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WOW! What an incredible year! When the Board and I began planning for this year, I had no idea it would be such a whirlwind of activity and accomplishments. I have to say, it has been a FANTASTIC journey!

This has been a journey in which I have had the privilege of serving with the most committed, talented and energetic group of women in any organization that I have been associated. Your open minds, warm hearts and endless compassion never cease to amaze me.

On this journey, you stayed 'Mission Driven and Community Focused' and your accomplishments were a testament to this theme. You committed to being a community leader and shared your knowledge and experiences from our League with other community leaders who were able to incorporate these practices into their organizations. You worked directly with and for our area's promising youth, and always with a common goal to improve lives in our community. Because of your leadership, our community is a better place, and in true Junior League fashion, this legacy will continue to develop and serve many generations to come.

Last spring, your Board developed goals to Recognize and leverage the talents of membership; Nurture our commitment to the community; Energize members as volunteers; Maximize funds raised to the benefit our community; and Empower members through targeted training and clear communications. They did not take these goals lightly and worked very hard this year to ensure that every member had an opportunity to take full advantage of what our League offers. It has been an honor to serve with these extraordinary women!

This journey has filled my heart with so many wonderful memories. Memories that will forever be cherished. As I begin a new journey, I will take the many lessons learned and reminiscences of this past year along for guidance and support. Your leadership and friendship will always be a part of me.

Thank you for entrusting me to serve as your President this year. Thank you for the lessons you have taught me through your leadership. Thank you for inspiring me to be a better person through your endless acts of kindness for so many. Thank you for sharing your network of support. And thank you for staying 'Mission Driven and Community Focused'.

With much appreciation and gratitude,

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The Junior League of Raleigh





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Annual Fund Bargain Box Capital Campaign Cookbook

#### Inaugural Ball

A Shopping Spree! Showcase of Kitchens Treasurer-Elect Secretary Sustaining Advisor

Arrangements CCL Building Project

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Membership Development Committee (MDC)

Training Secretary Sustaining Advisor



We would like to send our very Best Wishes to Melissa Barrentine and Robert Martin, who were engaged on December 6, 2008 in New York City.

Congratulations to Heather Barnes and Chad Copley, who became engaged on December 25, 2008.

#### We want to wish them all the happiness in their new lives together!

We are sending congratulations to Anna and Michael Absher, whose daughter, Rowan Elizabeth, was born on October 27, 2008.

A warm welcome to Susan Marie Mears and J. Brad Wiemer's daughter, Brynne Adelaide Wierner, who was born October 29, 2008.

Congratulations to Allison and Dennis Sullivan, whose son, Matthew Joseph, was born on November 18, 2008.

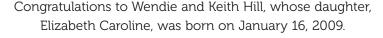
A big welcome to Toni and Ben Davis' daughter, Liles Cooper, who was born on January 7, 2009.

Congratulations to Boo and Mason Evans, whose daughter, Caroline Anderson, was born on January 14, 2009.

Best wishes to Meredith and Matt Taylor, whose daughter, Holland Kate, was born on January 15, 2009.







Congratulations to Caroline and Brad Carr on the birth of their son, Baker Allen, who was born on January 22, 2009.

We send best wishes to Jennifer and Sean Godwin whose son, Carson, was born on January 31, 2009.

Congratulations to Pam and David Goracke, whose son, Jack Smith, was born on February 4, 2009.

Congratulations to Ann and Dave Mailly, whose son, James Dallas, was born on February 13, 2009.

We send a big welcome to the new additions to these families. Enjoy your little ones!

We are sending our good thoughts for a speedy recovery to Melissa Matton, who had outpatient surgery on her arm January 20, 2009.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Judy Starritt, whose mother, Janice Hart Price, passed away on January 14, 2009.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Menefee Little and Lillian Cotton, whose sister-in-law and great aunt, Irene Still (Emeritus member), passed away on January 15, 2009.

Our condolences to the family of Martha Goldfinch, whose father passed away on January 23, 2009.

Our condolences to the family of Suzi Bevacqua, whose brother, Michael James Narron, passed away on February 1, 2009.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Beth Paschal, who passed away on February 8, 2009.

Our sincere condolences to the family of Leslie Anne Thorne, whose mother passed away suddenly on February 16, 2009.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Barbara O'Herron, whose father passed away on March 3, 2009.

Condolences to the family of Ginny Johnson and Susan Morton, whose mother, Mary Johnson, passed away on March 2, 2009.

Our sincere condolences to the family of Margaret (Park) Lucas, whose mother, Margaret Park (Emeritus member), passed away recently.

Please keep these members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



#### KELLY HUFFSTETLER

Membership Vice President



What a fabulous year for the League! Trying to pick out just a few highlights from this year is almost impossible. I would be remiss if I did not mention the incredible women on the Membership Council with whom I have worked. Lisa Vanderberry and her Taking Care of Members (TCOM) team have made it their mission to see that every celebration was noted and that support was offered to every member in need. Our Placement Captains, Nikki Corderman and Julie Clark worked tirelessly to improve the quality of information available in the Placement Guide. Thanks to them, you all were able to make a much more informed decision about which placement to choose. Along with these ladies, Sarah Shelton, Member at Large, also had a hand in determining placement satisfaction. She single handedly surveyed members to determine the pros and cons of each placement. While most of us were still hanging on to the final days of summer, Gwynne Cook was already planning for the 145 families for whom she and the Transfer team would provide Christmas. Her planning and organizational prowess made the Angel Tree project look easy. She worked tirelessly to see that all of the families were assigned and that all gifts were turned in well ahead of schedule by our members. Assistant Co-captains for Arrangements, Shannon McDonald and Katherine Anne Hamlin, put together one of the most talked about February small group meetings in recent memory. There were locations all around Wake County to make it easy for anyone to find a meeting close to home. What's more, the brainstorming sessions netted some fantastic ideas for next year. While still in training for their roles as Co-captains next year, Maeve Goff and Millie Wooten, Assistant Co-captains for

Membership

Membership Development Committee (MDC), fielded hundreds of emails and phone calls from prospective members and current members who needed information about next year's Provisional class. Additionally, they have worked hard to streamline the communication process and reduce the amount of time it takes for prospective members to be notified about their admissions into next year's Provisional class.

While these ladies definitely kept things running smoothly this year, they also added to my overall enjoyment of the League (and hopefully yours too!). The real standout memory for me this year was...meeting Luke Duke! I was so psyched when I heard he was at the SPREE! Preview Party. I immediately started scouting out the scene for him. Imagine my disappointment when he was no where to be found. Then, someone pointed out that I had been looking right at him the whole time. All I can say is, I've changed a lot since I was 10, so I don't know why I didn't expect him to have changed either. Despite the fact that he wasn't quite the heart throb I remembered him to be, I was still excited to meet him. My husband was too; we were both Duke's of Hazard fans. We also are fans of the theatre, so we purchased orchestra circle seats to see Wopat star in Chicago. Having met him a couple of months prior, made our evening at the theatre all the more enjoyable.

This truly has been a wonderful year for me. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to serve as your Membership Vice President. I look forward to making many more League memories in the years ahead!



The Junior League of Raleigh's final General Membership Meeting and end-of-year celebration will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12 at the Rialto Theatre (1620 Glenwood Avenue).

> The celebration begins with our pre-meeting social at 6 p.m. at The Point (1626 Glenwood Avenue). Appetizers will be provided.

Due to the nature of this event, we are not able to provide gratis alcohol. You will need cash or a credit card to purchase beverages. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Please welcome the following Transfers to the Junior League of Raleigh!



Monica Pigues
transferred from
the Junior League of
Houston, Texas. A
corporate relocation
brought her to Raleigh.
Monica and her
husband, Keith, have
four children: Christian
(9), Caleb (7), Levi
(5) and Chloe (3).



Lisa Southern transferred from the Junior League of York, Pennsylvania. Her husband's job transfer brought her to Raleigh. Lisa and her husband, Jim, have four children: Kendall (23), Spencer (19), Reid (19) and Truman (6).



Megan Reynolds transferred from the Junior League of Durham and Orange Counties, North Carolina. Her job brought her to Raleigh. Megan enjoys reading, shopping and spending time with family and friends.



Katie Walker
transferred from
the Junior League of
Atlanta, Georgia. A
new job and a desire
to be closer to family
brought her to Raleigh.
Katie spends most of
her time playing tennis,
traveling and with
family and friends.



Leslie Shinnick
transferred from
the Junior League
of Greensboro,
North Carolina
after completing her
Provisional year. She
moved to Raleigh
due to her work. She
loves college football
(Georgia in particular)
and is getting
married in August.



Mary Evelyn Weaver transferred from the Junior League of Cobb-Marietta, Georgia. A job transfer for her husband, David Hockey, brought her back to Raleigh. When Mary is not working or traveling for work, she enjoys reading and hanging out with friends and family. (Not pictured)

### SAFEchild

By Gwynne Cook

## Helping families in need through the Angel Tree program

The holiday season has long come and gone. However, the lasting impact we made on the 145 families registered at SAFEchild has not. We've received so many thank you notes written by the families who received gifts from our annual Angel Tree project, and we wanted to share them with you. Reading the letters brought me tears of joy and a desire to do more for SAFEchild.

Cristen, a member of the SAFEchild staff said, "I wish you and your League Angels could have witnessed firsthand the joy and appreciation on the family's faces. What you did this year was remarkable and made a **huge** difference in many, many children's lives."

#### Alana —

"Thank you all that have helped my family this holiday season!"

#### **→** Denise →

"Thanks for all that you have done for me and my family"

#### ~Shelia~

"Thanks so much! May God bless you all!"

#### ~Jessica ⊸ം

"Thank you for all that you do! You have blessed us all."

#### ~Marjorie ~

"Thanks so much for the gifts! We are really blessed that you thought about us."

#### Mark and Ashley

"Thank you so much for giving my family some joy this holiday season!"

We hope you'll remember SAFEchild, and sign-up for the Angel Tree program next year. You'll surely make a lasting difference for a family in need.



Taking Care of Members

By Lisa Vanderberry

The 2008-2009 League year has been extremely busy for Team TCOM (Taking Care of Members). Since most of what the team does revolves around supporting members after a family death or birth of a new baby, the tasks are year round even though the team is not. A big thank you goes out to Lee-Ashley Bonfield and the 2007-2008 team for leaving me with a fully stocked freezer! By our official first meeting in September, we had new logo items on hand, several ideas for Chick Clicks to explore and a team excited to show their fellow members just how much the Junior League of Raleigh (JLR) cares for them.

To date, the team has addressed more than 150 member needs this year, including: four sick pets, eight ill and/or injured children, 51 deaths of a family member (including three Sustainers), 45 babies born and multiple health/personal/professional crises. We have made and delivered more than 40 meals, though many of our members just appreciate a call from a fellow member. We also sent e-cards or postcards to every member on her birthday. This team hit the ground running and has not stopped yet!

Our nation's economic crisis brought a new support need to many of our members. In one week, I spoke to five members who had been laid off from their jobs. What support can we provide to those members? Of course with food, especially if the choice is the Progress Energy bill or groceries but also by providing a network of support and resources within our membership. The Talent Guide is a great place to start making contacts in your professional area or spark an idea for a new career path. We also are working with Team Training to bring networking, mentoring and resume writing opportunities to our members.

As our lives change, we all need someone to lean on or cheer for us every now and then. How lucky are we to have more than 1,750 friends to do just that? Membership in the JLR truly does have its privileges!





#### JUNE 1

Peggy Pleasants LaRinda Huntley-Kaplan

#### JUNE 2

Harriet Tharrington Randi Gilbert Martha Goldfinch Krystal Twiford Ana Catherine Dickens

#### JUNE 3

Deanna Tetterton

#### JUNE 4

Annette Anderson Beth Harrell Alicia Smith Amy Suggs Kelsie Johnson

#### JUNE 5

Pat Cowan Kathleen Linder

#### JUNE 6

Mollie Day Debbie Laughery Karin Winslow Anita Walton Lisa Price

#### JUNE 7

Louise Miller Tamma Hill Lesley Hubbard Jill Evans Candice Combs Ashley Taylor

#### JUNE 8

Randy Reynolds Inez Tudor Frances Morisey Lynne Muir Jennifer Harrington Julie Hardesty Nancy Sobus Paige Sykes

#### JUNE 9

Gé Brogden Leigh Ann Watson Betsy Payne Laura Frushone

#### JUNE 10

Winston Pierce Liz Riley-Young Hollie Ellinwood

#### JUNE 11

Winnie Bolton Jennifer O'Connor Jennifer Allen Emily Yeatts Alison Bailey

#### JUNE 12

Joyce Moses Libby Perry Elizabeth Wallace Andrea Groon Karen Albright Christy Creech Jessica Bennett Amy McCallister Kelly Seymour

#### **JUNE 13**

Mary Snow Crawley Susan Nichols Gwinn Moss Kati Mullan Emilie Foy Staci Smith Elie Johnsey

#### JUNE 14

Tricia Gregory Amanda Barbulescu Lainey Bass Carrie Gray

#### JUNE 15

Dabney McElroy Mary Tyrey Linda Kenedy Karissa Davan Tish Hamilton Amy Robinson Sarah White

#### JUNE 16

Kellie Wilson Margaret Rolfsen Kristy Bessette Jessica Hayes Emily King

#### JUNE 17

Marymac Webb Suzy Bryant Adriene Hunt DeLana Anderson Amy Challgren Katie Walker Melissa Warren Jamie Pike

#### **JUNE 18**

Charlene Askew Ellen Pressley

#### JUNE 19

Karen Albright Martha Gehring Amy Prokopowicz

#### JUNE 21

Libby Barber Mary June Jones Julie Ploscyca Shelley Scanlon

#### **JUNE 22**

Zoe Webster Adrienne Clark Shayla Bradshaw Nikki Herstein Michelle Heffner Katherine Meyer

#### JUNE 23

Amy Hasick

#### JUNE 24

Laurie Arp Nina Moock Anne Goldman Liz Coward Heather Gibson

#### JUNE 25

Teresa Summerlin Kelly Roberts

#### JUNE 26

Ann Walker Melissa McCaskill Nora Zarcone Susan May Courtney Phillips Victoria Russell

#### JUNE 27

Anonda Nepa Lori Edwards Katie Monaghan

#### JUNE 28

Ann Campbell Margaret Harvey Beth Sciaudone Amy Dusenbury

#### JUNE 29

Jane Henderson Kelly Huffstetler Julie McGarry Daphne Hughes

#### JUNE 30

Alison Lee Candace Mallard Tracey Boddie Marianna Clampett Amy McCready Stephanie Yount Caron Hodges

#### JULY 1

Mitchell Ward Dianne Davidian Kathy Smith Jean Neese Christy Knight Alicia Morris Anna Absher Cindy Collett Adrienne Bohannon Sarah-Catherine Mercer

#### JULY 2

Kathy Kalmbach Debbie Haile Sarah Ronnenberg Erin McKenzie

#### JULY 3

Peggy Hibbert Stephani Humrickhouse Michelle Jackson Cassie Mozingo

#### JULY 4

Jean Watkins Tricia Hartzog Teresa Hart

#### 1ULY 5

Bonnie Woodruff Cathy Monaghan Alison Cayton Erin Hall Katie Lennon

#### JULY 6

Sara May Jennifer Jones Kelly Mills

#### JULY 7

Glenda Gruber Ju Ju Rich Lucy Cornelius Susan Krause Britt Thomas Michelle Pilos

#### JULY 8

Sue Perry
Laura Ridgeway
Judi Sierra
Cindy Smith
Rhonda Clark McNairy
Devon Brewer
Emily Wade
Carly Crossland

#### JULY 9

Sue Tuck Briggs Paige Gladwin

#### JULY 10

Lee Ann Georgi Beth Parsons Jan Floyd Kelly Gold Anna Williams

#### JULY 11

Patty Hager Pam Howard DeShelia Spann Natasha Ben-Kamara

#### JULY 12

Lee Radford Meredyth Champ Bethany Perkins Laura Kavanaugh

#### JULY 13

Susan Sinden Beth Johnson Sally Nunnally Gwenda Laws Angela Wall Quinn McFall Danielle Grant Astra Barnes

#### JULY 14

Pam Clark Heidi Sandreuter Nancy Bromhal Kim Sieredzki Sheffield Kropp Suzanne Barnhart

#### JULY 15

Julie Wallis-Gugenheim Stacy Arch Amy Davis

#### JULY 17

Sara Jo Manning Dawn Lowder Cynthia Martin Kristen Humphries Leigh Powell Jessica Best Anna Harper Andrea Young Lisa Venters

#### JULY 18

Jane Anderson Ann Brooks Nancy Thompson Kendra Dillingham Langley Moretz

#### JULY 19

Carol Schlim Dawn Morris Alexis Ciardella Mary Nell Thompson Jennifer Willis

#### JULY 20

Wendy Bullard Peggy Simpson Melanie Threatt Nicole Connell Christina Coffey Natalie McGowan Kelly Street Nanda Jones

#### JULY 21

Alta Cassady Mary Bossong Jill Ovsievsky Vanessa Cox

#### JULY 22

Nancy Willard Debbie Highsmith Helen Kirven Paula Kukulinski Jess Canaday Jenn Gullie

#### JULY 23

Stagg Madry Lynn Longest Ginger Adams Anne Rogers Jennifer Ingram Carrie Barbee Audrey Gastmeyer

#### JULY 24

Nancy Dameron Ann Robinson Liz Riley Melinda Stump Mary Perrin Vlahoplus

#### JULY 25

Barbara Cooley Margaret Smith Beth Hall Elaine Cooke Michelle Weaver Melissa Callaway

#### JULY 26

Barbara Winstead Mary Ruth Pupa Elizabeth Gardner Heather Nicholson Ali Barnes Sarah Copley

#### JULY 27

Stacey Wiley

#### JULY 28

Tracey Cloninger Wendy Gantt Colby Hall Katie Johnson Amanda Guillois Elizabeth Cox

#### JULY 29

Phyllis Gehringer LuAnn Ely Rudolph Jane Gilchrist Francine Calogero Courtney Black Kimberly Watkins Sydney Jamison

#### JULY 30

Annie Lee Hansen Jean Carter Kim Von Weihe Cara Watson

#### JULY 31

Angela Dillard Sydnor Presnell Jennifer Moran Jamie Martin Kyle Hall



Thanks to Hollie Ellinwood and Lee Veit for leading the production of the new Bargain Box commercial. Look for the Bargain Box and some familiar Junior League of Raleigh "actors" on TV!

Congrats to Whitner Kane and Amanda Fuller on the Bargain Box's successful eBay sales. Find the Bargain Box on eBay as seller "jlraleigh-bargainbox."

Thank you to Danielle Slavin for coordinating a very Fine Wine Gala. It was a great event.

Kudos to Alison Perkins for coordinating the *You're Invited* tables at Showcase of Kitchens. Job well done!

Huge applause for this year's Nominating team. You have all been rock stars this year!

Props for the Girl Scouts and their leader, Lisa Coston Hall, for their tireless efforts in cookie sales and carpools!!!

Kudos to Kiana Dezelon and Helping Horse team members for their successful Annual Horse Show!!!

Congratulations to Jennifer Wells and Laura Niver Jones for heading up the planning for the spring cooking demonstration, featuring the chefs at Coquette at the lovely home of sustainer Mary Charles Burgess. With the assistance of Laura and Jennifer, Team Training members Anonda Nepa, Heather Shepherd, Amanda Davies, Amy Allen and Macy Hamm pulled off a terrific event.

A big thanks to the Membership Development Committee (MDC) for all their hard work and dedication this year!

Applause to the entire Membership Council for all their hard work this year!

Thanks to Nikki Corderman and Julie Clark for all their hard work on electronic placement sign-up.

Our gratitude to Shannon McDonald for leading the charge on collecting General Membership Meeting attendance and organizing the reminder call list. Special thanks to Nikki Corderman and Lisa Vanderberry for assisting Shannon in making all those calls!

A big thanks to Liz Henderson for thinking of and coordinating the first Junior League of Raleigh Comedy Night at Charlie Goodnight's on March 29.

Thanks to Shannon O'Dea for being the Taking Care of Members (TCOM) representative at the Provisional Placement Fair.

Kudos to Candice Johnston for a great training on Parliamentary Procedure at the 2009-2010 Leadership Retreat.

Many thanks to Kelly Huffstetler for her constant support of the entire Membership Council. You have inspired us all!

We are so grateful to Lisa Marie Ferrell for coordinating a spa getaway to the Umstead after the Leadership Retreat.

Thanks to Melissa Guillotin and Amy Hall for their work on Project Guide this year. They have successfully surveyed the entire Community Council and the agencies that the Junior League of Raleigh serves and revised all of the Memorandums of Understanding. Great job, ladies!

Thank you, Team Transfer (Alison Bailey, Amy Baker, Andrea Binkley, Stephanie Blackwood, Mandy Gaitskill, Leigh Ann Robertson and Liz Wilkerson) for a fabulous job this year. We appreciate all of your efforts towards the Angel Tree project and the smooth transition of our 50+ transfers into the Junior League of Raleigh.

Team Placement would like to send a special thanks to Julie Ploscyca, Julie McGarry, Katie Pollara and Lindsey Webster for their extra efforts in helping to create our new Placement Guide.

A huge thanks to the 2008-2009 Board and Leadership Team for all your hard work and effort to lead our membership through another successful League year!

A big thank you to Lisa Marie
Ferrell for serving as the President's
Assistant this year and coordinating
all of the Leadership Council meetings
and other special projects!

Thank you to the Headquarters and Bargain Box staff for helping our membership this year. We could not do it without you!

And last, but not least, a HUGE thank you to all of our members! You stayed Mission-Driven and Community Focused this year serving our members and the community. You are the best membership any League could have!















#### Greg Behrendt Event at Charlie Goodnights

By Lisa Vanderberry

Team Taking Care of Members (TCOM) brought laughs to the Junior League of Raleigh (JLR) on March 29 by hosting a "Chick Click" at Charlie Goodnight's Comedy Club

Eighty-two of our members and their friends enjoyed an evening featuring comedian, Greg Behrendt, author of *He's Just Not That Into You.* They even had the special treat of meeting Greg after the show.

Special thanks to, **Liz Henderson**, for coming up with a great idea!

We are looking at the Charlie Goodnight's calendar for upcoming comedians and hope to partner with them for some "JLR only" specials in the coming months.

Stay tuned, and remember to regularly check the "Event Signup" section on the JLR Web site for new "Chick Clicks." You don't want to miss the fund



#### ANDREA FOX Training Vice President





## Mission Driven, Community Focused through Training By Andrea Fox

This has been a great year for me. The ladies who make up the Training Council are some of the best with whom I have ever worked alongside. We've worked hard and played hard (sometimes at the same time). We have had a great time getting to know each other and working with each other.

Our Membership Development Committee (MDC) chairs, Brittany Bass and Amber Myers, have been on top of things since before this time last year. They have worked many, many hours not only to make sure that our Provisionals have a wonderful experience but the women on their committee as well. Their delivery for a smooth, successful transition for the Provisionals has been certain as their Winter and Spring Projects and introduction to the League were led by knowledgeable, committed leaders.

The Arrangements team raised the bar this year. Kathy Pretzer and Patti Benedict have worked tirelessly to make sure our General Membership Meeting's (GMM's), Community Advisors luncheons, Sustainer holiday social and Past-Presidents luncheon were worthy of red carpet acclaim. Their creativity and inspiration have made their team meetings fun and all of their events successful. They are a dynamic duo with boundless energy. There isn't a thing I would put past their talents.

Ashley H. Campbell and Jennifer Gottsegen have been terrific training Co-captains. Not only did they inspire their team and engage every single member, they provided researched and thoughtful trainings that were requested by our members. They took their positions to heart and created a wonderful environment that truly defined the training part of our mission. Their attitude is always positive, and as we know, that is contagious. Their encouraging demeanor coupled with great organization has been the stage for what was a great year.

Mary Blake deserves double kudos. She has been serving on two different placements. She serves as one of our wonderful nominating members, and she leads Team Leadership Support.

She, along with her skeleton crew, have reached out to countless Leagues and community agencies to see what kind of leadership training programs are out there and which ones are successful. The research and discovery that they have been able to conduct this year is phenomenal and wide reaching. It will prove to be a great jumping off point for next year.

Our Center for Community Leadership Task Force has been working under the radar. Christian Swain and Michelle Pilos have looked at what kind of trainings would be beneficial to our League members as well as our community agencies and partners. They have researched programs from all over the country and have agreed to continue with this endeavor next year. We are in very good hands, and I can't wait to see what they develop.

No Council is complete without a Sustaining Advisor, and mine has been magnificent. Perrin Burton has been a confidential sounding board, a point of reference and reasoning, a voice of history and an excellent friend. I am hopeful she will continue to be involved with the League on some level. She has a lot to offer and does so cheerfully and willingly.

Last, but certainly not least, Keri Eddins, our Council Secretary has taken things to the next level. For those of you who do not know Keri...get to know her, she is one of the funniest people I know (she has had me in tears, honestly). Her communication and follow up has made my role easier. She has been great in keeping our committee on track and focused during meetings. I look forward to seeing what additional leadership responsibilities she takes on, as I am sure she will be successful.

These ladies have made this year a wonderful experience for me! I have learned a great deal from them and continue to be inspired by their commitment, energy and dedication. They are the kind of women who make you want to be better at whatever it is you are doing. I look forward to serving with all of them again... as I am keeping my fingers crossed we will!

### Inspiring women one Junior League at a time!

Speaker motivates women to take charge and lead By Eva Parks Spero



The March General Membership Meeting at the McKimmon Center was a huge success! The League brought in, Vicki Clark, a presenter with the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI). Her common sense approach to leadership kept us laughing while at the same time motivated and inspired us to take advantage of all the things the League has to offer.

A noted consultant, trainer and speaker, Vicki has devoted the past 20 years of her life to assisting non-profit organizations and to building capacity in volunteer, membership based organizations, state governments and congregations. Board development, inclusion and diversity, leadership, strategic planning, volunteer resource development and effective communications are just a few of the topics she provides to organizations to help them in their efforts to accomplish their missions. Vicki is a member of the Leader to Leader Institute's training team, a Senior Governance Consultant for BoardSource (formerly the National Center for Nonprofit Boards) and the Corporation for National and Community Service's VISTA training collaboration.

While most of us have chosen our placements for 2009–2010, we felt so inspired by Vicki's speech that we wanted to share her 12 Principles of Strategic Leadership.

We hope that you will use Vicki's tips to improve the strength and efficiency of your Junior League of Raleigh teams and in all facets of your life.

## **12** Principles of Strategic Leadership

- 1 Be a positive example and role modelmembers learn from other members, be a mentor to others in the League
- 2 Model the behavior, and think of the best in yourself and others
- 3 Seek feedback, and learn from it
- 4 Competitively seek out new challenges step out of your comfort zone in placements and in all areas of your life
- 5 Take intelligent action on robust plans
- 6 Set the bar high for yourself and others
- 7 Surround yourself with trusted advisors and associates
- 8 Always respect others
- 9 Deal with others on the basis of facts, not conjecture
- 10 Have a sense of humor
- 11 Get out and about—explore all areas of the League and the community
- 12 In any crisis—stay cool, calm and collected.



## CATHERINE RIDEOUT Funding & Development Vice President



#### Gratitude and Thanks

By Catherine Rideout

It seems like it was just yesterday that I was sitting down to write my very first *the Link* article as your new Funding & Development VP. I can't believe that another League year is coming to an end. Time flies when you're having fun, right?

It has certainly been fun to serve the League in this capacity over the past year. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the members of the Funding & Development Council and all the Junior League of Raleigh (JLR) members who served a placement with one of our funding teams this year.

You are an inspiring group of women, and I have watched in amazement as you have planned and executed successful fundraisers, despite the many challenges we have been faced with during these uncertain economic times.

You have devoted countless hours to your JLR placement. You have spent time that required you to be away from your husbands, significant others, children, family, friends, jobs and other important commitments in your life. I know that it has not always been easy, and I recognize the sacrifices you have made along the way to make it happen. I am profoundly grateful.

It has been an honor and a privilege for me to work along side of you. I have learned so much from each of you and know that I am a better person and stronger leader because of the time we have spent working together. Congratulations on your achievements, and thank you for sharing a part of yourself with me!

## You're Invited... to look back on the year!

By Samantha Saxenmeyer and Katie Johnson

The end of the current Junior League year offers a good opportunity to look back at the progress that Team You're Invited has made on the Junior League of Raleigh's new cookbook, which is due to be released in the spring of 2010. When the year began in September, our team made a huge request of the League by asking our membership to submit at least 500 recipes for the new cookbook. We were floored when we received more than 1,000 recipe submissions—twice our original recipe submission goal! Over the past few months, we have been grateful to the League members, family and friends for signing up to test, taste and evaluate all of these recipes. Since each recipe had to be tested at least twice, our League members really stepped up to pitch in and help out!

With approximately 200 recipes selected for our new cookbook, Team *You're Invited* has been working on the next phase in the process of bringing our cookbook to life: writing commentary, staging photo shoots and soliciting sponsorships so our new cookbook will be ready to print.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact Sara Van Asch Sara.VanAsch@sas.com or Meg Ergenzinger mergenzi@aol.com. Team *You're Invited* wishes you a relaxing summer with family and friends, and you're all invited back to share the launch of your new Junior League of Raleigh cookbook next year!







## Wine Gala at The Fresh Market

Along with The Fresh Market, Team You're Invited hosted a Wine Gala on March 25 at the Falls Village location. Guests were able to sample wines from many regions along with appropriate food pairings. The tastings began with beef tenderloin and Shiraz and ended with Godiva chocolate and Champagne! It was a wonderful evening, enjoyed by Provisionals, Actives, Sustainers and even husbands and dates!





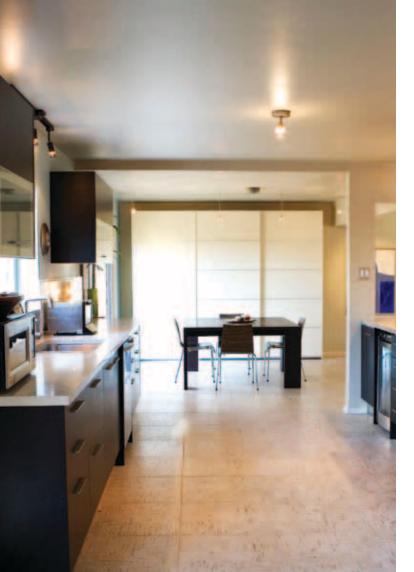








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### Showcase of Kitchens Year in Review

We would like to thank our dedicated Showcase of Kitchens team, our sponsors and all of those who volunteered to help with this year's event! We appreciate all of the support and hard work put forth on behalf of the third annual Showcase of Kitchens. Thanks to your generous efforts, this year's event was an overwhelming success! Be sure to check the September issue of the Link for photos and a final report on funds raised for the Center for Community Leadership.





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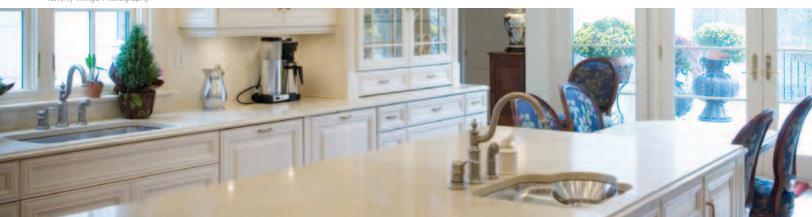
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#### Enduring Elements, New Twists and the Men Behind the Ball

By Nancy Bromhal, Julie Woodson and Arielle Dozier

North Carolinians tend to have differing opinions on certain things: where to get the best barbeque, who plays the best beach music and what team will ultimately win the ACC tournament. Despite our differences, we can all agree that our beautiful state is home to many outstanding people and successful businesses. What better way to showcase North Carolina's Finest then at the 2009 Governors' Inaugural Ball!

The Junior League of Raleigh hosted the Governor's Inaugural Ball for the 19th time on January 8-9. In Inaugural Ball tradition, the formal event brought thousands of guests together to celebrate a new chapter in our state's history. It was all possible due to the efforts of four committed chairs, a conscientious committee and several hundred additional volunteers pitching in—working an estimated 21,000 hours on the Inaugural Ball.

The Inaugural Ball, an ongoing tradition for the League, boasted five distinct new elements in 2009. Not only did the Inaugural Ball fete North Carolina's first woman governor, Beverly Perdue, but the majority of the council of state members also are female. The series of events January 8-9 began with the delightful Council of State Reception at the new Raleigh Marriott City Center. The new council and guests enjoyed delicious food and beverages and a fun band, while Inaugural Ball Co-chair and Sustainer Virginia Parker introduced the new Lieutenant Governor Walter Dalton and the entire council.

The Council of State Reception was followed by a new Inaugural Ball event, the Rock the Ball Concert, at the Lincoln Theatre. The affordable, casual event gave voters—younger voters in particular—an additional way to commemorate the state's new leaders. Pico vs. Island Trees opened the concert, followed by Dillon Fence, providing many Junior League members a fun trip down memory lane.

The Governor-elect's Reception, Gala Presentation and Inaugural Ball brought many guests to the new Raleigh Convention Center (RCC) for the first time. The new RCC was an elegant and interesting setting for the events. The Gala Presentation was held in the Convention Center's Exhibit Hall in the lower level, and the actual Inaugural Ball took over the top floors, with Fantasy playing the Grand Ballroom, Rick McClanahan in the middle area and Chatham County Line and Tres Chicas sharing the Mezzanine.

The lavish food for the evening was elevated by the offerings of guest chefs from across the state. Thirteen guest chefs hit our state's culinary highlights, including western North Carolina barbecue (Hursey's in Burlington) and eastern North Carolina barbecue (Wilber's of Goldsboro), crab dip from Elijah's of Wilmington and crab cakes from Irregardless Café, and sweet potato fritters from On the Square in Tarboro and butterbean hummus from Kinston's Chef & the Farmer. The chefs were located in the main lobby of the Convention Center, creating another interesting dimension of the evening.







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In addition to the diverse musical offerings of the Ball, the Gala Presentation featured several national musicians. Jazz saxophonist Branford Marsalis, with Joey Calderazzo on piano, mesmerized guests with "Hope". Country star Eric Church rocked the crowd with his hit "Carolina". Production of the Gala Presentation was handled by Raleigh-based Deep South Entertainment, which was in charge of tying elements of the event together like staging, lighting, video and sound. "Our job was to make sure hundreds of elements came together at the right time," said Deep South co-owner Dave Rose. "As producer, we want to operate invisibly so that the event is seamless."

However, Rose quickly points out that it was actually the League volunteers who made the event possible. "I was amazed at the number of volunteers who came forward and participated in making this event happen," Rose said. "I was humbled to be a part of such an extraordinary event with such extraordinary volunteers. The Junior League and how you make this event happen and what you do for the community is absolutely amazing."

One of the performers during the Gala, singer and pianist Vienna Teng, is managed by Deep South. Artist management, another of Deep South's components, is actually how the company got its start. Rose and friend Andy Martin, both N.C. State University alums, began operating a small independent record label in 1995—working out of the third bedroom of their apartment. Over the years, they have managed such artists as Marcy Playground, Bruce Hornsby and Little Feat.

While people in "the business" encouraged a move to big music centers, like New York, Los Angeles or Nashville, Rose and Martin decided to stay with their roots and keep their business in Raleigh. That means they travel a lot and they've opened a small office in Nashville, but ultimately they enjoy keeping Raleigh as their home base.

Today, the "Men Behind the Ball" are involved with local events such as the Downtown Live Concert Series in downtown Raleigh, which is co-produced by the Raleigh Convention Center. The series has become the largest free outdoor series in the Southeast and is held every other Saturday in the summer. They also produce or co-produce other large events in the area, including Raleigh Wide Open and the NC Ag Jam. The company also operates an international concert event company having produced shows in Jamaica, Bahamas, Spain and Puerto Rico.

Vienna Teng will return to Raleigh on May 11 to perform at the Lincoln Theater in downtown Raleigh. Five dollars from every ticket will benefit the Junior League of Raleigh. To buy tickets, visit www.etix.com.

Beyond the new events, national music and noteworthy food, the most compelling aspect of the Inaugural Ball is hands-down the most enduring: the Junior League of Raleigh hosts the Inaugural Ball as a fundraiser for the community and is the only League in the country to have that honor. As past Inaugural Balls have driven SAFEchild, Boys & Girls Clubs and other community projects, the 2009 Inaugural Ball will help make the League's new Center for Community Leadership a reality.

A gracious thanks to the following restaurants for their role in the 2009 Governor's Inaugural Ball: Chef & the Farmer, Kinston; Elijah's, Wilmington; Herons, Cary; Hursey's Bar-B-Q, Burlington; Inn on Biltmore Estate, Asheville; Noble's Grills, Winston-Salem; On the Square, Tarboro; Second Empire Restaurant and Tavern, Raleigh; Simplicity at The Mast Farm Inn, Valle Crucis; The Gamekeeper, Boone; Wilber's Barbecue, Goldsboro; William's Fine Dining, Morehead City.

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- 1) Governor Beverly Perdue dances at the Gala Presentation with husband Bob Eaves.
- 2) Beverly Perdue as a child shown at the Gala Presentation.
- 3) JLR President Virginia Yopp welcomes a capacity crowd at the Gala Presentation.
- 4) 2009 IB Program Committee member, 2001 IB Co-chair and former League president Danita Morgan with husband Chris White.
- 5) The fast tapping feet of the NC State University Wolfpack Cloggers perform at the Gala Presentation.
- 6) Emmett Perdue, Secretary of State Elaine Marshall celebrate with IB Co-chair Virginia Parker at Rock the Ball.
- 7) 2005 IB Co-chair Linda Douglas enjoys the Governorelect's reception with IB Co-chair Rhonda Beatty.
- 8) North Carolina native and national country music artist Eric Church performs his hit "Carolina" at the Gala Presentation.
- 9) ABC-11's Steve Daniels and Tisha Powell entertained the crowd as Gala Presentation emcees.
- 10) IB Co-chair Rhonda Beatty parties at the Inaugural Ball with friends Cindy Humphrey and Tami Sakiewicz as headline band Fantasy gets the crowd moving.
- 11) Guests enjoy dancing at the Inaugural Ball.
- 12) Pico Vs. Island Trees drummer gets the party started at Rock the Ball.

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- 13) IB Co-chair Virginia Parker and husband Monty.
- 14) Second Empire chefs prepare delicious tastings for guests.
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- 17) IB Ticketing & Seating committee Co-chair Christina Coffee and Jeanna-Marie Tiller.
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- 20) Guests chefs put the finishing touches on signature appetizers.

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- 30) Former JLR president Linda Nunnallee, Robert Wright and former JLR president Mary Brent Wright have a ball.
- 31) George Crouch, Karen Crouch, Melinda Crouch, Lucille Dalton, W. Lee Crouch, and Lt. Gov. Walter Dalton enjoy time together at the Ball.
- 32) IB Co-chair Rhonda Beatty and ABC 11 Eyewitness News public affairs director Monica Barnes.

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## After a Year of Ups and Downs Opportunity is

## Opportunity is Abound at the Bargain Box

More Reasons and Ways to Donate

By Lanier McRee

With the recent economic down turn, everyone is tightening their belts, and our community needs the Bargain Box now more than ever. With its low-cost, high-quality clothing, the Bargain Box is a great place to shop for a suit for an upcoming job interview or for new outfits for the kids. While the "Box" is helping many members of our community weather this economic storm, it also is vital to our League, bringing in approximately \$125,000 a year to support Junior League of Raleigh (JLR) programs.

October 2008 was the biggest month in Bargain Box history. Our advertisements in North Carolina State University's *Technician* boosted costume sales and helped the "Box" surpass its sales record. As the economics majors among us know, to meet the increase in demand for Bargain Box clothes, we need to increase supply. That is, just as the community needs the Bargain Box, it needs you and your donations! Without your gently used clothing, the "Box" could not operate.

You know that you are required to donate \$100 worth of clothing every year in order to remain in good standing with the League,

but you can always give more! All donations are tax deductible, and we have come up with two great ways to help the Bargain Box.

If you are anything like me, you hold on to clothes thinking you will wear them "one of these days." If you are having trouble deciding what to clean out of your closet this spring, try these simple tips to figure out what needs to go:

- Turn all of the hangers in your closet around so they are backwards.
- As you wear your clothes, put them back in the closet the other ("normal") way.
- After a few months, donate or get rid of everything that is still turned backwards.

Halloween may seem far away, but here is a great opportunity for the Bargain Box...and for you. No one wears the same costume twice, so why not donate your old costumes? This year, for the first time, we will have a costume drive at the September General Membership Meeting (GMM). So, find those old costumes—or Halloween-worthy out of date clothes—and bring them to the GMM for a little added fun, and help us break our new sales record next October!

Finally, talk to your non-League friends, and encourage them to support the Bargain Box. In January, I asked my 20 co-workers if they had any gently-used clothing they no longer wore, so I could take it to the Bargain Box for them. I was amazed at how much they brought in (and it was not even spring cleaning time yet!). What an easy way to help the Bargain Box increase donations.

So, start your Spring Cleaning, gather your old Halloween costumes, ask your colleagues and surpass your \$100 quota.



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## A special thank you to all of the Sustaining Advisors for the 2008-2009 League year!

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## Please join us for the annual Sustainer Luncheon at the Executive Mansion

Please join us for the annual Sustainer luncheon to be held at noon on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at the Executive Mansion. Payment of \$35 must be received by May 15 in order to secure your reservation. Further details are included in the invitation. Please respond to Lori Woods at 919-787-7480 or lori@jlraleigh.org.

## Junior League of Raleigh Annual Meeting

The Junior League of Raleigh's final General Membership Meeting and end-of-year celebration will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12 at the Rialto Theatre (1620 Glenwood Ave.). The celebration begins with our pre-meeting social at The Point (1626 Glenwood Ave.) at 6 p.m.! Appetizers will be provided. Due to the nature of this event, we are not able to provide gratis alcohol. You will need cash or a credit card to purchase beverages. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Lunch Bunch

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The holidays may be over, but why not add to next year's ornament collection now?

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Buy yours today by calling Lori Woods at Headquarters, 919-787-7480.



## The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same

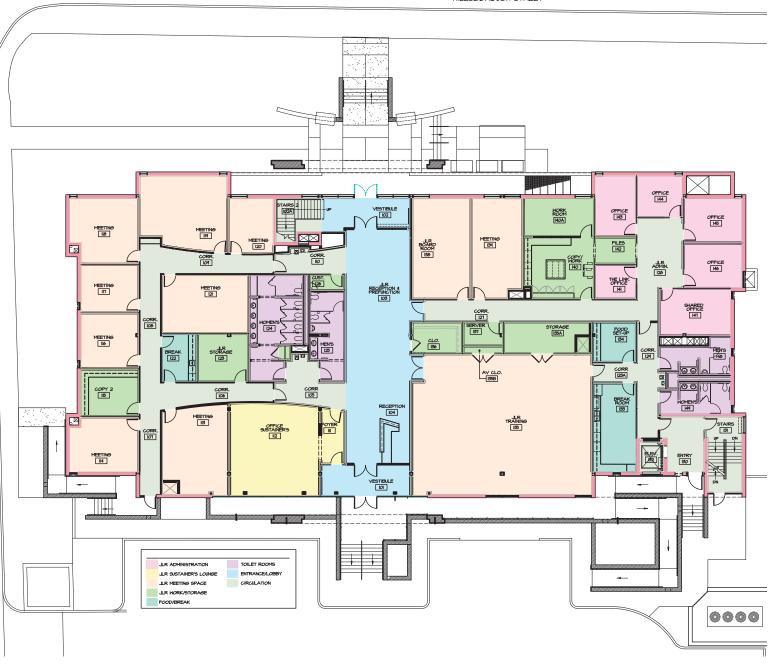
By Susan Bowers

Do we still own that building at 711 Hillsborough Street? Are we ever going to move to our new headquarters? Will the Center for Community Leadership ever open? Is anyone doing any work on getting this project started? Will construction ever begin? These are some of the many questions that have been asked over the past several months. The phrase, the more things change, the more they stay the same answers them all!

Yes, the Junior League of Raleigh (JLR) does still own the building located at 711 Hillsborough Street, and work is continuing every day to open the doors of the Center for Community Leadership. That part has stayed the same!

But, there have been some changes along the way. While these changes are exciting, they have caused us to take the road a little slower! Capital Broadcasting, our tenant in 711 Hillsborough Street, informed us that they were vacating the entire first floor of the building in late 2008. What does this mean? Instead of opening our doors with a tenant occupying part of the first floor, the League is now able to have the entire first floor for meeting and conference rooms for the Center for Community Leadership. As you may recall, on the Hillsborough Street side, we were planning to have a reception desk to serve our downstairs tenants. Without that once necessary desk area, we have been able to expand the foyer area for greater visibility to Hillsborough Street.





No longer do we have to worry with having separate areas downstairs for our tenants and JLR use—we have it all—14,000 square feet instead of just 9,000! We have been able to add some curved walls to our designs to give our space some flair. And with the increased meeting/conference space, we have had to revisit our engineering designs to accommodate the additional air flow needed for our meeting rooms. All this takes time and careful planning.

While things look the same on the outside, things on the inside have definitely changed! It is exciting to be able to plan for the entire first floor use—exclusively for JLR and the Center for Community Leadership, but that additional square footage has required some additional planning. So, while it may look like things have been staying the same, they have been changing and updating on a daily basis. We are on target to start our construction in the upcoming months. The answers to all of those questions are a resounding *yes!* This is an exciting time for our League!







#### A Year In Review

By Wendy Webster

What a year for the Community Chicks! As we look back over the last year, we are proud of our accomplishments in the community and within our teams. We have learned a lot about the characteristics of leadership, and as volunteers we all work to improve those skill-sets every day. We walk away from this year with many new friendships that will continue to flourish throughout our volunteerism with the Junior League of Raleigh!

## Here are the learnings of the Community Chicks...

- Getting to know our team members
- Project Management
- Strategic Communication
- Socials
- Running together
- Maintaining focus and poise during intense deadlines
- Managing difficult conversations
- Creating friendships that are meaningful and lasting!



## "iHola, Ya'll!"

Helping Hispanic Children Find Their Way

By Anna Choi

When I first told Pepe Caudillo, director of the Brentwood Boys and Girls Club (BGC), that I would be writing an article about him and his work with the Club, his response surprised me. "Oh, my gosh! What an honor! Are you sure, me?" He's very humble about the support and encouragement he gives to the children at the Club.

Pepe's arrival at the Boys and Girls Club almost never happened. In his prior employment as editor of La Connexion, a Spanishlanguage newspaper, he was involved with various local organizations and non-profits. As such, he was aware of the BGC initiative to develop a program to support the local Hispanic community. On the same day he left his job at La Connexion, he contacted the BGC about their opening for a Latino outreach coordinator. The BGC staff was impressed with Pepe's credentials and hired him that day. He worked in this position until June of 2007 when he began serving as the director of the new Brentwood BGC in Raleigh. The title "director" implies that he only manages and directs others, but truthfully, he does it all. As director, Pepe recruits and encourages children to join the Club by talking to parents, teachers in nearby schools and church leaders. Once children join the club, his job really begins. Pepe works to assure that programming is meeting the needs of the children, prepares reports regarding membership, donations, etc. and even cleans the center itself. In Pepe's words, "There's nothing I ask my staff to do that I won't do; I need to set an example for them and the kids." Pepe also follows-up with children and families who leave the Club without explanation. If a child stops attending, he works diligently to find out why and whether it's because the parents no





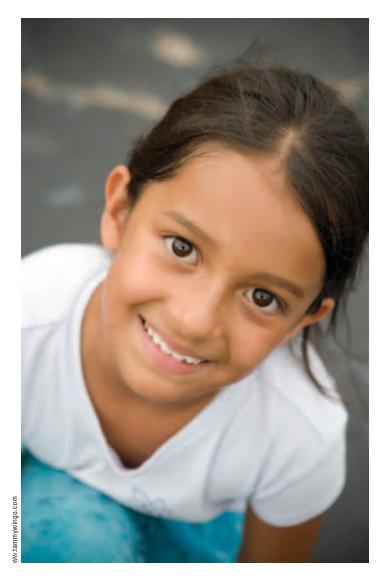
longer have transportation, changes in the parents' work schedules or whether the family has moved. If there is anything he can do to bring the child back to the Club, he does it.

While the needs of the Brentwood Club children are similar to those at other Boys and Girls Clubs, many have additional challenges. First, there is a language barrier for most of the parents who speak little or no English. Second, things we take for granted can be difficult and confusing to parents who have recently arrived from other countries. Pepe points out, "In other countries, the way you rent an apartment or sign a child up for school is very different than how it is done here." In addition to parents with limited education (and thus limited knowledge to assist their children with schoolwork), many parents work multiple jobs and have limited means of transportation.

Pepe loves living in North Carolina, but he speaks fondly of his childhood in Mexico. He was born in Mexico City in the 1960's, a city that couldn't be more different from Raleigh. More than eight million people live in the city itself (more than 22 million in the larger metropolitan area), and the altitude of the city is higher than Grandfather Mountain. His parents worked for the

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government in the national education department, and he was one of three brothers. His younger brother, Miguel Angel, died in a tragic accident in 1993, but Pepe is still supported by Miguel's memory. "I think of him every day. He is always here for me."

Pepe did well in school and attended the National Technical University of Mexico in Mexico City, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. He worked as an accountant for several years, but the business climate was challenging and it was hard to succeed. During that time, he kept in touch with childhood friends who had moved to North Carolina. They encouraged him to move to Raleigh, sharing stories of things that he never saw in Mexico City—trees and animals everywhere! Raleigh sounded different and interesting, so with the support of his wife, Sandy, they moved to Raleigh in 1997.

When Pepe arrived in Raleigh, his first thought was "Where are all the people?" Driving the highways was a thrill for him because they were "long and flat with no holes" as compared to the roads in Mexico City. However, what amazed him the most were the local animals. Within the first few weeks, he saw a deer

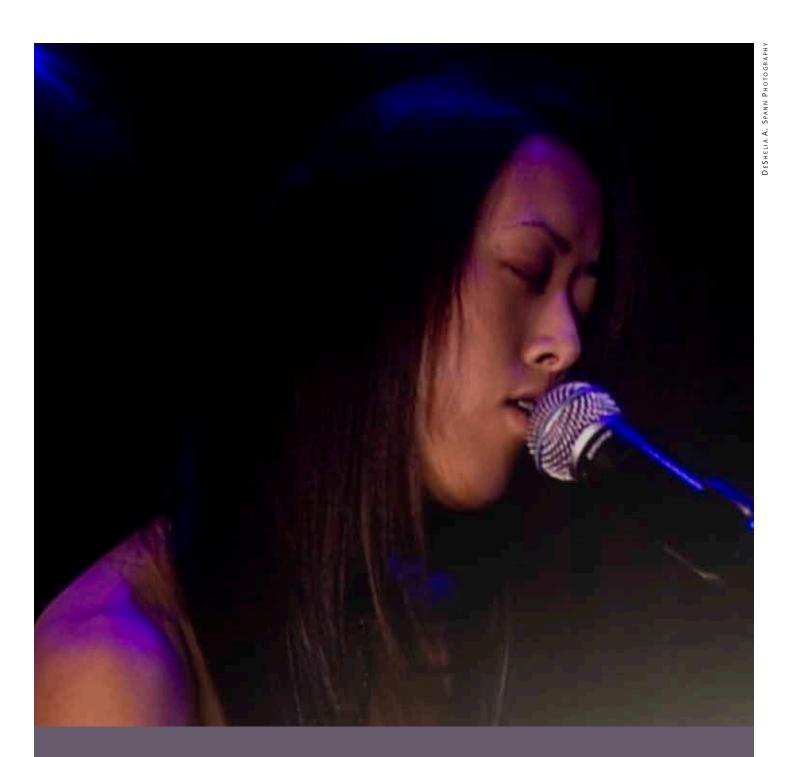


("beautiful!"), ducks in flight, squirrels and opossums. He was fascinated by all of them.

Pepe says that the transition from Mexico City to Raleigh wasn't hard because he arrived with the mindset that he was going somewhere different and was looking forward to discovering new things. "I wanted to accept whatever was here." When asked what was most difficult about his move to North Carolina, he acknowledges it was learning the English language and adjusting to the flavor of the food. Pepe is quick to say that the local food is tasty and healthy, but he misses the flavors of food he loved in Mexico. As for English, he thought he could speak it well before he arrived in North Carolina. However, in hindsight, he realizes that the fact that he failed his English class in middle school should have been a hint that he would face some challenges. He quickly learned that classroom English in Mexico City was vastly different than conversational English in Raleigh, but after about three years, he felt comfortable with his ability to converse fluently.

Pepe admits that his life wouldn't be as wonderful as it is without the love and support of his family. He's been married to Sandy Castro for 18 years, and they have two daughters, May (12) and Lorena (9). Pepe's daughters love to spend time at the center, and he is quick to tell you that they are excellent students, they never give him and Sandy any trouble and he works hard to spend as much time as he can with them, especially on the weekends.

In the future, Pepe would like the Center to have a more functional gym, a surfaced play area to allow for different types of outdoor sports and more space and resources for art and education programs. "Recently we have had days with 100 kids, but I wish we could hold 200." Pepe considers himself blessed to work with the children, and he's very grateful to the League for its support of his Center. He wants to work with the Center for years to come, and who knows—maybe in five years or so we'll hear him telling the children, "Ponerse en línea, ya'll" ("get in line, ya'll").



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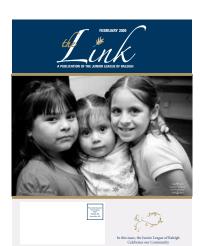
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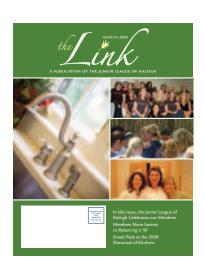
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In an organization as big as the Junior League of Raleigh (JLR), with more than 750 Active members working on a wide range of projects to support promising youth in Wake County, it is sometimes difficult to see the enormity of the work we do. The 2008-2009 Communications & Strategies teams have done a brilliant job of breaking this down for you and highlighting the impact the JLR has had on Raleigh this League year. They also have skillfully identified potential areas for growth and effective change.

Our League publications, *the Link* and *eLink*, continue to evolve, not just in design and content, but in terms of the quality of both the writing and the ideas we share. Jennifer Culberson, Sarah White, Eva Parks Spero and Blair Winter are the energy behind this amazing publication, which you are reading for the sixth time this year. I commend them and their hardworking *the Link* staff for their dedication and hours of work this year! Ashley Campbell is to thank for our clean and timely, monthly *eLinks*. We also are so grateful for Ashley's assistance in strategizing for the Web site overhaul, which will take place during the upcoming League year.

Rachel Davis Mersey is to be commended for her amazing work on this year's Showcase of Kitchens tour booklet along with her steady support of the Communications and Strategies Council throughout the year.

Michelle Cook and her Bright Ideas team have worked tirelessly to pull together some fantastic new placement and project ideas for our League. Our League's excellent reputation leads to rising expectations for us year after year. Taking on new placements and projects, like those the Bright Ideas team has researched and developed this year, allows us to continue to meet and even exceed these expectations.

Ashley Parker and team Project Guide have done a superior job of reworking tired surveys, improving functionality and aesthetics. This tiny team of three made a massive impact with the information they collected and brought back to our League this year.

The Public Relations Team, led by Shade Maret, continues to strengthen our League's status as Raleigh's pinnacle source for trained volunteers. These ladies have demonstrated effective support and commitment to our League's continued effort to be Mission Driven and Community Focused!

Team Government Relations and Public Affairs (GRAPA) helped organize and manage two successful events with the League of Women Voters this year. They also hosted a State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) two-day event in April, which involved much planning, logistics and even catering by the GRAPA team! Kudos to Cady Thomas and Team GRAPA!

Thanks also to all of our League members who participated in the Members Supporting Members articles in this year's *the Links*. The stories of their challenges and the advice they were able to provide from their experiences have connected members in the most remarkable ways. It is so very gratifying to volunteer my time with such a courageous, devoted and inspiring group of women!

#### Past President Named to AJLI Board

By Erin T. Hall

During her tenure as last year's Junior League of Raleigh (JLR) president, Linda Brown Douglas dared to "Dream the Boldest Dreams." In the early 90's, as a Provisional Transfer to JLR, Linda likely never dreamed just where her League path would take her. Her road to various positions of leadership and voluntarism were supported and encouraged by her peers, who saw her potential and helped her to evolve her contributions to the League. Last month, a new milestone was reached when Linda was voted one of the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) newest At-Large Directors at the annual conference.

#### What is AJLI?

The Association of Junior Leagues International is based in New York City and provides comprehensive consultation, training and other support services that assist the leadership of the 292 Junior Leagues throughout Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom and the United States. AJLI is governed by a 19-member Board of Directors, all of whom are members of the Junior League in their communities. The Board is accountable to the Leagues for the development of goals, which enhance Leagues' ability to fulfill the Junior League mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

#### Linda's Path to AJLI

After serving our League and community for the past 16 years, Linda speaks fondly about what has come to be called 'people lifting'- when others nominate, encourage and enthusiastically support another member to take on responsibilities and growth opportunities. "I've felt League members holding my hand or giving me a gentle shove since I began in this organization," Linda said. She spoke about the year Anne Ramsay was president and how Anne used the book, 'To Lead is to Serve' to teach her team. Anne brought the author to our board training to talk about the book, Linda recalled.

"All year, we took that book apart, a little at a time, and I took in everything Anne was trying to teach us," she said. Later that year, Linda attended an Organization Development Institute to receive more training from League members in other parts of the country. "I think that was the year I truly understood the value of the Junior League. It was more than about just doing volunteer work. But that work is combined with personal growth, community development and relationship building. I treasure all of those riches I've gained from my experiences in the League."

After the conclusion of Linda's presidency last year, President Virginia Yopp suggested that Linda apply for a position on the AJLI Board. "The reason why I felt Linda would be a good



candidate for the AJLI Board position is because Linda is so curious and inquisitive that she is constantly looking for different perspectives surrounding an issue or opportunity," Virginia said. "This sort of leadership quality brings a fair and balanced approach to a board and one I feel will truly benefit AJLI." Virginia also said that Linda is a motivator and genuinely cares about the organizations she works with, taking time to recognize others. JLR can benefit from having Linda's firsthand information from the Board to clarify AJLI's position on issues. "Linda's role as an AJLI Board member can also benefit our League in that we have an opportunity to shine through Linda, and believe me, Linda WILL shine," she added.

Other JLR women have been appointed to AJLI Board positions, including Julia Daniels, Mary Brent Wright and Jennie Hayman. "As a Junior League of Raleigh member I am so proud that Linda will be serving on the AJLI Board of Directors," said Jennie Hayman. "AJLI recognizes what we have long known and that is

that Linda is an exceptional leader and volunteer. She has much to offer the Association. "

#### Looking Forward

Linda is excited about making a contribution to AJLI. "As a board member for the Association, I will have an opportunity to help this organization continue to move forward. It's motivating to read the Association's history or see a video of how our teenage founder, Mary Harriman, sought to make a difference in the New York tenement area even though it wasn't the cool thing to do. The Association and Junior Leagues around the country have been helping to improve this country for more than 100 years. I was given the opportunity to help lead in Raleigh's work last year, and I feel blessed to have that opportunity on an international level."

Linda's contributions will not be limited to AJLI – she noted that a nice thing about her leadership experience means other organizations have taken notice, and there are many invitations to sit on various boards. This gives her an opportunity to suggest other names and talent when appropriate. "We meet an incredible number of outstanding women in this organization, and I don't think their talents should go to waste." Linda believes in the importance of 'people lifting'. "I don't want anyone to miss out," she said, "it's just that the League provides incredible training opportunities that you just can't get anywhere else – at least not for free!"

#### Want to know more about AJLI?

Linda noted that while many of the appointments to the AJLI Board and AJLI Nominating Committee have been past presidents, that is not a requirement, and she encouraged all members with an interest to go learn more about AJLI. AJLI has a content-rich Web site, and it is full of resources for all Junior League members. One can log onto www.ajli.org by simply using her JLR number to enroll on the site. After entering your JLR number, the system will verify your number and membership, and you can set up a user name and password. Some highlights of the Web site include:

- Information about all Board Members, Nominating Committee Members and Senior Staff.
- AJLI history and timeline
- 'Ask AJLI' post questions from where to find supplies to updating training to governance questions
- Interactive tools for training and sharing information, including networking
- Group forums if you would like to lead a forum to share ideas
- Articles, film clips and press releases of interest
- Member benefits (see inset)
- The Junior League Shopping Mall a portal to raise funds via internet purchases
- And much more! Check it out today!

## Did you know you have special benefits with AJLI??

The Association of Junior Leagues International Inc. (AJLI) leverages the collective purchasing power of Junior League members to provide individual and group discounts for a number of products and services. On the AJLI site, look under Services, Benefits for You to learn more about these great benefits. The following League member benefits have been selected to accommodate the varied needs and interests of the Junior League membership:

- Junior League Affinity Credit Card
- Preferred Rates at Hotels and Resorts
- Car Rental Discounts
- Eliminate ID Theft
- Group Insurance Plans
- Teleflora Discount 10% discount
- E. & J. Gallo Winery check site for current discounts!
- Original Oil Portraits

#### More League Benefits

AJLI also provides programs that benefit individual Junior Leagues. One fundraising opportunity in particular is the Junior League Shopping Mall. Shoppers begin at the Junior League shopping mall and designate a League of their choice to benefit from their shopping and then enter the retailer's Web site. Retailers of all kinds ranging from Target to Talbots to REI are available. Simply click on the link to give it a try! Many more stores are listed, and JLR can benefit from your online purchases: http://ajli.fundlinkllc.com/



## May We Recommend

#### A Wallet Friendly Summer

By Cheydelle Carr and Team Nominating

Whether you are a single lady looking to get away with girlfriends or a busy parent who is looking for some family fun, summer is a great time to reconnect with family and friends. Unfortunately, finding the time and money to do so can be challenging. Team Nominating has put together some fun, low-cost ideas for you to entertain when putting your summer social calendar together:

- 1. Museums. Raleigh has several museums such as the African American Cultural Complex Museum and the Marbles Kids Museum. Museums are a very low cost way to learn and have fun at the same time. www.visitnc.com
- 2. Summer camp. If you have kids, you know that it can be difficult to keep them occupied during the summer. Camps are a great way to keep children active physically and mentally. Visit the link below for some reasonably priced summer camps. http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/coop\_ed/precollege/
- 3. Free music. The Raleigh Downtown Live concert series is located in Moore Square Park. These outdoor concerts are child friendly during the day and evolve into an adult atmosphere at night <a href="https://www.raleighdowntownlive.com">www.raleighdowntownlive.com</a>. Also, enjoy the beach music series at North Hills every Thursday evening from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. on The Commons. <a href="https://www.northhillsraleigh.com/">http://www.northhillsraleigh.com/</a>
- 4. Healthy living. Shop the best fruits and veggies from local farmers at the Farmers Market. There are several locations throughout the Raleigh area.
- 5. The great outdoors. Shelley Lake, located in North Raleigh, is a 37-acre lake where visitors can fish, sail, row boat, bike, hike and picnic. Admission is free!
- 6. Artsplosure. The Raleigh Arts Festival is a fun event that takes place May 16 –17 in Moore Square, located in Downtown Raleigh.
- 7. NC Wineries. Grab your girlfriends or your husband and visit a local winery for a fun, free wine tastings. www.visitncwine.com
- 8. Fun and games. Take the kids to Frankie's Fun Adventure Restaurant or Adventure Landing. Some of the attractions include go carts, miniature golf and laser tag. Events are priced separately but are less than \$10 each.



## Spread the dream of community service join a community agency board

The Junior League of Raleigh (JLR) helps link our outstanding volunteers to community agencies seeking board members. If you are interested in serving on a community board, please submit the Community Board Questionnaire found in the member area of the JLR Web site, www.jlraleigh.org.

Contact Molly Shepherd Nichols at mfshepherd@yahoo.com or Jennifer Olson at Jennifer.L.Olson@ncmail. net with any questions.





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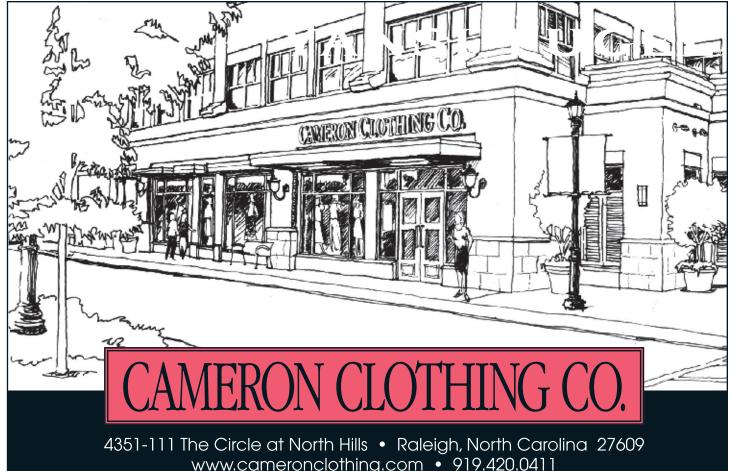


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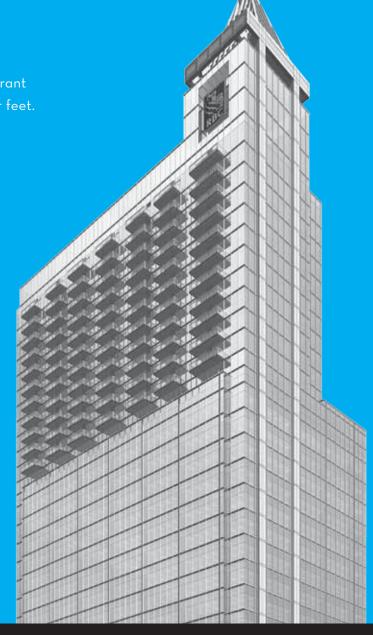
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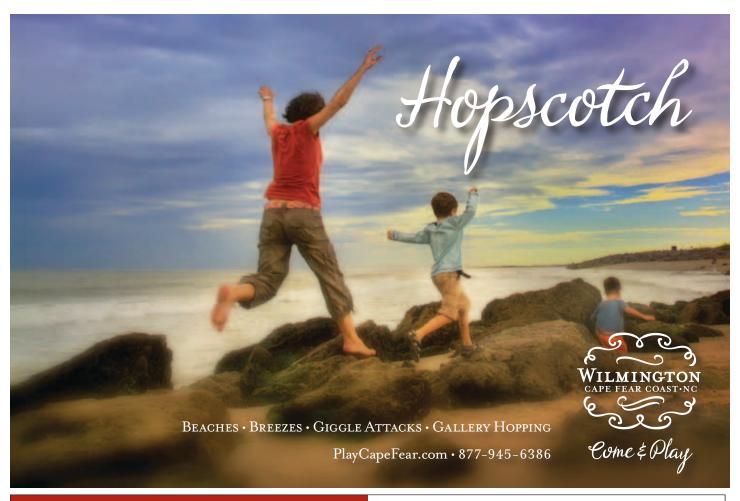
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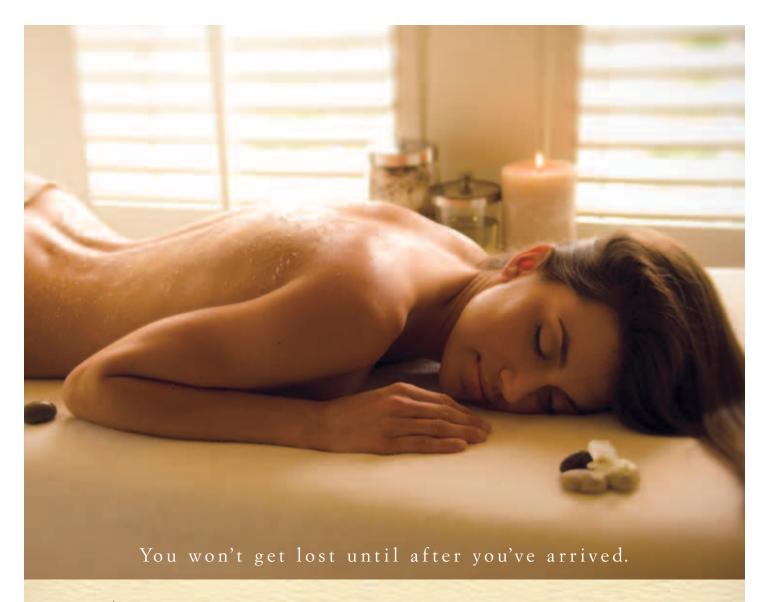
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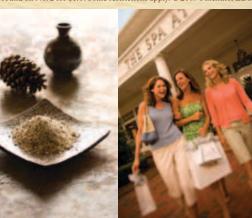
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