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President’s Letter



Ann Cameron

President’s Annual Report:

Thanks to so many wonderful friends and colleagues for making the 2009-2010 Junior League year an enriching and productive one. The focus throughout the year was heavily community-oriented with constant attention on the League’s long-term commitment to fighting illiteracy. JLOC members were in the community for General Membership Meetings, as well as for their placements working with more than 20 partnering agencies.

A special thanks to my Sustaining Advisor Kris Frankfurt and Sustainer Barbara Thompson, who were both instrumental in helping to propose the “History of the Junior League of Oklahoma City” project to Dr Bob Blackburn, Executive Director of the Oklahoma History Center. Without their support and belief in the project, the future exhibit and kiosk at the History Center wouldn’t be possible. Others, including Samonia Meredith and Sustainers Patti Anthony, Valerie Aubert, Pat Gallagher, Dee Harris, Jeary Seikel, Helen Wallace, Beth Wells also lent a hand by researching and writing about the League’s past 83 years. The project is a partnership with the History Center and will illustrate the significance of women in voluntarism over the years and the impact JLOC has had on OKC’s urban development. The League received donations for the project and paid \$12,000 to the History Center for the hard expenses involved.

Our efforts this year centered on finding ways to combat illiteracy, by assisting community literacy agencies, working to increase the interest and investment in literacy by large corporations and the media, and educating our membership. The League supported the Community Literacy Center (CLC) in numerous capacities, by providing volunteers for the CLC neighborhood literacy Fall Fest, hosting a holiday party and event to show CLC adult learners how to engage their own kids in reading books, and attending the CLC Literacy Live luncheon and award’s ceremony. I had the pleasure of speaking at the CLC graduation.

Junior League members also took part in Septemberfest at the Governor’s mansion.

This year, the League supported the OKC Metro Literacy Coalition financially and by sending President-elect Jill Greene to Coalition Board meetings, as well as, sending Mei Cheng to the Literacy Coalition Convention in Chicago. The Junior League donated \$3000 to the Coalition to assist with funding community literacy events.

The Junior League also contributed \$2500 to Infant Crisis Services for book labels. More than 40 representatives from different agencies, schools and corporations took part in a community-wide literacy roundtable co-hosted by the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence and the Junior League, and held at JLOC Headquarters.

This year, the League implemented the Literacy Awareness and Review Committee (LARC) to review and assess the literacy focus area and develop ways to increase our community efforts to reduce illiteracy.

The JLOC joined the OKC Chamber’s Board of Advisors in December 2009, and I participated in several Chamber events throughout the year. I believe this partnership will keep League members better apprised of the needs and developments around our city, and business leaders will be more aware of the work of the Junior League.

Communications Vice President Katie Moore and I met with Griffin Communications General Manager Rob Krier and Oklahoma City Community Foundation Executive Director Nancy Anthony to brainstorm ways to

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MISSION

The Junior League of Oklahoma City, Inc. Is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and 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.

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General Membership Meetings on OKC tour

By Ann Cameron



he General Membership Meetings (GMMs) for 2009-2010 were held around the city in order to expose Junior League members to the many fabulous landmarks and organizations throughout our community, as well as, allow others in the community to

learn more about the Junior League and its mission. The goal was also to become more aware of Oklahoma City's needs and how the Junior League can more effectively focus on improving literacy.

Each GMM featured the Executive Director, as well as other guest speakers affiliated with the institution. On most

occasions, Junior League Sustainers who play important roles at each venue were asked to speak about the value of their Junior League training and experience.

In September, we opened the year meeting in the House Chamber at the State Capitol. Oklahoma State Treasurer Scott Meacham was the guest speaker. He emphasized the importance of the Junior League in affecting change and the need for members to take responsibility for educating themselves on economic issues.

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OF ALL INFANTS
AND TODDLERS IN
OKLAHOMA COUNTY
ARE MET.**

In October, the GMM was held at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art with guest speaker Executive Director Glen Gentile. Gentile pointed out notable Junior League members who were leaders and Board members at the OKC MOA, and the commonalities between the mission statements of the League and the Museum, and each organization's desire to positively impact our community.

Members met at the Oklahoma National Memorial & Museum in November to learn about the April 19, 1995 Alfred P. Murrah bombing. Past JLOC Presidents Karen Luke, Polly Nichols, Beth Shortt and Ann-Clore Duncan joined Executive Director Kari Watkins and spoke about their involvement in the founding of the Memorial.

December holiday open houses were held in the homes of Karla Wallace and Kris Frankfurt.

Miki Farris, Junior League Sustainer and Executive Director of Infant Crisis Services hosted the January GMM. Their goal is to make sure that the basic needs of all infants and toddlers in Oklahoma County are met.

The February GMM and community fair were held at the Oklahoma History Center with guest speaker Executive Director Bob Blackburn. Dr. Blackburn spoke about how the history of the Junior League directly reflects the history of Oklahoma City. The Junior League in the early days identified problems and areas of need and came together to work toward the greater good. The future kiosk and Junior League exhibit at the History Center will be a wonderful tool, demonstrating to all who see it how people work together to impact change. Past JLOC President Jeary Seikel showed a powerpoint of "Junior League treasures" to the membership. Included in her enthusiastic presentation were early pictures and documents from the 1920s.

Members gathered at Lyric Theatre for the March GMM and listened to Executive Director Paula Stover. She talked about the growth and development of Lyric over her three decades of involvement there.

In April, members met at Science Museum Oklahoma. Executive Director Don Otto and Board Chair Jim Farris addressed the membership about the importance of promoting science literacy in our society.

The Annual meeting in May was held at the OKC Golf & Country Club.



Sustainers Lolly Anderson and Julie Hall

Sustainer Events Are Big Success

The sustainer events co-chairs; Marilyn Bethea and Julie Hall, planned three events during the year. Each event gave the members an opportunity to gather together with friends; both old and new. Also, during the parties the members were informed about league projects and several community opportunities.

The first event was held in September at the home of Marilyn Bethea's. The ladies were treated to a wine and cheese party. Several of the league officers attended and gave a brief outline of the league happenings for the year.

The second event was a luncheon held at the OKC Golf and Country Club. Several of the league members attended to give a short presentation about the League History Project. Everyone was excited to see the pictures from the past league years. Our second presentation was from two league sustainers that are very involved with CASA. Judge Kirby talked to us concerning the importance of the program and the

help the volunteers lend in the courtroom. During the speakers, the members ate a wonderful luncheon salad and dessert.

The third event was held in the beautiful home of Julie Hall. Once again it was intended to be an informal wine and cheese party. The wine was served with chicken salad and cucumber sandwiches. We had a wonderful presentation by several of the allied arts about the upcoming summer events.



Sustainers Marinell Guild and Carol Sue Taylor



The September General Membership Meeting was held at the Oklahoma State Capitol.



The 2009-2010 provisional class displayed their Gallery of Hope art show on May 6.



Heather Davey, Karen Swift and Sormeh Slater enjoy an evening with friends and art at the Gallery of Hope.



Children's Hospital CEO Chuck Spicer and daughter Mallory display her artwork at the Gallery of Hope.

Gallery of Hope

THE GALLERY OF HOPE ART SHOW AND EVENT WAS A WORK OF ART!

The provisional class 2009-2010 project for this year featured 96 pieces of art given to the Children's Hospital and donated by local schools, children of the community and professional artists. Through our partnership with Children's Hospital, the overall monetary value of the event easily totaled over \$30,000. This figure was

reached through the donation of the art transfers, food and drink at the event, the venue itself, and the volunteering of more than 60 members of the provisional class. The Junior League of Oklahoma City donated approximately \$3,000 toward the project's success. The Gallery of Hope art show and event could not have been made possible without the support of our fantastic Board

of Directors and the participation of over 150 members of the Junior League of Oklahoma City. The event received high praise and great media coverage which attributed to the overall success of this provisional project. Thank you all for helping to brighten the days of so many children who unfortunately have to spend time at Children's Hospital. Your support is absolutely incredible.

Getting in the Zone

BY JILL GREENE

In March, after several years of raising money, collecting, organizing and shelving books, selling tiles and working with Children's Hospital, the Zone opened their doors to their patients. In the first month over 1,000 kids played in the Zone. It was an exciting time and the opening was celebrated by many of our JLOC volunteers, hospital administration, Oklahoma's own Garth Brooks, Trisha Yearwood and Troy Aikman. Our Junior League volunteers will continue to work in the Zone on literacy focused activities with children and Child Life staff members from the hospital! The hospital expects to see over 100,000 kids this year. What a wonderful impact the Junior League of Oklahoma City has made helping see this project through to the end!



JLOC presidents get a tour of the Zone.

Think the Junior League Oklahoma History Center Project is history?

THINK AGAIN!

Over the winter and early spring, a group of Leaguers has collected eighty years of an amazing history of incredible women doing great things to benefit Oklahoma City and points beyond. From the small beginnings to the grand happenings, the Junior League of Oklahoma City has had a far reaching impact on the community and even more so on the women who have been a part of this organization.

At this point, the committee has turned over an extensive outline to Dr. Bob Blackburn and Rillis Howard (A/V) for their thoughts and 'where do we go from here' comments. The changing of the guard within the League will not affect the work of the committee and before 2010 is out, Ann Cameron and Jill Greene will get to unveil our kiosk and display put together in the quality standards

set by the Junior League and the History Center. A big thank you to everyone who has donated money and information to this project! Thank you to all who have sent in e-mails, gathered in groups and otherwise contributed. We have more than eighty years to take pride in and soon both we and the community will be able to explore that more than ever before!

—SAMONIA MERIDETH



Oklahoma History Center

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An inspiring Annual Membership Luncheon

BY JANET DAUGHERTY AND ELAINE JACKSON

The theme of this year's Annual Membership Luncheon was "Inspiring Others Through Example," and that is exactly what the two outstanding award recipients have done. The Sustainer of the Year Award was given to Hilary Hefton Blaney and the Mary Baker Rumsey Lifetime Commitment award was given to Midge Wasson Lindsey. The President's Spirit of Commitment Award was not given this year. The event was held at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City.

We honored these remarkable women and their achievements in an hour packed program. Nineteen past award winners were at the luncheon and each of them was honored and received a long-stemmed rose. Liz Eickman and Gayle Semtner introduced the award winners and displayed a list of the adjectives each of the award winner's friends had used to describe them. Mrs. Blaney and Mrs. Lindsey were each given a bouquet of fresh flowers and a silver frame engraved with their name and award, as well as their portrait.

The luncheon was very successful. We would especially like to thank our In Kind donors, Alyson Jackson of Iris Paper Goods, Eric Joiner of Insight Creative Group and Phil Rapp of the audio visual department at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel for waiving their service fee.

Many thanks to all of the women who "Inspire" us through their example on a daily basis.



Britten Follett and Lesley Buford enjoy a wonderful lunch.



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increase public awareness of illiteracy. We also met with Thunder Director of Community Relations Dan Mahoney to discuss ways to engage the Thunder in this battle. The Thunder partnered with the Junior League for this year's Kids in the Kitchen..

On March 22, the Junior League hosted the first ever "Blood Drive Rally" at Headquarters to kick off the 3rd Annual "United We Stand, Together We Donate" Blood Drive. The three volunteer women's organizations – JLOC, Edmond Women's Club, and the Women of the South -- met to gain a better understanding of each organization, as well as, to talk about the common goal to help save lives by donating blood to the Oklahoma Blood Institute. The Blood Drive was held on April 12 and in the end, 57 pints were collected.

We distributed a total of \$4600 in Emergency Relief to Hands on Nashville, the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma, and Mobile Meals in Oklahoma County to assist with flooding and tornado recovery, and meals for homebound, frail elderly citizens.

The Zone at Children's Hospital officially opened to patients and their families in March. This family life center has toys, games, movies and various recreational activities to entertain patients and siblings during their hospital visit. The Junior League helped raise the funds for the Zone and also contributed books for a library at the Zone.

The AJLI Study Group, which is comprised of JLOC past Presidents, met twice this year to discuss the strategic "Road Map" -- five primary membership trends and issues identified by the Association of Junior Leagues International.

I feel honored to have served as the 73rd President of the Junior League of Oklahoma City. I believe more than ever in the mission of this organization and in the potential of our community to affect positive change!

Ann Stephenson Cameron
2009-2010 JLOC President

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Sustainer Awards

MARY BAKER RUMSEY AWARD AND SUSTAINER OF THE YEAR



Each year, the JLOC honors sustainers for their many years of service to the community and the Junior League of Oklahoma City. The credentials for these honors include using the training received as an active member, continuing community involvement as a volunteer, and making a great impact upon the community.

At the 2010 Annual Membership Luncheon awards were given to two outstanding ladies. This year's winners included Midge Lindsey, Mary Baker Rumsey Lifetime Commitment Award and Hilarie Blaney, Sustainer of the Year.

A true difference maker, Midge Lindsey has been instrumental in shaping the vision, concepts and inclusion of women in our community



Sustainer of the Year Hilarie Blaney with Liz Eickman.



Gayle Semptner, Mary Baker Rumsey Lifetime Award recipient Midge Lindsey, and JLOC President Ann Cameron

over the years. It has been said that more than likely even Ms. Lindsey doesn't realize the impact she has made on many of us.

Sustainer of the year Hilarie Blaney has utilized her leadership skills to build an effective organization of community-minded women from all backgrounds. She is a founding member of Impact Oklahoma,

Inc. Started in 2003, Impact Oklahoma focuses on five nonprofit disciplines: family, health and wellness, education, environment and culture. These fields of interest are those that make our community stronger and better for everyone.

Thank you to this year's winners for all that you have given our community and to the Junior League.

BOD CHANGE

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Thank you to the 2009-2010 Board of Directors for a wonderful year.

Thanks!

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BY WHITNEY TERO

As Membership Vice President, I was so fortunate to have the opportunity to work with an amazing group of women who served on the Membership Council this year. Through the effective leadership, creative thinking, diverse backgrounds, and thoughtful decision making of our Council members, we were able to complete a successful year that enhanced JLOC membership value and satisfaction.

The Placement Advising Mentor Co-Chairs, Amy McDougall and Paula Gander were instrumental in keeping the lines of communication open between members, project managers and Advisors.

The Training and Leadership Development Committee, Chaired by Lisa McConnell had a busy year, with 15 trainings being offered. Diverse, fun, informative and educational trainings were provided with more than 600 members participating. Some highlights included the ever-popular D4D (formerly Digital for Dummies), Santa and Sleigh Rides, Grant Writing, and multiple trainings/tours at our monthly General Membership Meetings.

The Transfer Committee welcomed 12 new members to Oklahoma City by meeting each month for lunch and networking.

I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to serve with each member of

the Membership Council. The members at large that willingly recorded the minutes and contributed valuable input were a vital part of our Council. I also want to personally thank Sustaining Advisor, Jonna Kirschner for her commitment to the League, her insight, experience she brings to the table, and the support that she was to me personally.

The Membership Council was successful in living up to the League's mission by training our members, promoting the spirit of voluntarism, developing member potential and improving our community.

It was my honor and pleasure to serve The Junior League of Oklahoma City as the Membership Vice President.

Community Advisory Board

SMALL CHANGES BIG IMPACT

The 2009-2010 Community Advisory Board (CAB) had a very productive and successful year.

Several changes were made this year to increase CAB member participation and use of their experience and expertise. These changes also helped in educating our membership about how the CAB contributes to our organization.

The new requirements for our CAB members were:

1. Attend the September General Membership Meeting in order to be recognized
2. To make a financial contribution to the League (amount at their discretion)
3. To attend our February General Membership Meeting and Community Placement Fair
4. To sit on a committee, council or focus group, as assigned

The additional job responsibilities were met with enthusiasm by the CAB members, and their participation was much greater because of these changes. CAB members were invited to attend any and all General Membership Meetings, the Mistletoe Market Preview Party and Remarkable Shop Preview Party.

We had two CAB Board meetings, one in October and one in March. I'd like to thank the CAB members for their contributions to the League, which have been great and many.

I would also like to thank the JLOC members who sit on the In-League CAB Planning Committee who have been a tremendous asset to the CAB this year, as speakers and as contributing members: Ann Cameron, Jill Greene, and Katie Moore, and to Bonnie Schwarz for being a very informative guest speaker.

—Cristi Reiger,
Community Advisory Board Chair 2009-2010
Small changes make big results



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Gallery



Hats off to the provisionals!



▲ The 4th annual Kids in the Kitchen event.



◀ JLOC variety pack members help with car safety seat checks.



▲ 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders enjoy learning about healthy eating and exercise habits with Chef Dave and Kevin Ooley.



◀ 2009-2010 League Link Editor Erin Engelke and some of the LL committee enjoy lunch to celebrate and welcome the new improved League Link. The May 2010 issue was the first of the new design.

2009-2010 Provisional Class Receive Active Status

The 2009-2010 PAT Committee welcomed a wonderful new group of JLOC members this year. We began the Provisional year in June 2009 with 96 women. On June 1, 2010 we accepted 77 women into active membership.

Each of these women served 72 hours at the Remarkable shop, worked a Mistletoe Market Shift, attended 5 Provisional Course Trainings as well as General Membership Meetings, and served on a Provisional Committee and JLOC Committee.

The women in this Provisional Class displayed amazing initiative in all of their efforts and organized many events to further their own networking including their own Christmas party, Derby Party, Graduation Party, and

many post-General Meeting socials. I am very excited to see the contributions this group of women will continue to make to JLOC and our community in the future!

Congratulations to the following ladies who received active status at the May GMM.

Rejeana Allgood, Tiffany Backus, Rachel Bell, Kari Bender, Amy Bradt, Erin Byers, Amy Cavner, Amna Choudry, Jaclyn Christensen, Leslie Coale-Mossman, Chelsey Cobbs, Margaret Creighton, Liza Cryder, Lynsey Davis, Cynthia Delgado, Dianna Digoy, Suzette Ellison, Megan Eskridge, Stacie Evans, Chrissi Floyd, Amanda Foote, Michelle Frasier, Angie Gaines, Stephanie Gray, Bri Gungoll, Necia Hakim, Lauren Hamm, Colleen Hatfield, Lauren Hauschild, Kelli Hayward,

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Focus

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New Projects

FOR 2010-2011



by Cristi Reiger,
Community VP

Family Reading Nights at Educare partnering with Sunbeam Family Services. The purpose of this project is to promote literacy, language skills, healthy social and emotional development, and to build rela-

tionships between parent and child.

JETS Reading program partnering with Skyline Urban Ministry. The JETS After School Reading Program's goal is to promote academic success in students with non-English speaking parents or guardians.

Someone's Grandma partnering with Will Rogers Park Senior Center (OKC Parks & Recreation). This project will provide literacy-based activities, in a variety of focus areas, for senior citizens at the Will Rogers Senior Center.

IMPACT is an in-league placement with the purpose of to provide trained community volunteers for special events held by our partnering agencies and to train volunteers to be effective non-profit board members.

2010-2011 Variety Pack Projects

Photographers for Work Day partners with Rebuilding Together OKC. The Annual Work Day is designed to repair and revitalize homes of low-income senior citizens. Our volunteers will document this day with before, during and after photos at each of the sites.

Preserve History at the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum partnering with the Oklahoma City National Memorial. The purpose of this project is to preserve the (over) 10,000 photographs in the museum's collection. Our volunteers will scan the photos to ensure their preservation.

Healthy Kids partnering with Camp Fire USA Heart of Oklahoma. This project will teach children the importance of healthy eating habits and regular exercise.

I would like to thank the members of the READ Committee for their time and effort toward the development of these meaningful projects. I appreciate your interest in our community involvement.



The Remarkable Shop is located at 3208 N. May. Come in and shop!



New Name Badges

Junior League members were outfitted with magnetic name badges this year. The magnetic name badges replaces the old laminated name badges. The new name badges were distributed to all members at General Meetings along with a red velvet pouch for safe keeping. The 2009-2010 provisional class received their permanent name badges at the May general membership meeting following their completion of provisional duties.

Members are encouraged to not only wear their name badges to meetings but to other JLOC events including their community placements.

If you haven't received your name badge, you may pick it up at the next general meeting. Need a replacement nametag? Visit the JLOC website to complete an order form for a new badge.

—MANDY ELLIS

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Remarkable Shop Reaches Community

BY KRISTI LEONARD

We had an eventful year at that Remarkable Shop. The Board focused on fostering a working relationship with provisionals and PAT through improved communication. The Remarkable Shop continued to host shopping events for community agencies. The Board also dealt with and overcame several hardships pertaining to the shop.

The Board welcomed the PAT Chair to its monthly meetings. This was beneficial because it helped the Board address concerns that the provisionals had regarding their placement at the Shop, and it also allowed PAT to see how important the provisionals are to the success of the Remarkable Shop.

The Remarkable Shop invited area community agencies to bring groups to shop for needed clothing items. Some of the agencies helped included YWCA,

Boys and Girls Club and the Sanctuary Homeless Shelter. Not only did these deserving people obtain basic clothing items, but many received suits, makeovers, and styling tips to help with job interviews. The Board and provisionals who worked these events came away feeling blessed and motivated to continue to work with our community.

Unfortunately, the Remarkable Shop endured some tough times this year. Our front sign was tagged with gang graffiti. The Board received bids to replace the sign, but our term ran out before it could be approved. Also, the Remarkable Shop replaced its store management. This was a stressful time for everyone, but the change allowed the shop to move forward in a new direction.

I am confident that the changes the 2009-2010 Remarkable Shop Board initiated will allow the Shop to grow economically in the years to come.

LITERACY FOCUS RECAP



To further the success of JLOC's focus of literacy the Literacy Awareness and Review Committee (LARC) was instituted a year ago. The committee created a new project, IMPACT, its goal is to help answer community needs of training our active members how to be effective board members as well as assist in placing them in our community. LARC assisted in reengaging the Outcome Measurements Group (OMG) process to measure our successes and failures in our projects. This knowledge will help us develop new projects with greater impact each year.

Community Overview

PROJECTS STAY IN FOCUS

A Soldier's Story

Volunteers provide literacy therapy for hospitalized patients at the Oklahoma City Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Back to School

JLOC volunteers stock and organize school supplies that are given through community donations for children living in foster care.



A literacy round-up.

Books in a Box

This project seeks to improve literacy and life skills for teens involved in youth Services of Oklahoma County. Volunteers work together to create kits to help prepare teens for adulthood. Kit topics include nutrition, money management, and job interview skills.

Boys and Girls Club Child Literacy

Volunteers not only read aloud to

the children, but also encourage the children to read together in small group settings. The goal is to sharpen reading skills of academically challenged children at the Boys and Girls Club.

Cultural Literacy

Volunteers use curricula and teaching aids developed by World Neighbors, and JLOC volunteers, to provide fun programs to children that expose them to different cultures.

Family Fun in the Zone

Located inside the Children's Hospital, volunteers will organize family fun literacy based activities for the patients and their families.

Heath Literacy

The purpose of this project is to promote health literacy among school-aged children.

Book Drive

Volunteers work with project partners to solicit, collect, sort, box and distribute new and gently used children's books. The books are then distributed to JLOC community project partners.

KIPP

The goal of this project is to provide enrichment activities and expose students mainly in the seventh and eighth grades at KIPP middle school to various life skills.

Leaders Read

Through this program volunteers

saw a great increase in motivation to learn, self-esteem and growth in learning development. Volunteers would visit daycare centers and provide one-on-one reading time with youth below the age of five.

Pauline Mayer Shelter Birthday Parties

Junior League volunteers work with Citizens Caring for Children to throw a monthly birthday party that includes making crafts, reading, playing games, and birthday cake.

Pauline Mayer Literacy For All

The focus of this project is to provide a fun and educational playtime for children and youth in the temporary shelter.

Variety Pack

This placement allows qualified JLOC volunteers to participate in activities of a variety of OKC-area not-for-profit organizations.



Wild Tuesdays story time safari at the Oklahoma City Zoo.

Wild Tuesday Story Time Safari

Every Tuesday in June and July children will enjoy hearing wild tales from JLOC volunteers during story time sessions at the Oklahoma City Zoo.

YWCA Financial Literacy

The goal of this project is to maintain ongoing financial literacy classes at the YWCA for women in their transitional living center.



Cultural Literacy helps children explore different cultures from around the world.

PROJECTS CONCLUDE

Leaders Read, Pauline Mayer Birthday Parties and Sunbeam Super Saturdays are the projects which concluded with the 2009-2010 year.

Variety Pack Projects that concluded are area Car

Seat Checks with the Oklahoma Safe Kids Coalition, Central Oklahoma Deaf and Hearing Impaired Christmas Party, and Endeavor Games.

New projects coming with Research Educate and

Develop (READ) The READ committee introduce four traditional projects and three Variety Pack projects into actual community placements for the 2010-2011 year (and beyond).

Nearly-weds



Lauren Ricken & Jarvis Tate
engaged May 1, 2010



Karen Swift & Jeff Eagleton
engaged May 5, 2010

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To announce your engagement or wedding in the League Link, go to the Members Only portion of the jloc.org website and submit your requested information. The NearlyWed/Newly Wed form is located under the Forms/References tab. If you would like to submit a photo, please send it to Cyone Harris at cyoneharris@cox.net.

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2009-2010 Fundraising



he 2009-2010 Fundraising year was one of many successes! Increased Mistletoe Market attendance, chili sales, and member participation in the annual campaign helped make the year one to remember. Net proceeds from these fundraisers helped us make a bigger impact in our community through our projects.

Financial Development

Combining annual campaign donations, the proceeds from the Serving Up Literacy chili campaign and cookbook sales, a total of \$62,545.42 was raised!!!

\$20.10 N 2010

\$20.10 N 2010 raised a total of \$43,720.42 for our League. It was a great success and it is all due to the

Provisionals, Actives and Sustainers. The Financial Development committee created a "theme" campaign this year to garner interest and excitement about raising money. The goal this year was to increase participation from the members of the League. 100% of the Board and Fundraising Council contributed to the campaign and a total of 36% of our total membership donated. Educating members at

general meetings about the campaign helped to encourage donation participation. Donors this year were recognized at a donor reception held at the April General Meeting.

THE LEAGUE SOLD 5LB BAGS OF FROZEN CERTIFIED ANGUS BEEF STEAK CHILI WITH ITS REVENUE STREAM SUPPORTING THE LEAGUE'S COMMUNITY PROJECTS. OVER 605 BAGS OF CHILI WERE SOLD

Serving Up Literacy

The second year for the Serving Up Literacy chili campaign started in September 2009 and was a triumph. The League sold 5lb bags of frozen Certified Angus Beef steak chili with its revenue stream supporting the League's community projects. Over 605 bags of chili were sold for a gross total in sales equaling \$16,584.00.

Mistletoe Market

Mistletoe Market celebrated another successful year in 2009, turning over \$144,000 to the league. This year attendance and ticket sales were higher than in years past. Moving to the Travel

and Transportation building at the Oklahoma State Fair Park proved to be a great location.

Remarkable Shop

The Remarkable Shop continued its work this year with the community by hosting League community partner agencies and other community organizations for shopping events. Some of these events included the Boys and Girls Club back to school shopping event, YWCA suiting event, the Sanctuary Catholic Charities shopping event, and the Boys and Girls club Prom Event. While thrift sales weren't as profitable as in years past, consignment sales in the shop increased.

Future Fundraising

This year's council focused its energy on member participation in the Annual campaign. This momentum will hopefully grow with the coming years to our ultimate goal of 100% member participation. 2010-2011 will be "Serving up Literacy's" third year and the Council will study the trend in sales to see if continuing the chili will be profitable.

On behalf of all of the Junior League fundraising committees, and Council we thank all of the many companies and individuals who contributed to the success of our fundraising year!



Mistletoe Market welcomed increased ticket sales.

In Appreciation

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First Edition (\$2,500-\$4,999)

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Paperback (\$1-\$99)

The response for the 20.10N2010 campaign were overwhelming with over 400 names that contributed in the paperback category. Thank you to all who contributed and made the 20.10N2010 such a success. Visti JLOC.ORG for a complete list of contributors.

** Donations made through 5/25/2010. Every effort has been made to report all contributions fully and accurately. We apologize for any errors and omissions. Thank you for your understanding and support of the JLOC.*



Kristen Brown, 2009-2010 Finance VP, and the fundraising council.

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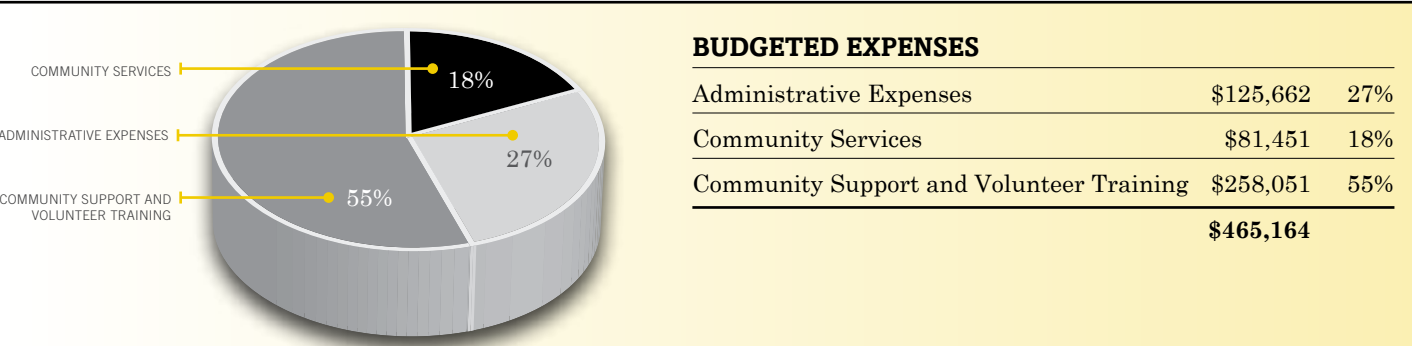
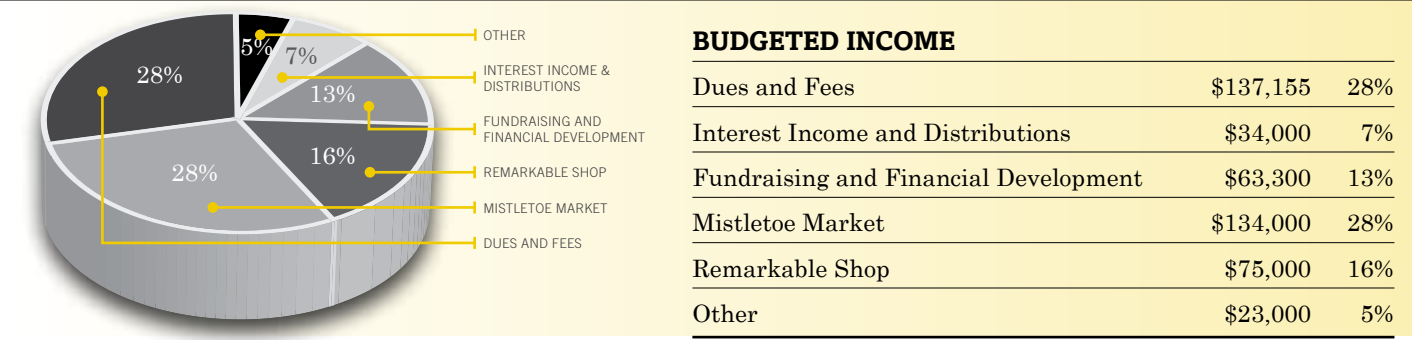
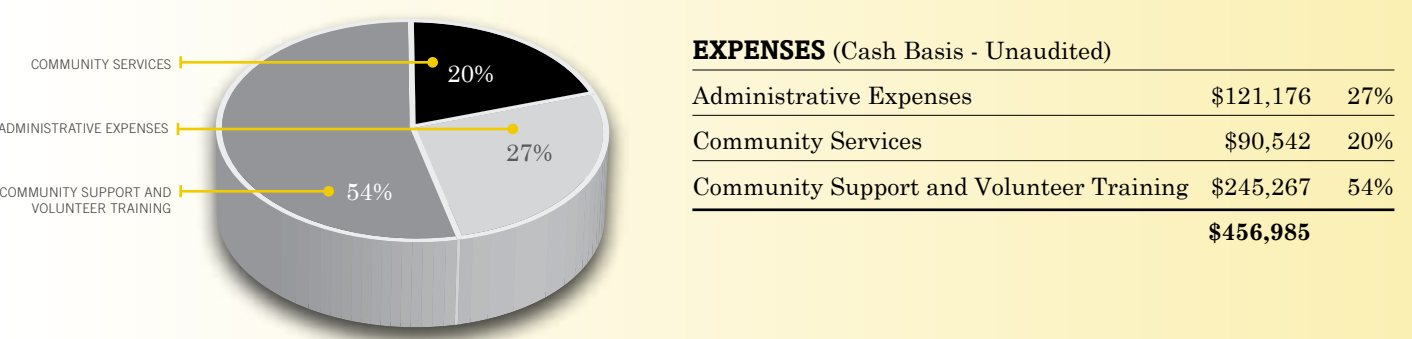
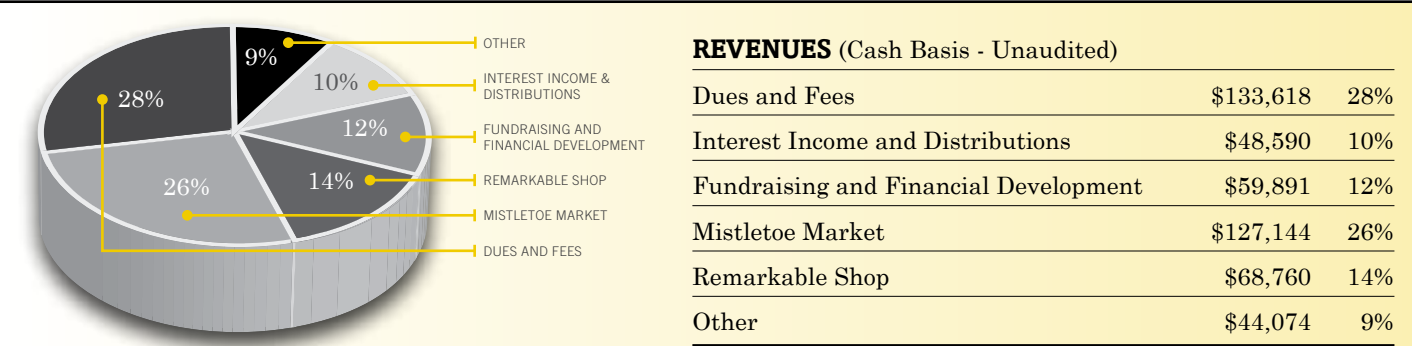
Ann with her family at the May General Membership meeting. Pictured are Sarah "Sally" Stephenson, Ann Cameron, Sarah Cameron, Scott Cameron, Alex Cameron, Dr Hugh Stephenson Jr



2009-2010 Financial Review

The Board of Directors works diligently to manage the finances of the Junior League of Oklahoma City, ensuring that sound financial practices are aligned with our organization’s mission. The annual audit for the 2009-2010 fiscal year ending May 31,

2010, has not been completed. As such, select unaudited financial information has been included below. Our audit report for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2009, prepared by certified public accountants, showed a strong financial position. Our most recent audit report is available on our website - www.jloc.org, or upon request



Giving

PLANNED GIVING

Don’t forget, the Junior League of Oklahoma City accepts planned gifts from estates. A donor simply needs to have his or her estate planner or attorney contact the League in writing that a planned gift has been made to JLOC. Donors may give to the general fund of the League or designate the gift to be used in several ways. Designations include the Junior League of Oklahoma City General Endowment Fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, Inc.: the Junior League of Oklahoma City General Endowment Fund at the Communities Foundation of Oklahoma, Inc, or directly to the Junior League of Oklahoma City. For more information, contact Margaret Brooks, Financial Development Chair, at brooksmg@oge.com or Nazette Zuhdi, Fundraising Vice President, at zznz@aol.com.

COMMEMORATIVE GIVING

You can honor a special person who has enriched your life through a gift to the Junior League of Oklahoma City. A tribute can be made to remember friends and relatives on birthdays, engagements, promotions, graduations and anniversaries. These funds perpetuate the memory of loved ones and honor accomplishments and special events. An acknowledgement is sent to both the contributor and the person being honored. For a memorial gift, the card is sent to the family of the deceased. Small or large, all contributions are welcome and are tax-deductible. For more information on memorials and tributes, contact JLOC Headquarters at 843-5668.

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MISSION

The Junior League of Oklahoma City, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and 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.

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