. We make time for what we value. We should approach our focus considering not just the impact we can make on the community in that area, but also the impact we can make by engaging and training our members as effective volunteers. Clark also delivered the Saturday plenary session on moving toward diversity and inclusion in our membership. “Building inclusive Leagues means creating

environments where every member feels equally welcomed and included,” Clark said. She continued that diversity leads to productivity and creativity and appeals to the next generation of leaders, which we need to be ready to actively recruit. She cited that many Leagues, including the Dallas League, have a Diversity and Inclusion committee to assess, develop and implement initiatives to enhance their membership. One look around the room, though, showed the diversity among the women from our 292 Leagues worldwide – women with a shared vision of impacting their community. Denise and I both made meaningful connections with our fellow delegates. We found common ground and fresh ideas. I even found a gal from the Indianapolis League whom I worked with more than 10 years ago at the Fox affiliate in Evansville, Ind.! And Denise and I – who were friends before – found out just how similar our senses of humor are – which added to the fun of the weekend. These connections – with members near and far – are the very fabric of the Junior League, filling us with the motivation needed to achieve community impact.

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A Year of Juggling

Q&A WITH PRESIDENT WHITNEY TERO

Why did you decide to become President? After my first term on the board serving as Administrative Vice President, I had a few different people that I respected greatly mention to me that I should apply/interview for the position of President. I hadn't really ever even considered it to be a remote possibility, or given it any thought until then. I'm so glad I took their advice.

Explain the role of the JLOC President? I could cut and paste from the President's job description in Policies and Procedures, but I won't because even though that outlines what the President is responsible for ultimately, it doesn't adequately summarize what one does while serving in this role. You are the CEO and COO of a non-profit corporation with assets in excess of three million dollars. You are the captain of the ship. You are responsible for the day to day operations of the organization (with the help of a myriad of amazing women), and you are responsible to a membership of more than 1400 volunteers.

What does it take to get the job done? The President should be passionate about, and have a true commitment to our mission, vision, focus, and our membership. It is important to have a sense of humor, and try not to sweat the small stuff. Being organized is also absolutely mandatory. A support system in and out of the League is also a requisite to be successful at this job, I believe. I know it has been vitally important to me.

What has been the best and hardest part of being the President? The best part is...all of it. It has been the most amazing experience. I have learned so much, and have had so many fabulous experiences. I have gotten to know so many of our members, and have truly enjoyed getting to work alongside them. It is an incredible feeling to know that we have been making our community a better place to live for 84 years. Words cannot adequately express how much I have loved serving as President, and how honored I still am that I was ever asked to do this job. I think most Presidents would say the

hardest parts of this job are conflict resolution, and personnel management. Those are certainly challenges.

How have you managed to balance your time during your Presidency at JLOC, home and other activities? As referenced above, being organized (lots of sticky notes), and having a great support system are vital (friends that let your dog out or pick up your child from school). My husband and friends have been incredible throughout this journey. I couldn't have done it without them!!

What advice will you give to incoming President Elect Cristi Reiger? The good thing about how and when we appoint the President Elect Elect is that she gets to spend a year and a half preparing, learning and shadowing before she takes over as President...we laugh and say that is the longest transition meeting in the League! As a result, I know that Cristi is ready to serve as President, and she knows help is only a phone call, email, or text away.

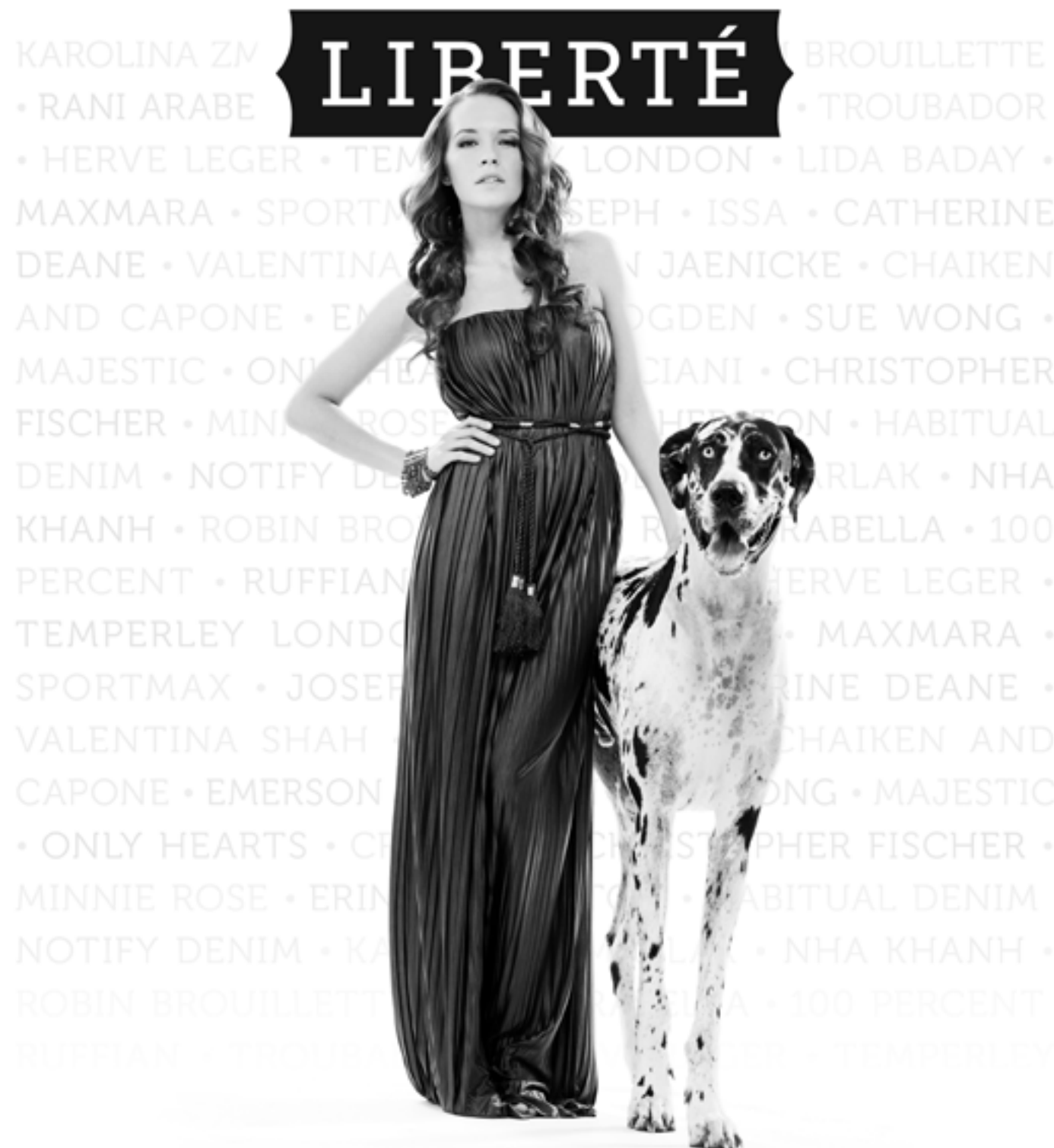
What will you do next? The immediate past President has a few responsibilities. I will serve on the Grants Committee and the Annual Member Luncheon Awards Committee. I will also sit on the 85th Anniversary Committee, and will proudly serve as the Sustaining Advisor to the Remarkable Shop Board. I'm very excited about that. The most important thing I will do is go back to spending a bit more time with my family since they have so selflessly given to me over the past two and a half years! Oh, and vacations this summer!!



Whitney and Morgan Tero soak up the sun



Cristi Reiger and Whitney Tero



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Star and ABC Award Winners

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.

February Tracey Frederick with TLDC

Tracey and her committee worked very hard this year to create fun, diverse and informative trainings and socials. So, if you now know how to take the perfect picture, finally understand what Roberts Rules of Order means, know which wine goes with food, can now write a grant or know how to be financially responsible with smart couponing, then you took place in one of the trainings offered by this group. There are still more trainings to come, like learning how to take minutes at meetings and understanding the JLOC website. Tracey is always enthusiastic and ready to come up with new ideas for your learning and enjoyment. So, when you see Tracey or anyone on the TLDC committee, tell them thanks for a job well done. Congratulations Tracey!

March Mary Delafield

"Above and Beyond" describes Mary Delafield to a "T." Mary goes above and beyond in all things she does for the community, she has been a great leader

for the project managers and volunteers and seeks to ensure that no detail is left undone. She planned a wonderful and informative Oscar night Community Fair bringing the Fair into the 21st century with iPads to showcase our projects and a real movie filled with pictures from ALL of our projects for the Year in Review! Additionally, Mary has enthusiastically carried the load of LARC Chair this year. In all the issues community council has addressed this year, Mary brings her wealth of experience in the League, her thoughtfulness and passion for our community projects to every discussion.

THE STAR AWARD is given to someone in a community placement who deserves Special Recognition for her outstanding work.

February Jessica Hunt with AML

The February STAR award goes to Jessica Hunt for her work on the AML committee. Jessica is finishing up her Provisional year in the League and what an impact she made on both the AML committee and the AML honorees. Jessica volunteered to orchestrate and oversee the videos of this year's honorees. This is not an easy task.

It takes a lot of time, effort, patience and commitment to prepare questions, coordinate interviews with numerous people at numerous sites around town and then produce the videos from start to finish. The videos showcased each honoree in such a special and significant way. Jeary Seikel, Meg Salyer and the family of Ranell Brown were all touched by the care and quality of each video.

Jessica is a true star who shines even brighter by the smile she always has on her face.

March Paula Ward & Stacie Evans for YWCA Financial Literacy

Paula and Stacie deserve recognition for their assistance in the mailer done for YWCA Financial Literacy Money Mania Event. This was the first year we did a mailer and we sent out over 1000 flyers to 164 organizations within our community. They headed up this committee and worked very hard to make it a success and hopefully help increase attendance at the event. They helped design the flyer, get supplies for the mail out, print materials, and stuff 164 envelopes. Congratulations Paula and Stacie!!

LITTLE LEAGUERS

"Children reinvent your world for you."—Susan Sarandon



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to Jonathon & Chelsey Cobbs



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Born November 11, 2011
to Scott & Erica Lape



Dexter Graham Smith
Born December 27, 2011 to
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GIRLS ON THE BLOCK

Cheryl Browne

SUSTAINER

How many years have you been in the JLOC?

I was invited to membership by the JL of Birmingham, AL, in 1972, but did my provisional year in OKC 1973/74. So.... 40-ish years?

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

My family is from Birmingham, AL. Both parents were only children so no aunts, uncles or cousins. However, my husband, Stephen's family is so large that you can't swing a dead cat in this part of the country without hitting a Browne relative. I love being part of such a big, close family; after all these years, it's still a treat & a wonderment.

The great joys of my life are right here in OKC. After both Stephen Jr. (33) & Liza Cryder (29) graduated from The Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, NJ, they both returned to this part of the country for college, SMU to be precise. They both married & came back to OKC. How lucky can a mother be? Our two grandsons, Hillman, age 5 & Crawford, age 3, are gifts from Stephen & Natalie Browne. Liza & Sterling Cryder are gifting us this September with twins, their first children.

Where did you grow up?
Birmingham, AL.

Favorite placement?

Tough question. It's a toss-up between Remarkable Shop Chairman and Bylaws Chairman.

Current placement?

Sustainer

Favorite committee?

I enjoyed them all, honestly, and think I served on just about all of them at one time or another. Absolute favorite? Nominating.

What was your favorite training that you attended?

How to Conduct a Meeting

Favorite JLOC memory?

Speaking selfishly, it had to be the day I was ambushed with roses & champagne and told that I had been selected Co-Sustainer of the Year along with my late dear friend, Patricia Browne.

Summer is about here. How do you spend your summer?

Being a grandmother! This summer, I expect to be doing whatever I can to help Liza & Sterling before & after the twins are born. Also looking forward to playing with my grandsons at the pool..... wherever & whenever I can

Favorite book?

I am a fickle fan. My current favorite is an oldie which I only recently discovered: John Irving's The World According



to Garp. I am now working my way through all of his novels. Before discovering John Irving, I read Lonesome Dove and fell in love with the writings of Larry McMurtry for a couple of years. In the bubble-gum-for-the-brain category, I adore Phillippa Gregory's historical novels about the royal court in Tudor England.

Favorite summer vacation?

When our children were young, we used to spend 2 weeks every summer with my mother at the family beach house near Destin, FL. Mom did all the work & we had all the fun.

Favorite summer food/drink?

Vodka & Diet 7-Up with three pieces of lime. Lots of ice.

People would be surprised to know...

I was a painfully shy young girl.

Most proud achievement or moment?

Patricia Browne's & my involvement with the founding & funding of the OU Breast Health Institute. Although this was outside the League, it was this involvement which led to our selection as Co-Sustainers of the Year.

Liza Browne Cryder

ACTIVE

How many years have you been in the JLOC?

3 years

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

Well, first of all there is my husband, Sterling, and our 2 pugs, Boudreaux and Dixie. Outside of that, I have 2 wonderful parents, Cheryl and Stephen Browne, an older brother, Stephen, his wife,

Natalie Browne – who is also in the Junior League! – and their 2 little boys (my amazing nephews) Hillman and Crawford. Plus, I have my husband's parents, 2 brothers-in-law, 1 sister-in-law and 3 grandparents on my husband's side, plus a huge extended Browne family outside of that. I LOVE my family!

Where did you grow up?
Oklahoma City, OK



Favorite placement?

Boys & Girls Club

Current placement?

League Link Assistant Editor

Favorite committee?

READ Committee & Finance Committee

What was your favorite training that you attended?

I recently attended a health training at Whole Foods that was very informative and a lot of fun.

Favorite JLOC memory?

I'd have to say the May General Membership Meeting of my Provisional year when we officially became Actives. I had such a great Provisional class and it was fun to celebrate with everyone.

Summer is about here. How do you spend your summer?

Typically I spend it working, fitting in pool time on the weekends and an occasional lake trip with my girlfriends. But this

summer I will be pregnant, so I will be spending most of my time preparing a nursery and trying to stay cool!

Favorite book?

A Tale of Two Cities, by Charles Dickens

Favorite summer vacation?

Going to Destin with my family for 2 weeks each summer when I was younger. Loved it!

Favorite summer food/drink?

Food – any sort of fresh fruit, especial mango, melon and pineapple. Drink – Sangria

People would be surprised to know...

Though I talk A LOT, I am the quietest person in my family by far!

Most proud achievement or moment?

Anytime I give back to the Oklahoma City community, I feel extremely proud. That's why I love volunteering!

Focus

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KIPP

By Adrienne Nobles

If you are looking for a new placement for next year that offers an opportunity to make a difference in the community, and fits easily into a busy schedule, as it is a Saturday placement, consider volunteering with the Knowledge is Power Program, also known as “KIPP.”

KIPP is a national network of open-enrollment, college preparatory public schools. KIPP prepares students in underserved communities for success in college and life. There are currently 109 KIPP schools across the nation serving more than 32,000 students. In 2002, Tracy McDaniel founded Oklahoma City’s very own KIPP school called “KIPP Reach.” KIPP Reach offers grades five through eighth with enrollment of nearly 300 students. Its campus is located near NE 16th Street and Martin

Luther King Avenue.

Each month, JLOC members offer a mentoring session for the kids enrolled at KIPP Reach. The sessions cover a variety of different topics like leadership styles, etiquette, interview skills, personal branding, and financial literacy. Earlier this year, Junior League members Emily Campbell and Alex Haygood organized the January session. The topic was health and wellness – an important and increasingly relevant life skill. Students started the morning with ZUMBA® and kickboxing classes. They showed off their dancing skills and high kicks, the Junior League members, well ... we did a really good job keeping up. During the second half of the morning, we taught the students how to decode nutrition labels and how to make a mouth-watering black bean salsa – an inexpensive snack filled with fiber, pro-

tein and loads of vitamins.

KIPP students are off-the-charts impressive. They are intelligent, thoughtful, and incredibly respectful. They eagerly raise their hands to ask and answer questions, they listen intently, and most memorably, they take time at the end of each Junior League session to stand up one at a time and say thank you, specifically mentioning the things they enjoyed. For example, after our session on business etiquette, we gave students each a pack of “thank you” notes to use. Each month, we have received several of those notes written by the students, thanking us for our time. It’s a small touch that lets us know we are making an impact in the community. If you are interested in learning about how you can make a difference at KIPP Reach, contact Adrienne Nobles, 2011-12 project manager, to learn more.



Project manager, Adrienne Nobles

Book Project

BY ASHLEIGH MUSE

This year our Book Project, formerly known as the Book Drive, is transforming into less of a book drive and more of a collaborative library project with Citizens Caring for Children (CCC). In previous years, the Book Drive partnered with Bank of Oklahoma, Tate Publishing, and Metro Transit to provide thousands of books to children and adults in our community. This year, we are developing a new partnership with Citizens Caring for Children (the Book Project) and will still be partnering with Bank of OK, Tate, and Metro Transit as well. We have worked with CCC on other projects, such as Back to School, where school supplies are provided to foster children.

CCC serves foster children from birth to 21 years of age in Oklahoma County as well as other surrounding counties. These children are removed from their homes, often due to abuse and/or neglect, with only the clothes on their backs. CCC provides them with new clothing, shoes, toiletries, and books. CCC serves 150-200 kids per month providing them with 2 books each. CCC has a book nook, called the B.E.A.R. (Being Excited About Reading) cave, for the children to read and play.

This year League volunteers have the opportunity to help CCC rebuild the B.E.A.R. Cave. Volunteers will help stock, sort and create a well-organized library, as well as re-decorate and re-organize the layout to provide more floor space. The director of CCC has put together a “wish list” for the space that includes approximately 5,000 books, a cabinet to organize the gaming systems and AV equipment, bean bag chairs and a painted wall mural for the children to enjoy.

The Bank of Oklahoma has graciously donated \$1,800 to help purchase books, supplies, paint and furniture. In the past, BOK has collected books from the community with drop off sites at their branch locations which league members would collect and sort. This year, BOK has set up a volunteer opportunity with their employees to donate money and/or books from a list provided by CCC.

JLOC will have a “League” book drive to collect new and gently used books, with drop off locations at the Remarkable

Shop, Headquarters and other business locations. We will also gather donated books from Tate Publishing to distribute to CCC, churches, other non-profits and will still participate in the Metro Transit event. Book Project volunteers will also work closely with the grant writing committee to obtain additional money to support out literacy campaign and fund our project.

In the past, this was a summer intensive project beginning in June and ending in mid August. However, we have been asked by our partnering agencies to begin immediately so the B.E.A.R. cave will be completed by the end of June, which is before the back to school project begins in August. The project will end with the Metro Transit event downtown at the bus station, which usually occurs on a Friday

morning from 7-10am. BOK will help league members transport the books, and will have their mascot Will Readmore present at the event. This is a required event for all project volunteers.

BOK will be announcing their involvement in May during National Book Week, and Fox 25 will be covering BOK’s involvement in this project on May 10. Book Project volunteers will have a flexible schedule to complete the library, as volunteers have been requested by the CCC on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Remember, even if you are not on the Book Project, you can still show your support by donating books at one of the JLOC book drop off locations over the next couple months. Thank you to all of our Book Project volunteers who will help make the Book Project a success this year!



Wild Tuesday Storytime Safari

Children under the age of 10 will enjoy a reading adventure at the Oklahoma City Zoo with Wild Tuesdays Storytime Safari. Every Tuesday in June and July children will enjoy hearing wild tales from volunteer storytellers during story time sessions. Each session will feature animal and nature related stories, a craft, a snack, and a visit from a zoo-keeper. There are two identical sessions at 9:30am and 10:30am at Grandma’s Porch in the Children’s Zoo. For more information please contact project manager Caroline Mildren at carolinemildren@yahoo.com.



Families learn about different zoo animals throughout the summer



Wild Tuesday committee members pose for a picture

New Placements Opportunities in the League

Amachi-The goal of this project is to match JLOC volunteers up with a Little Sister to mentor throughout the school year.

All Little Sisters chosen for the Amachi program will have an incarcerated parent. JLOC volunteers will talk with the "Littles" about their classes, do homework, read together or play on the playground. The goal of the program is to build trust and a friendship and expose the children in the program to new opportunities and options. During the academic year, volunteers will meet one-on-one during the school day once a week for approximately an hour at one of the 4 local schools, Arbor Grove Elementary, Tulakes Elementary,

Green-wood Elementary, and Orvis Risner.

Whiz Kids- The mission of City Care's Whiz Kids program is to improve the well being of inner city youth through academic tutoring and positive mentoring relationships as well as communicating spiritual and moral values. As part of the League's participation in this program, JLOC volunteers work with 1st-3rd graders to develop age appropriate reading skills. Regular sessions occur during the evenings during the OKC school year (August-May) at various churches around Oklahoma City.

Reading Rainforest- Saturdays this summer, beginning June 9th, join JLOC as we debut our new project: Reading Rain-

forest! On location in downtown Oklahoma City's newly updated Myriad Gardens, Reading Rainforest will inform and inspire children of all ages. Each week, volunteers will welcome elementary-aged guests (and their parents:) into the Botanical Garden for a themed story time and craft as well as a tour of the beautifully verdant Garden. We'll discover plants from around the world, walk among butterflies, and learn a few new ways to live "green." Guests will be invited to enjoy the outdoor Children's Garden and play area, including the super-cool walk-through fountain (especially on those really hot days!). Reading Rainforest will meet each Saturday from 10 a.m.-Noon. Come join us!



MEMBERSHIP

Report

MARCH

RESIGNATION

Brianne Gungoll (A)
Cari Morelock (A)
Sundee Busby (A)
Heather Griswold (A)
Hayley Humpert (A)
Macay McComas (A)

LOA

Lindsey McElvaney (A)

PENDING TRANSFER IN

Courtney Boring (A)

TRANSFER OUT

Heather Lothes (A) (to Dallas, Texas)
Erin Langdon (A) (to Denver, Colorado)
Denise Cox (S) (to South Brevard, Florida)

CONGRATULATIONS

Tracey Frederick on her engagement
Jennifer Harrison on her engagement

APRIL

PENDING REINSTATEMENT

Andy Snyder (S)

RESIGNATIONS

Monica Wilke (A)

LOA

Lenice Keim (A)
Lauren Fletcher (A)

EMERGENCY LOA

Nicole Kohmescher (A)

TRANSFER OUT

Renee Shaffer (S) (to Fort Worth, Texas)

TRANSFER IN

Courtney Boring (A)
Lisa Alvernaz (S)
Cimarron Evans (A)

PENDING TRANSFER IN

Rachel Glomset (A)

CONGRATULATIONS

Julie Leclercq-birth of Baby Boy
Chelsey Cobbs adopted Baby Boy
Rejeana Allgood on her marriage

CONDOLENCES

E'Shanina Harned-passing of mother in law

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will be Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9, at 7pm and Sunday, June 10 at 3. Tickets go on sale April 23. Many performers who have been prominent in the theatre scene will be featured. Just a few are Kerry Robertson, Jane Hall, Charlotte Franklin, Jim Henline, Terry Runnels, John Ferguson (Count Gregore), Grammy winner Jody Miller and General Jay Edwards.



Kerry Robertson, Dr. David Herendeen, Director, Jane Hall, Sustainer Carol Sander & Gary Sander

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Heather Davey

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