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Mistletoe Market is on the Move

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President's Letter



Whitney Tero

Dear League Friends,

Wow, the summer has flown by! It has been a busy time as the members of our new Provisional class have diligently worked at the Remarkable Shop. The Book Drive project, led by Lisa McConnell had its most successful year ever with more than 21,000 books collected! In addition to the traditional collecting of books for the Book Drive, the committee also applied for several grants through First Book. As a result, JLOC received over 600 new, hard-cover children's books. The Wild Storytime at the Zoo project, led by Rebecca Holmboe saw 900 children despite the intense heat. The children really enjoyed being able to ask a zookeeper questions and pick out a book after turning in their Eager Reader cards. The Back to School project, led by Macie Craven-Liles has seen nearly 370 kids with an estimated 20% increase from last year - giving us a total of 700 foster children that will receive backpacks filled with school supplies. Job well done ladies! You are making an amazing impact on our community.

Mistletoe Market is quickly approaching. Katie Moore, Mistletoe Market Chair, and the rest of the Market Board have been working tirelessly to make this year's Market the most successful ever. We are so excited about our new venue at the Cox Convention Center downtown. We will host our Preview Party on Thursday, October 13th, and Market will conclude on Sunday, October 16th.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the September General Membership Meeting. It is a great opportunity to catch up with friends, pick-up your Mistletoe Market shirt and tickets, get your Black Book, and hear important updates and information. It is my desire for this meeting to be the beginning of an exciting, productive, fun, empowering year!

This year is the League's 84th year, and to date, our members have given in excess of 1.5 million volunteer hours to this community. We are also in the 8th year of a 10-year focus on literacy. In the past 7 years of that focus, our volunteers have given approximately 115,000 hours to our community in an effort to directly impact illiteracy rates in Oklahoma City. The impact our members are making is truly remarkable!

We are already off to another amazing year of serving and impacting our community. I am proud of our volunteers' continued commitment to making Oklahoma City a better place to live. I look forward to working with this year's Board of Directors and all of our volunteers and community partners. I am honored to serve as your President for 2011-2012!

Gratefully,
Whitney Tero
2011-2012 President

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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

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

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Mistletoe Market Time

Mistletoe Market 2011 will be held October 14-16, with the Preview Party on Thursday, October 13 from 6-9 pm. Hours for Market are as follows: Friday, October 14, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm; Saturday, October 15, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; Sunday, October 16, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.



DO YOU HAVE IDEAS?

The training leadership development committee is working diligently to put together an exciting year filled with events to enhance your league experience. Stay tuned to Monday emails to learn about upcoming socials and training

opportunities. From leadership seminars to cooking classes and fashion forward social events- there will be something for everyone. If you have ideas or are interested in joining the Training Leadership Development Committee please contact Tracey Frederick.



General Membership Meetings Where & When

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

This year, our night general meetings will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Quail Creek Golf and Country Club, located at 3501 Quail Creek Road. Come each month and catch up with fellow Leaguers and hear the latest League business. A cash bar along with Hors D'oeuvres will be provided during social hour from 6-7 p.m. The meetings will begin at 7 p.m. We hope to see each and every one of you there!



Date	Time
September 13	7:00 p.m.
October	NO MEETING
November 8	7:00 p.m.
December 13*	11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
January 17**	7:00 p.m.
February 21**	7:00 p.m.
March	No meeting
April 10	7:00 p.m.
May 8	7:00 p.m.

* No formal meeting - open house
 ** Note: third week instead of second week

2011-2012 PROVISIONAL COURSE MEETINGS

You will need all the information in these meetings when you become an Active member of the Junior League. Please add these dates to your calendar now! We will strive to keep both the day and evening meetings to one hour, not including meal time.

PROVISIONAL COURSE 2 | Location: JLOC Headquarters

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 14, 2011, 11:15 lunch, 11:30 meeting
 Or Wednesday, September 28, 2011, 6:15 dinner, 6:30 meeting
 Training Topics: History of JLOC, JLOC Fundraisers, Mistletoe Market, Fall Placement Interviews, Volunteer Service Awards Program

PROVISIONAL COURSE 3 | Location: JLOC Headquarters

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 11:15 lunch, 11:30 meeting
 Or Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 6:15 dinner, 6:30 meeting
 Training Topics: JLOC Structure—Boards, Councils & Committees

PROVISIONAL COURSE 4 | Location: to be announced

Date & Time: Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 6:15 dinner, 6:30 meeting
 Training Topics: Community Placements, Appointments, Spring Placement Interviews, Role of Nominating Committee

PROVISIONAL COURSE 5 | Location: Oklahoma City Zoo

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 4, 2012, 6:15 dinner, 6:30 meeting (Evening Only)
 Training Topics: Planning your JLOC Experience, May General Meeting planning

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NEW ADDRESS!

Bigger & Better Market

Q&A WITH MISTLETOE MARKET CHAIR KATIE MOORE

e by Heather Davey

exciting Change!!!! For the first time since its beginning, Mistletoe Market is moving locations!! This year Mistletoe Market will be held at the Cox Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City!! Market chair Katie Moore and her board are thrilled about the move and the many exciting opportunities it brings for the future growth of Mistletoe Market! Thankfully, Katie was able to find a few minutes and answer questions about the upcoming Mistletoe Market.

When did you start working on Mistletoe Market?

We started working on Mistletoe Market 2011 before Market 2010 was complete. Knowing there was the potential for a change in venues, we had to jump right in and get to work.

What can you tell us about the new venue for Mistletoe Market?

The Cox Convention Center located at 1 Myriad Gardens, Oklahoma City, OK is a perfect venue for the scale of show that Mistletoe Market has grown to be...and provides plenty of room for growth in future years! This year we will have more square footage for vendor booths because the exhibit hall provides us with additional space for important aspects of Market, including vendor hospitality, a more focused entrance to Market that will allow us to better manage the flow of shoppers purchasing tickets and entering the show, and a large concession area where shoppers can have a snack and rest and ready themselves for more shopping. Shoppers and volunteers will love the convenient access to clean restrooms.



The market is a great start for early holiday shopping



Mistletoe Market Chair, Katie Moore

Besides the location what is new about the market this year?

Market 2011 will unveil some new Special Events that are sure to only add to the fun of our annual tradition... I would love to let readers know that Born in November/C+ will be performing at the Preview Party on Thursday, October 13th. Be watching the Monday JLOC e-mails for other Market special events, including a Happy Hour on Friday, October 14th.

Do you believe parking will be an issue since the location is downtown?

While parking will be different than it has been in the past for Market, we don't foresee it being a major issue. There are countless spaces located below the Cox Convention Center that will allow shoppers easy access to their cars rain or shine (or snow or wind or any other Oklahoma weather condition that could arise). In addition, there are many surface level lots located around the Cox building, as well as parking garages near by.

What can you tell us about tickets?

Yes, ticket prices will remain the same. JLOC Active and Provisional members will be required to purchase quota tickets for \$30 (this includes 6 tickets to Market) - we encourage our members to either give out or sell these tickets! General admission tickets are \$8 per day. Senior Citizen (55+) and Children (2 years and under) are \$5 per day. Coupons for \$1 off the price of admission will be available in local publications and also distributed prior to and during Market around

town. We are working with The Race for the Cure to get coupons in the race participant's bags.

When will the shift times be available online to sign up?

Shift sign up will begin at 6:00 am (CST) on Wednesday, September 14. A list of shifts available for sign up will be posted to the JLOC members-only website on Thursday, September 1. Please watch the Monday Emails for additional information. We will explain the process for signing up at the September General Meeting as well.

"I am so grateful for their hard work and dedication to not only pulling off a major change, but for doing everything they can to guarantee that this year's Market will be the best yet!"

—Katie Moore, Mistletoe Market Chair



Don't miss out on all the kids clothes the market has to offer

What has been the best part and hardest part being Mistletoe Market Chair?

The BEST part of serving as this year's Market Chair is the opportunity to work with a Board full of amazing ladies as we lay the groundwork for the future growth of Mistletoe Market. I am so grateful for their hard work and dedication to not only pulling off a major change, but for doing

everything they can to guarantee that this year's Market will be the best yet! We have the full support of JLOC leadership, as well as that of past Market chairs and committee chairs, and for that we are so thankful!! I think the Market Board would agree that the hardest part of serving this year is the enormous amount of thought, planning and work that the location move has required.

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Remarkable Changes

BY KATIE SHINN



Stop by the Remarkable Shop and witness all the exciting changes

Every year, the transition from summer to fall brings with it many changes. This year, the Remarkable Shop, which was just nominated for the Best Resale/Vintage store in the Oklahoma Gazette's "Best of OKC" is in a season of change as well. "We're making some exciting changes at the Remarkable Shop," says Shop Chair E'Shaina Harned. Currently, the Remarkable Shop board is working hard to clear out the stockroom and bring in new, high quality merchandise. "Besides new paint and new shelving, we're really focused on improving the quality of our merchandise with wholesale consignors, and we are being very selective about what products make it out onto the floor." The board hopes that these changes will create the opportunity to bring in new customers and expand profitability. Harned encourages membership to keep this in mind as they bring in donations, saying, "We want top quality clothing and household items." Harned hopes that members understand the need to make changes to the Remarkable shop, because all of the money raised

at the shop goes right back into the community. To help celebrate this new direction, the Remarkable Shop will be hosting a Grand Reopening on September 30th and October 1st. Be sure to check your Monday e-mails for details surrounding this exciting event!

Other changes to the Remarkable Shop include a new consignment contract that every consignor, even if they have consigned in the past, must sign. The new contract highlights a few changes, including the requirement that all items must be brought in on hangers and that all paperwork must be filled out. Additionally, every consignment order must be taken by a Remarkable Shop staff person or consignment mentor in order to be accepted. The board hopes these changes will assist consignors and improve the consignment process. Chandler Walters, Remarkable Shop Consignment Chair, expresses gratitude to consignors, saying, "We so appreciate your consignment items and hope you will continue to bring us your top-notch designer apparel." She also addresses the potential difficulty of the change, adding, "I know this transition will be difficult at times, but our new guidelines are only intended to help consignors. We are working harder than ever for our consignors so that they see the results they deserve." The new consignment forms can be found on the JLOC website within the next few weeks. As the Remarkable Shop transitions and restocks, various sales and promotions will be on-going at the shop. As always feel free to drop by and shop!



Katie Hamer and Whitney Reagan pose for the camera

WHALE OF A SALE

BY LESLIE COALE-MOSSMAN

In order to clean out the back room and make way for newer merchandise, the Remarkable Shop Board brought back the Whale of a Sale on July 29 & 30. The shop was full of new customers during the two day event and over \$3000 was made on clearance items during the sale!

"We were really pleased with not only the turnout, but also the amount of money we made on items that really needed to be sold," RS Promotions Chair Leslie Coale-Mossman said. "We are feeling equally confident that our Back-to-School sale and upcoming sale promotions will continue bringing new customers into the store and help us gear up for new fall merchandise."

HOT SUMMER TRAVELS

NOT A BORED BOARD!



Whitney and Morgan Tero, Destin, FL.

Whitney Tero,
President

In late June the Tero family traveled 1000 miles to the beautiful white sugar sand beaches of Frangista Beach in Destin, FL. All together we were five families, including 11 children and 10 adults. Some of the caravaners had an interesting stay in Natchatoches, LA, on the trip down, and consequently chose to pull an all day drive of 15 1/2 hours on the return trip home instead of stopping to spend the night.

We had gorgeous, perfect weather, and the water was amazing. No jellyfish or rain to spoil our time. For seven days we enjoyed relaxing on the beach, boogie boarding, paddle balling, sand castle building, playing in the ocean, and night time crab and sand flea hunting. We ate lots of great seafood, and generally had an amazing time with great friends. Can't wait to go back next year!

Cristi Reiger,
President-Elect

A return to Italy was the family consensus for our summer vacation. We had three weeks of bliss; perfect weather, beautiful hill towns, gorgeous and charming churches, amazing views from our (rented) villa, delicious Italian food (and, yes, gelato), the gorgeous light which defines Italy, and time spent as a family as well as with our Italian (and Australian) friends.

Upon our return, we decided the heat was too much so the girls and I packed up for 5 days to accompany Kurt, on a business trip to San Francisco. While Kurt was busy working, we enjoyed San Francisco and especially the cool, refreshing bay air.



The Reiger family enjoying Italy

Jamie Maddy,
Community VP

I just love summer, even at record temperatures and dust that refuses settle. This year, rather than take a summer vacation, we are putting in a swimming pool so a "stay-cation"

is in the cards for the Maddy family. The pool installation process has been rather slow going due to the heat and other pool bound families in OKC, but fortunately we are seeing a little progress everyday which is rewarding. I suspect we'll be in our pool just in time for football season, better late than never!

I have read a handful of books this summer but my perennial summer favorite is Travels with Charley by John Steinbeck, which is Steinbeck's personal account of his travels across the United States in 1960 with his French Poodle Charley in his camper aptly named Rocinante after Don Quixote's horse. It's about seeing America on the open road with man's best friend, sounds like a great summer vacation to me.

Cyone Harris,
Communications VP

I am originally from Southern California so every July we travel to Newport Beach to visit my family. This summer's trip lasted 12 days, which is never long enough to do everything we want to do. Aubrey loved shopping with her Aunt Ericka and spending time with her second cousin, Shae. Boston was sick for part of the trip but it didn't slow him down from seeing firetrucks, skateboards, airplanes, and racecars. We spent lots of time at



California is family time. Cyone Harris, Randy Madrid (brother), Aubrey McClendon (daughter), and Jerry Madrid (dad)

the beach and hanging out with family. One of our "must go" places in California is the In and Out Burger by the LAX airport. The planes fly right over as they are about to land. We went there twice.

Margaret Brooks,
Financial VP

We are about to leave in August for our summer vacation. It is going to be a whirlwind. We are flying to Seattle to stay a day and then we are taking a ferry to the San Juan Islands where we will be sea kayaking. Our hope

is to see an Orca, but heard there is only a 25% chance. Next, we will ferry to Victoria, Canada for a few more nights and then on to Vancouver and hopefully have time to go to Whistler. We are excited to get out of the Oklahoma heat and explore a different part of the world!

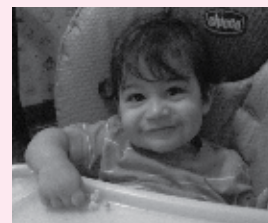
Regan Raff,
Bylaws Chair

In early August, my family and I are traveling north to Minnesota for a relaxing week at the lake with some dear friends. These Okla-



Gina Burchfiel, Mexico

LITTLE LEAGUERS



Collin Maddox Stanton

Born September 8, 2010
Parents are Bryan and Jeanette Stanton



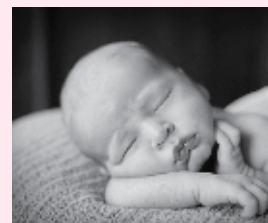
Alayna Alexandra Foster

Born June 7, 2011
Parents are Brent and Keri Foster



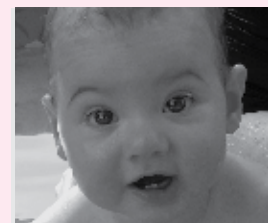
Grace Andrew Wendelken

Born May 24, 2011
Parents are Drew and Lara Wendelken



John "Johnny" Karl Pfluger

Born April 28, 2011
Parents are Karl and Cecilie Pfluger



Mason Farris Payne

Born November 4, 2010
Parents are John and Emily Payne

homa 100+ degree temperatures are miserable, so I'm looking forward to some cooler temperatures and some quality family time. We will be spending 5 days at Pelican Lake, which is at Breezy Point in Minnesota. We are renting a boat for two days and the husbands plan on playing some golf. Our trip will also include

a trip to the Mall of America in Minneapolis. After all, between our three families, there are 6 boys under the age of 5. Legos are always a big hit for the boys!!

Gina Burchfiel, Nominating Chair

My husband and I travel to Mexico pretty much every year. It is where we got engaged and where we got married, so not only is it generally a beautiful and fun place to go... it is special to us. We travel to the same resort and are never bored; the people and scenery are just wonderful. We typically stay away from summer travel (we went in May) as we don't have kids, so we usually can avoid crowds by going at other times. Our

annual trip is always a much appreciated opportunity to relax before my summer is consumed by my job at the Fair. I usually have two or three books in progress, so I'm not sure what I specifically read on vacation. However, some of my recent favorites include The Help and The Hunger Games trilogy. Both are movies with The Help being released just before this Link issue is printed. I highly recommend it!

Nazette Zudhi-Cleaver, Membership VP

We just returned from China and had the most amazing trip! My husband, Jim, brother, Zack, and I went to Beijing, Xian and Shanghai. Here are the top 10 things I learned



Kristi Leonard with sister-in-law Annie Brown (1st year active), daughter Karoline Leonard, and brother-in-law Cooper Brown

or did in China: 1. Climbed the Great Wall 2. Toured the Forbidden City 3. Visited the Summer Palace 4. Most public restrooms do not have toilet paper 5. Wearing Jade jewelry brings happiness and a long life 6. Fortune Cookies are from America, not China 7. Generally China still has a one child policy 8. Saw the Terracotta Warriors 9. Went to the Bird's Nest where the 2008 Olympics were held 10. Learned some Tai Chi. We are very grate-

ful that we experienced something so different and can't wait for our next adventure!!

Kristi Leonard Fundraising VP

Our family traveled with my in-laws to Kiawah Island off the coast of South Carolina this summer for fun, food, and family time. We ate too much, shopped too much, and saw way too many sights. All in all, it was one of the best family vacations I have ever had. :)



Nazette Zudhi-Cleaver visits China

Welcome New Managers

BY HEATHER DAVEY

If you have visited headquarters lately, you have probably noticed some personnel changes. The Junior League of Oklahoma City is pleased to welcome new Office Manager Heather Briggs and Finance Manager Bonnie Schwarz. Both ladies are excited about their new positions and were kind enough to answer a few questions about themselves.

HEATHER BRIGGS

Are you from Oklahoma? Originally – Wichita, KS. I have lived in Oregon, Tennessee and Arkansas as well!!

Tell us about your family? My husband's name is Daryl. He and I have a combined family of 6 children ages 22 to 9. We also have a grandson, Jeremy who is 2 ½ and another one, Noah, who was born in June of this year. Of course both grandsons are perfect!!

If you are not working what would you be doing? Traveling, outdoor activities...especially those involving hiking or water, working out, trying new restaurants, wine.

What would people be surprised to learn about you? Number one surprise is that I have grandchildren!

What did you do before accepting your new job with JLOC? I held a variety of positions with the OSU Foundation in Stillwater. For two of my five years there I redeveloped and managed the Cowboy Calling Program for the Annual Giving area. Some of the redevelopment consisted of writing the policy manual and employee handbook, as well as developing a very competitive training program. During those two years we raised over \$1.3 million dollars for Oklahoma



Heather Briggs

State University! Our program became the employer of choice for the students of OSU. I finished up my time at the Foundation with the Gift Planning area as development support.

A brief description of your job? I manage the back office stuff, as well as represent the organization to those that come by HQ, answering questions, directing them to relative committee members / JL leaders that can assist them. I am your go to girl! I have a heart and mind to serve. I will, however teach you to fish so you can be empowered to be the best at what you are called to do!!

What excites you most about your new job? The diversity, opportunity to network and support community leaders and to be a part of an organization of dynamic women that make a difference in people's lives.

What can members do to help you ease into the office manager position? Come by, introduce yourself and visit! I am excited to learn about why you ladies do what you do for JL and how it's made an impact in your life.

BONNIE SCHWARZ

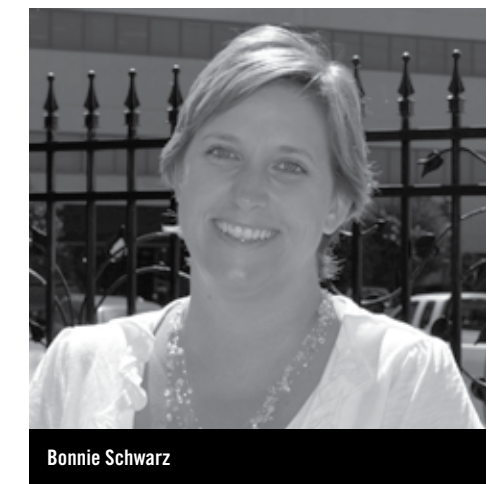
Tell us about your family? I have been married to my best friend, Barry, for almost 9 years. We have two beautiful children, a daughter, Blayne (7) and a son, Bryce (4). All of our initials are BS – which I think is hilarious and appropriate!

What do you love to do outside the office? I love watching crime dramas! I could sit for days and watch Law and Order; NCIS; CSI, and old favorites like Murder She Wrote and Diagnosis Murder. Love them all! I am also addicted to anything Vera Bradley – the fabrics just make me happy!

What would people be surprised to learn about you? Diet coke runs through my veins. It is all I drink from sun-up to sun-down, with the exception of a rare bottle of water when forced! I also have a love affair with Walt Disney World. When Barry and I retire, I think we should be greeters at the Magic Kingdom!

A brief description of your job? My official title is "Finance Manager." Basically, when Linda announced her retirement, the Board of Directors reviewed the Office Manager job responsibilities and decided it would be beneficial to split the job into two separate positions. I work part-time, usually Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 to 2 and handle everything related to the League's finances. I report to the Finance Vice-President and the President.

Why would a member contact you? Members can contact me if they have a question or concern about a payment or to make a donation to our annual campaign. Budget holders can contact me for updated information on their account – what they spent; how much is left. Having been in the League for 10+ years and serving in many capacities including Mistletoe Market, Web Editor, Finance Vice-President and Bylaws Chairman – I can probably point you in the right direction about almost anything!



Bonnie Schwarz

What excites you most about your new job? I worked in public accounting for exactly 10 years and decided to leave that stressful environment when I was about to have my first child. I have been blessed to spend the last 6 years as a stay-at-home mom but was thrilled when this opportunity came my way. My time in the League has allowed me to grow and develop as a volunteer and also provided adult conversation I often didn't get watching the Disney Channel with my little ones. Now, I get to marry my love for the League and my finance and accounting background. Can't get better than that!

What have you learned since taking on your new position? Although I am just working part-time, I do have a little more understanding of the juggling act working moms face each day. My new position has also affirmed what I have known for a while now – our organization is unique and it is sometimes hard to articulate how we operate.

What are your pet peeves? Well, I hate the sound of Styrofoam. In fact, just talking about it gives me goose bumps. I think my friends and family squeak it on purpose just to make me angry!



Hazel Lopez-Crutcher,
Primary & Lower Division Spanish Teacher

Katherine Cadzow,
Casady Student, Class of 2019

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Hazel Lopez-Crutcher enjoys watching her students' faces light up as they learn to express themselves in Spanish – students like Katherine Cadzow of Norman. An aspiring violinist, Katherine is captivated by what she calls the 'musicality' of language. She may not know that learning a second language is important to her cognitive development. She just knows she loves it.

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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.



Caroline Browne

BLOGGER: KRISTINE BROWNE (A) **BLOG:** <http://theokcbrownfamily.blogspot.com/>

When did you launch your blog? January 1, 2010. When my friends finally convinced me to just start one!

What is your blog about/What does your blog focus on? My blog is mainly about my daughter and how my image of being a mom was literally turned upside down one random day in September 2009. My 20 month old daughter, Caroline, has Osteogenesis Imperfecta, aka “brittle bones”. I had never heard of it when she was diagnosed. This blog

keeps me sane on days when I just need to vent but I have no one to vent to! The blog talks about everything from finding out she had OI, to taking her to the hospital on Mom's Day with her 1st broken leg, going to specialists all over the country, just recently her latest surgeries, plus baby #2 on the way. I am hoping that my future blog entries will not only be about Caroline but our soon to be born son! I also just type like I talk, usually without a filter. So I am sure there are some things mentioned that really shouldn't be!

What motivated you to start a blog? It was more of a “who” motivated me to start a blog. When we found out about Caroline's condition, I had no friends in OKC and I would literally just type my thoughts out to my friends in Tulsa. I later found out that they would forward the email to their friends, church groups, family members and next thing I know we are getting emails from strangers telling me that Caroline was on their prayer request list at church! So some of

my friends suggested I start a blog. I never once had thought about starting a blog, had no idea how to do it, and still struggle on downloading the pictures!

Who do you hope your blog reaches? Wow. I don't know? I started this blog as therapy. I have been known to wake up in the middle of the night and blog what I am thinking. If people read it, then that's great. If people don't, then that's ok too.

MEMBERSHIP

Report

NRA

Polly Morris (A)
Caroline Mathis (A)
Lynne Parrish (A)

RESIGNATIONS

Alix Samara (A)
Adriene Elder (A)

REINSTATEMENT

Jane Van DeMark (S)
Susan Osbourne (S)
Barbara Rubley (A)

PREFERRED ACTIVE

Julie Mitchell (A)

SABBATICAL

Ashley Jackson (A)

TRANSFER OUT

Lindsey Johnson (P) to Tulsa, OK
Amanda Cox (P) to Lubbock, TX
Stephanie Gray (A) to Little Rock, AR

TRANSFER IN

Natasha Bennett (A) transferred from Houston, TX
Jenny Morrison (A) transferred

from Denver, CO
Catherine Creppon
Jane Short (S) transferred from Wilmington, DE
Thayla Bohn (A)
Kristin Romness (A)
Stephanie Gannaway (A) transferred from Houston, TX

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Macay McComas (A)

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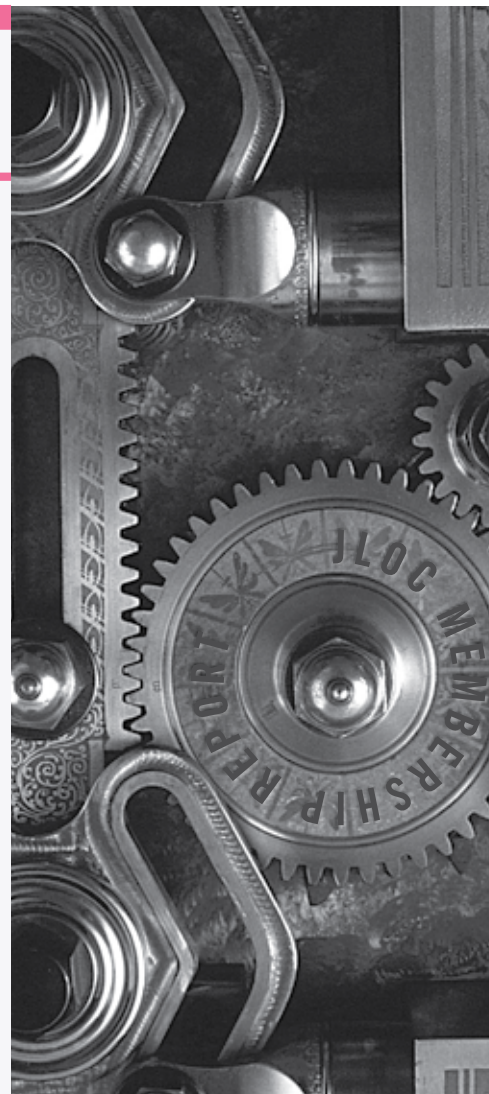
Ashley Duncan (A) - passing of father

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Christi Woodworth on her daughter's surgery
Lauren Quick recovering from surgery

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Megan Owen is ready for Fall



Adryanne Robbins, Leah Reel, Jessica Shadid, Erika Katayama, Meagan Owen and Jennifer Fritsch show off fall fashions. All items can be purchased at the Remarkable Shop

Fall Fashion

AT THE REMARKABLE SHOP

By Kelly Kinser

This fall, fashion is bringing back some old favorites, and offers options for everyone whether you're looking for drama, glamour, or cozy comfort.

Vintage- and retro-inspired pieces are playing a central role in fall fashion. 1950s and 60s are back, but the real star of fall is 70s glamour. Pair soft blouses with high waist, wide leg, or bell bottomed pants or denim. Capes and ponchos are also making a comeback this season.

Mixing neutrals is a big trend for fall. Add visual interest by playing with different textures, or featuring graphic stripes. For a pop of color consider cobalt, a rich blue appearing in numerous

designers' fall collections. The 70s will appear in color trends as well, offering mustard and rust as popular options for apparel and accessories.

Anything goes with lengths this fall. Pair dressy shorts with tights to transition your warm weather wardrobe into fall. Skirts will also play a big role. Whatever your preference, minis, midis, and maxis are all returning to the stage. Leather skirts in all lengths have been popping up on the runway. Play with volume by pairing a slimmer skirt with a fuller jacket or coat. Fur and fur trimmed options (real or faux!) would be fabulous ways to wear this trend.

Check out The Remarkable Shop to find these great fall 2011 looks for less.

ALL FASHION PHOTOS BY KIM HAWNES



Jessica Shadid looking stylish in a little black dress



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Cecilie Pfluger

TRANSFER ACTIVE

Where did you transfer from and when?

Midland, Texas, October 2010

What do you miss most about your hometown?

I miss our family and friends! Especially since we welcome our first son, Johnny in April.

Is Oklahoma what you thought it would be like?

Yes and no. I was very worried about tornadoes when we moved here and I knew there would be a lot of Sooner fans! But, I didn't know about Bricktown's River Walk, the Thunder, or how nice everyone would be!

What is your current JLOC placement?

Uniquely Me

What was the name of your elementary school and in what city was it located?

Bonham Elementary in San Angelo, Texas

What teacher inspired you the most and why?

My art history professor in college. I had her my very first semester and, at the time, she was fighting breast cancer. She wore a different hat every day, often with a flower attached to it. I signed up to take every class she taught while I was in school. She had such an energy and passion for life! She is a survivor!

What was your favorite book to read as a child?

The Napping House - it was my sister's and my favorite. We loved searching for the tiny flea and mouse on each page.

What book are you reading now?

Well, I am a new mom so my reading for pleasure has somewhat decreased! When I was pregnant, I read book after book because I love to read and knew it would be a rare treat once Johnny arrived. My last book before baby was "World Without End" by Ken Follett and I just finished reading "Happy Baby, Healthy Sleep Habits". Obviously, the subject matter has shifted a bit post-baby!

What did you want to be when you grew up---and what is your occupation now?

I wanted to be in charge of hospitality on cruise ships and vacations! I thought it would be fun to make trips and events special by doing things like leaving treats on people's pillows. Ha! As of now, I am a stay-at-home mom and loving my new role!

What would people be surprised to know about you?

They would be surprised to know that I have my own blog where I am journaling my adventures in motherhood. I also post recipes, bargains, and "momma" tips I am learning along the way! The website is <http://www.ceciliethesugarmomma.blogspot.com/>

Halloween is right around the corner, did you have a favorite Halloween costume?

I completed my provisional year in Midland, Texas and for our Halloween party I dressed up as "Little Edie" from the documentary, "Grey Gardens" that highlighted the eccentric and odd lives of Edith and Edie Beale. She was quite the character and had a very strange fashion sense (think turtlenecks, shorts tucked into tights and a scarf covering her head tied on by a brooch). When I arrived to the party, I looked like a complete weirdo! If only I had known "costume party" meant just pulling out the cat ears or silly bow ties! I did win "best costume" though!

Karen Eagleston

ACTIVE

How many years have you been Active in the JLOC and what is your current JLOC placement?

I have been involved with JLOC for 4 years and completed my Provisional year in the Tulsa League before relocating to the Oklahoma City League. My current placement is JLOC Book Drive.

What was the name of your elementary school and in what city was it located?

Zach White Elementary in El Paso, TX

What teacher inspired you the most and why?

I feel lucky to have had so many great teachers, but the one that inspired me the most was one of my college professors who taught one of my business classes. He had so much energy for teaching and he always had entertaining stories to tell, and they were always relevant to what we were learning about.

What was your favorite book to read as a child?

I loved reading anything written by Roald Dahl. James and the Giant Peach or Charlie and the Chocolate Factory were probably my favorites.

What book are you reading now?

I just finished reading the History of Love by Nicole Krauss for a book club.

What did you want to be when you grew up---and what is your occupation now?

I wanted to be a veterinarian because I always loved animals. However, I didn't love math and science as much, so I work in financial accounting for an Oil and Gas company, RKI Exploration & Production.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

That I speak Spanish

Halloween is right around the corner, did you have a favorite Halloween costume?

I used to love to dress up as a cowgirl! Growing up in Texas might have had something to do with that.

Fall also means Mistletoe Market. Do you have a favorite Mistletoe Market experience?

My favorite Mistletoe Market experience has definitely been the preview party the night before. It's a fun night and a great way to see all the merchandise.

What is the best part of being in the JLOC?

The best part about being in JLOC is feeling like all of our hard work and volunteering goes toward improving someone else's life and well-being. I also love meeting all of the great people that make up the League.

What do you like most about Fall?

I love Fall because of football! And I think this Fall will be especially nice after our long summer here.

Fall also means football season. Who do you cheer for?

I cheer for Texas Tech, which is where I graduated from, but I also cheer for OSU since that's where my husband went to school. But, once the season is over and the championships and bowl games start, I cheer for any Big 12 conference team.

What has been your favorite JLOC placement?

My favorite JLOC placement has been Family Reading Night. It's a great placement for interacting with the kids and their parents, and promoting literacy. I think all of our volunteers are really good role models for the kids as well.





Jamie Maddy

BOARD MEMBER

What is your current JLOC placement?

Community Vice President

What was the name of your elementary school and in what city was it located?

Ada Middle School - Ada, Oklahoma

What teacher inspired you the most and why?

Mr. Southard was my Vocal Music teacher and although I was well aware that I would never have anything that remotely resembled a career in music, Mr. Southard encouraged his students to be creative, disciplined in all things, have the confidence to use your voice and to know that everyone has a voice that deserves to be heard, even if you don't like what you hear.

What was your favorite book to read as a child?

Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein

What book are you reading now?

Romantic Manifesto by Ayn Rand

What did you want to be when you grew up---and what is your occupation now?

I don't think there was anything I didn't want to be at some point but I really wanted to be a nurse. I have a wonderful job today, I do government relations at Chesapeake Energy so I drifted a bit from the medical profession but glad I did.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

Most people seem to be surprised by my love for the outdoors, working on my family's farm, fishing, and shooting skeet. I'd rather be outdoors working and enjoying God's creation than anywhere.

Halloween is right around the corner, did you have a favorite Halloween costume?

I dressed up as Madonna one year, as the "Material Girl" from the music video. I wish still had that pink dress!

Fall also means Mistletoe Market. Do you have a favorite Mistletoe Market experience?

Just watching so many from our community be so supportive of the work of the Junior League. I also love stocking up on tulle on my way out! Really, what is better than tulle in every color?



Brittany Neumann

PROVISIONAL

What is your current JLOC placement?

Provisional on the Black Book Committee and Community Outreach Committee

What was the name of your elementary school and in what city was it located?

Kelley Elementary in Moore, Oklahoma

What teacher inspired you the most and why?

Mr. Dutton in 5th grade, my science teacher. He really opened up my eyes to how cool science really is.

What was your favorite book to read as a child?

Class Clown

What book are you reading now?

The Abby Cooper Series by Victoria Laurie

What did you want to be when you grew up---and what is your occupation now?

I wanted to be an OB/GYN...I am now a Chiropractor

What would people be surprised to know about you?

I have observed over 30 hysterectomies and one open heart surgery. I have totaled a snow mobile with the help of a tree. My brother has been struck by lightning.

Halloween is right around the corner, did you have a favorite Halloween costume?

My favorite Halloween costume when I was growing up was Gumby. I wore it 5 yrs in a row!

Fall means football season. Who do you cheer for?

OU...Boomer Sooner!!!

What are you looking forward to the most in the JLOC?

Help out with the community. To make new friends

Ann Trudgeon

SUSTAINER

How long were you an Active member in the League? When did you go Sustaining?

I think I was active for 18 years -- all I know is it was a good long time! I went Sustaining in May 2011!

What was the name of your elementary school and in what city was it located?

I'm on OKC girl -- started at Ridgeview in the Village and ended at Stonegate in Camelot.

What teacher inspired you the most and why?

My Constitutional Law professor, Leo Weinstein. His class was

8:00 a.m. during the winter semester, and I went to college in Massachusetts. I never missed it and wouldn't have dared. He inspired me because he knew the topic SO WELL, and clearly loved both the subject matter and teaching.

What was your favorite book to read as a child?

Flicka, Ricka and Dicka Bake a Cake.

What did you want to be when you grew up---and what is your occupation now?

I wanted desperately to be the back-

up singer for the Rolling Stones, particularly on Gimme Shelter. I settled for being the Executive Director for a small state agency, the Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council. It's almost as good.

Halloween is right around the corner, did you have a favorite Halloween costume?

The most memorable was the shark costume my mom made for me when I was in 4th grade. That was the year Jaws came out and sharks were huge! It had a red cellophane mouth with white adhesive tape for the teeth. It was warm in there, but it was so cool.

Fall also means Mistletoe Market. Do you have a favorite Mistletoe Market experience?

I love Mistletoe Market and always have fun, but I think my favorite experience was when I scored 3 bottles of Veuve Cliquot from the wine pull for \$40. Dan Tero may still be sore about that one.

Fall also means the start of Football season. Who do you cheer for?

As one might have guessed, I'm a Sooner Fan. Owen Field is named for my great-grandfather and

last year 50+ family members traveled from as far away as Europe to see a statue dedicated to him before the Texas Tech game. BOOMER SOONER!

What was your favorite placement during your JLOC years?

Loved all my placements - even the ones I wasn't initially excited about. My favorite time was spent with the Provisionals, though. I'd do it forever and I feel lucky to work with the PAT committee this year as a Sustainer. Another awesome bunch coming through this year.

Any advice to the Provisionals or newer Actives?

Easy: Remember that you've made a commitment to serve the community, but it's all about having fun while you're doing it. I know JLOC members are volunteers, but we're being depended on for so much! Have fun, but get the job done!

Focus

[projects]

Record Setting Book Drive

By Lisa McConnell



This year's JLOC Book Drive was a huge success with more than 21,000 books collected!

The Book Drive is essential to helping JLOC accomplish it's focus of "Changing Lives Through Literacy".

The Book Drive ran through the month of June and collected books for all ages. Books were collected at JLOC Headquarters, the Remarkable Shop, Barnes & Noble, Metro transit, and all area BOK locations.

"The JLOC Book Drive Committee did an incredible job this year. They collected, separated, put stickers in, boxed, and organized a massive number of books."

—Lisa McConnell

Every year, Bank of Oklahoma offers a generous \$1500 donation to the League to purchase books. Other partners include Barnes and Noble, Fox News, Tate Publishing, and Metro Transit. In addition to providing locations for collecting the books, our partners also offer extensive marketing and promotions of the Book Drive. Their on-going support of the Junior League and our literacy focus is a tremendous influence on the Book Drive's success.

The majority of all of the books went to JLOC projects, allowing project

managers to use their funds on additional supplies. In June and July, JLOC project managers had the opportunity to review and select new books for their projects. In addition to the traditional method of collecting books for the Book Drive, the committee also applied for several grants through First Book.

A large portion also went directly to our community partners who needed books to help start or fill their libraries. In June, Tate Publishing donated thousands of religious-themed books. Because many non-profits cannot use



The Book Drive Mascot, making reading fun

books with religious themes, the Book Drive committee reached out to area churches and organized a viewing and selection event. Over 30 churches and non-profit agencies attended the weekend event and collected thousands of books to use and distribute in their programs throughout our community.

The committee will distribute the remaining books to the community at the Metro Transit bus terminal on Friday, August 12 from 7 - 10 am. In years past, books were given to hundreds of people who attended this event and wanted the

opportunity to collect free books.

The JLOC Book Drive has made a significant impact to "Change Lives Through Literacy". Examples of a few area programs that have benefitted from JLOC's Book Drive:

- Programs focusing on foster children;
- Programs helping children work through and deal with grief;
- A non-profit that works with improving literacy rates with lower-socioeconomic families;
- Over 30 churches and daycares;



A shopper browses thru the books on display

- After-school programs;
- Facility dealing with troubled youth;
- Three Senior Centers;
- Area-wide daycares and DHS for the Juneteenth celebration.

The JLOC Book Drive Committee did an incredible job this year. They collected, separated, put stickers in, boxed, and organized a massive number of books. They worked professionally and without complaint as they moved thousands of boxes and worked in our storage unit in this summer's sweltering 100+ heat (114 in the airless Pod).

The JLOC Book Drive committee members are: Tiffany Backus; Elizabeth Black; Margaret Creighton; Paula Dillingham; Karen Eagleston; Keri Herren; Dini Homsey; Julie Leclercq; Lisa McConnell; Andrea Metcalf; Ashleigh Muse; Stacy Nguyen; Carol Plemmons; Samantha Reid; Sherry Sage; Whitney Tatum; Elizabeth Taylor Semtner; and Kimberly Terry.

Thank you JLOC Book Drive committee for your hard work & dedication. Congratulations in making this year's book drive a huge success!

Sincerely,
Lisa McConnell



Paula Dillingham and Carol Hazelwood unload books



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Left to Right - Deanne McGehee, Sarah Burger, Rebecca Holmboe Nicole Dell'Osso, Emily Trice, Heather Head, and Annette Shukry (Not pictured - Renee Hall, Barbie Schrick)

Wild Tuesdays AT THE ZOO

Project manager, Rebecca Holmboe said, "We really had a great summer at Wild Tuesdays Storytime Safari!!" Despite the heat we served 990 children and 524 adults. Wow!! During our very first session we had a mother approach us, she told us how her children had been asking every day since school was out when they would get to go to the zoo for storytime. At the last session, the same mother came up and told us that her daughter is always talking about her friends at the zoo. She is always so excited to come see us! The

mother also asked us how she could become a part of the Junior League. The children really enjoyed themselves this summer. They seem to really enjoy being able to ask a zookeeper questions and pick out a book after turning in their Eager Reader card. Overall it was a great summer. We powered through the hot days! It's always great being a part of so many children's lives. All of the JLOC volunteers had a great time and truly enjoyed this placement.



Emily Trice enjoys reading a book

PARTNERSHIP AWARD

JLOC was awarded the Partnership award because of their involvement with Johnson Elementary and its health literacy project.



Health Literacy Project Manager Lathonya Shivers is standing with Rumble, the Thunder mascot; Dr. Terry Cline, Commissioner of Health for the State of Oklahoma and Dr. Ramona Paul, Board Chair for Schools for Healthy Lifestyles. Dr. Ramona Paul is also a past JLOC Community Advisory Board member.



Lathonya Shivers is standing with Mary Lavene, the physical education teacher and Schools for Healthy Lifestyles Coordinator at Johnson Elementary School. She received the Alumni School award for Johnson Elementary and I received the Partnership Award on behalf of JLOC

Back To School

BY MACIE CRAVEN LILES

The Junior League has teamed with Citizen's Caring for Children to host the Back to School shopping event benefiting foster children for a number of years now. We, JLOC, are able to provide the children backpacks, books, and a large variety of school supplies that otherwise may be unavailable to them. This year we expect to serve around 700 children and were blown away by the opening day response. Families were lined up outside the door and down the strip of offices in the record-breaking July heat to receive assistance. Needless-to-say, our store has been busy with each of our fantastic volunteers receiving the child, assisting them in selecting a backpack, giving helpful advice on picking a good, age appropriate book, and enjoying a moment shopping in the store for the remainder of their school supplies. The children range from pre-k to 12th. We have established three lists to best supply each child with the correct grade

appropriate school supplies: Pre-k and K receive a backpack and 17 items, Grades 1-5 receive a backpack and 22 items, and grades 6-12 receive a backpack and 33 items. Each child rejoins their family with an experience that gives them a sense of normalcy and all the "really cool stuff" the other kids will have the first day of school. Additionally, the volunteers leave with some pretty touching and memorable moments themselves.



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KOCO Visits Child Literacy

AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

On June 19th, KOCO's Jessica Schambach visited the JLOC's Child Literacy project at the Boys and Girls Club of Oklahoma County. The kids were excited to hear Shelly Walker read a book as they listened for key vocabulary words. Schambach interviewed project manager Macey Panach about the project and how much fun the kids have while learning. A Jaye Johnson, Unit Director at Boys and Girls Club of Oklahoma County also described the changes he witnessed in the children that were a part of the program. The kids were also excited to speak to Schambach and smile at the camera.



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Macey Panach with the KOCO crew



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Et Cetera

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Nominating 101

BY GINA BURCHFIEL, NOMINATING CHAIR



he 2011-2012 year is just really getting underway, and, in wonderful Junior League fashion, we already are looking to the future. It is hard to believe, but it takes a full year to appoint all the leadership positions that make the Junior League go 'round. That may sound daunting, but, really, it is a pretty straightforward process. As a reminder, the JLOC has two kinds of positions in which you can serve: a "placed" position (your placement) or an "appointed" position (appointment). A placement is a position, 99% of them in the community, you will request in spring via the website. You will list your top five preferences, and the advising mentors and the computer do the rest. An

appointed position is a leadership position within the League that is filled by the Nominating Committee, the current Board of Directors or the incoming Board of Directors. A list of these positions and their respective dates of appointment can be found on our website (Appointment Timeline).

While it is the job of the appointing body to identify qualified and interested ladies to accept these leadership positions, we hope that members will help this process by letting us know what talents and interests you have. The easiest way to do that is to submit an expression of interest form which is available on the website (in the Forms/References section); however, you may also send an email directly to the current nominating chair.

So even though the year has only just begun and you've barely settled into your job for the year, please also look to the future: your future in the League. If you have talents or interests you would like to express, please do so as soon as possible. Keep your eyes to the Monday emails for current announcements, but feel free to contact any member of the Nominating Committee for any questions you may have.



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BLACK BOOK & JLOC T-SHIRT

All Active members will receive a JLOC t-shirt. A survey was taken at the beginning of summer to order your Black Book and specify what size of shirt. Everyone that did not complete the survey was ordered a size large shirt. The shirts along with the Black Books will be available at the September 13th General Meeting.

The 2011-2012 Membership Black Books will be available for pick-up at the first General Membership Meeting for those JL members who completed the Communications Survey and pre-ordered their Black Book. If you completed the Communications Survey, you were able to choose which format of Black

Book you preferred: directory or traditional. All Provisionals will receive the traditional. Sustainers will receive the directory style Black Book in the mail. If you are unable to attend the General Meeting all Actives and Provisionals may pick up their Black Book at HQ anytime after September 16th and Sustainers will have their copies mailed or delivered. If you have any additional questions, please contact Sormeh Slater.

—KAREN SWIFT



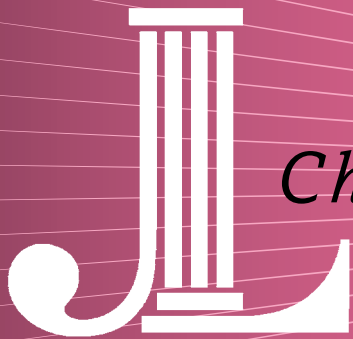
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