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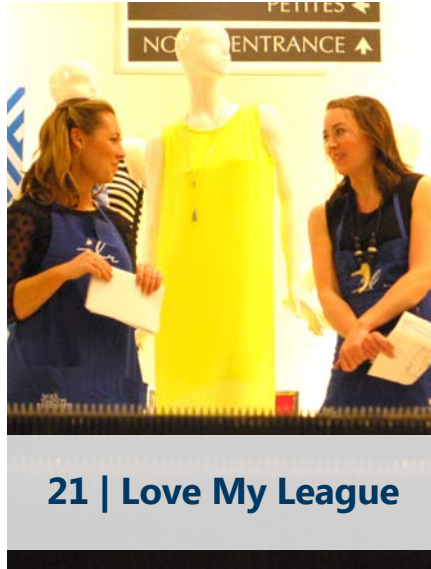


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It has been an incredible year serving as your President for the Junior League of Raleigh. When I joined the League in 1998, I knew that I would be part of a group of women who had a strong commitment to improving the lives of women and children in Wake County. I knew the League was a team of highly trained volunteers who were not shy about digging in and getting their hands dirty to push changes forward. I could not have imagined the full extent of the League's far-reaching impact until I got to know my fellow members.

It is an exciting time for our League. This year we voted to establish a new governance structure, one that creates a strategic Board of Directors and a day-to-day operationally-focused Management Council. Our new model will allow for better management of one of the largest Leagues in the country while also creating more leadership opportunities for our members. Thank you for your support of this important milestone for our League!

We have a rich history of touching lives and carrying our League experiences with us into our jobs, homes and additional volunteer opportunities. These experiences change the lives of the women and children who we help and enrich the lives of our members at the same time.

Thank you for investing your time and talents to impact women and children across Wake County. More than 700 women volunteer over 21,000 hours annually, directly serving women and children. Examples of our efforts include:

- preparing new moms to care for their babies;
- providing clothing through our Bargain Box vouchers program at Cameron Village for job interviews and back to school for families for whom these essentials are not available;
- packing meals for children to take home on the weekend when school food is not available and meals may be scarce;
- enhancing elementary and middle school children's confidence through one-on-one homework help;
- and leading therapeutic horseback riding programs for children with disabilities.

We continue to shape new leaders and provide educational opportunities for Wake County nonprofits and businesses. Through programs such as Community Connect, our award-winning Capital Leadership Initiative and our third annual Women's Empowerment Conference, we continue to demonstrate our commitment to sharpening and advancing the skills of League members and community friends and partners.

The Junior League of Raleigh continues its 86-year history of providing monetary support to community agencies. Funds raised during events like A Shopping SPREE! and Belk's Love My League fashion night enable the work that we do and provide the resources to award grants to Wake County community agencies that exhibit a need and have a strong impact on the community. Our beloved Bargain Box has returned to profitability this year thanks to the dedication and commitment of our membership. The next time you are in Cameron Village, stop by Bargain Box and check out our clothing, household goods and books. It will be hard to leave empty handed!

Thank you for your passion and enthusiasm for building on our rich history of service as we continue to partner with the community to make Wake County a better place for children and their families. Together, we will continue to impact the women and children who need it the most!

Best,

Kathryn West



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THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF RALEIGH'S Member Awards

Each year, Junior League of Raleigh members are recognized at the May General Membership Meeting with various awards. These awards recognize members who have made a significant impact on the Junior League of Raleigh during the current League year. Nominated by fellow members and selected by the Nominating Committee, these women are described by others with whom they have served as being inspiring, persevering and fulfilling the mission of the League. Congratulations to these women, and to all of us who carry our mission forward in our actions today and every day.



Sustainer of the Year Award

Chancy Kapp, member since 1991

The Sustainer of the Year Award is given to a Sustainer for her dedicated work within our League and other volunteer and community organizations. Chancy Kapp exemplifies what it means to be a Sustainer. Using her love of music to direct the Junior League Chorus this year and remain connected with the active membership of the Junior League, Chancy has also served on the boards of numerous community and statewide organizations and most recently, with her husband as honorary chairs of the SAFEchild Annual Campaign.

Sustainer Legacy Award

Jeanne Clay, member since 1995

The Sustainer Legacy Award recognizes a Sustainer for her exemplary work on a League fundraiser. Jeanne Clay continues to go above and beyond for the Junior League of Raleigh. Her efforts this year with the Bargain Box have been critical to its recent revitalization. She has shared a wealth of knowledge and experience with our League leadership while working to develop an action plan for the Bargain Box. This League fundraiser and important cornerstone in our community would not be where it is today without Jeanne's commitment to helping the League.



Darlene Shelton Outstanding Provisional Award

Carley Jane Wilson, member since 2016

The Darlene Shelton Outstanding Provisional Award recognizes a provisional member for dedicated service to our League. In a provisional class of 160 women, Carley Jane Wilson has been a true standout. During the Kids in the Kitchen spring project, she took on a leadership role as the Healthy Eating committee chair of the White Memorial event, engaging all members and keeping everyone on track to organize a fantastic event.





Outstanding First-Year Member Award

Samantha Graham | member since 2015

The Outstanding First-Year Member Award recognizes a First-Year Active for going above and beyond the requirements of her volunteer placement. Samantha Graham can often be found tutoring students at the Brentwood Boys and Girls Club. As a coach and mentor for the Youth of the Year competition, she has volunteered countless hours providing support and helping her mentee with his application, speech and essays for the competition. Samantha is certainly making a difference in the lives of promising youth every day.

Foundation Award

Alyson Tuck, member since 2007

The Foundation Award recognizes an active member and her dedicated work within an in-League placement. Alyson Tuck stepped into a newly-created role this year for the League as Editor and while her position has been mostly behind the scenes, she has been extremely instrumental, dedicating countless hours of communication expertise, creating impactful articles, impressive leadership and collaboration as well as consistency in the way we communicate in all of our publications.



Guardian Award

Susan Brauner, member since 2015

The Guardian Award recognizes an active member for her dedicated work within a community placement. This year's winner is a fearless leader who thinks outside the box and motivates her team members. Susan Brauner has been determined to help ensure the success of Kids on the Block. No challenge was too big for this volunteer. Taking on additional responsibility, she followed through with a positive attitude and smile on her face. Always going above and beyond, Susan is a shining example to us all!

Legacy Award

Sarah Jacks & Gina Chapin, members since 2010

The Legacy Award recognizes an active member for her dedicated service to the League in a fundraising placement. Sarah Jacks and Gina Chapin have persevered during a year that has been anything but easy for one of the League's oldest fundraisers. With their dedication, Bargain Box sales are up, profits are up, social media presence is active, community partners are shopping and team members feel much more engaged this year. The Bargain Box may not have made the most money for the League this year, but the efforts to turn it around and restore profitability have been extraordinary. While Bargain Box is still in a delicate position, these two League leaders are so dedicated to bringing continuity and unrelenting energy to this fundraiser that they have volunteered to stay on in leadership again next year.





Lifelong Member Award

Lauren Stump, member since 2005

The Lifelong Membership Award recognizes a member who has been active for 10 or more years and continues to make significant contributions to the League. Lauren Stump has been a true believer in our League. She has spearheaded the effort to explore and implement a new governance structure, working tirelessly to foster collaboration, build consensus and ensure transparency across our entire organization, balancing the day-to-day effort with a continued focus on the bigger picture. Her efforts have resulted in a lasting legacy – one that she can be proud of and one that we are all grateful for.

Member of the Year Award

Anne Roth Strickland, member since 2010

The Member of the Year Award recognizes an active member who has gone above and beyond the typical parameters of her JLR “job”, thereby serving as a role model and inspiration. Anne Strickland saw the need for cohesive branding across our many communication channels and created a placement to get this done. She has given the League a polished, put-together look so that our impact can be easily seen throughout all our efforts. From digital to print to web, her talents as a graphic designer are on display across the League and throughout our community. No task has been too large and no deadline too tight for her over the past year. Anne’s dedication to improving the ways in which we represent the League and tell our story has been unmatched.



Team of the Year Award



Helping Horse, led by Kate Haggas & Leigh Ann Thompson, members since 2013

The Team of the Year Award recognizes a JLR team – in-League or community – for exceptional results. Helping Horse works as a cohesive unit and does a phenomenal job of sharing ideas, supporting and cheering for one another during placement events. The team had several firsts this year, including their participation in the first Rider Round-up, which they hope will become an annual event. Team members also volunteered and supported the first Bridles & Bow Ties Gala, which is an event coordinated by the Helping Horse board members. The level of collective commitment is inspiring and truly embodies the drive and passion of the Junior League of Raleigh.

Congratulations, ladies! 🍀





Congratulations to the Junior League of Raleigh's 2015-2016 Capital Leadership Initiative graduates! We are proud to announce that the following women have completed this year's series in good standing: *Kelly Arrington, Lucy Austin, Martha Browning, Terri Ferraro, Cheyenne Gill, Tenisha Hilsman, Katrina Hilsman-Williams, Lindsay King, Julia McCullough, Bridgett McDowell, Angela McGee, Annie McQuaid, Chioma Phillips, Megan Riddle, Erin Roesch, Ashleigh Sholar, Bernette Stivers, Sara Beth Wein, Megan Whitaker and Carley Wilson.* **The Junior League of Raleigh is grateful for the support of Northwestern Mutual, who makes this program possible. Interested in getting involved? CLI is accepting 2016-2017 applications at jlraleigh.org.**

Welcome Transfers!

Courtney Allen · Richmond, Virginia
Janie Brooks · New York, New York
Natalie Cuzmenko · Greensboro, North Carolina
Kathy Dole · Washington, D.C.
Daphne Edwards · Reno, Nevada
Sallyanne Fleming · San Francisco, California
Amanda Gerber · Greensboro, North Carolina
Susan Hinson · Indian River, Florida
Sarah Holley · New York, New York
Olivia Johnson · Collin County, Texas
Sarah Justice · Charlotte, North Carolina
Whitney Kimmel · Santa Barbara, California
Sawde Labo · Salt Lake City, Utah
Emily Lovelace · Wichita, Kansas
Virginia Lyon · returning from Greenville, South Carolina
Shanise Mark · returning from Washington, D.C.
Natalie Marlow · Indianapolis, Indiana
Carrie McCann · London, England
Laura McGregor · Charlotte, North Carolina

Sydney McKinney · Greensboro, North Carolina
Karen McLeod · Fayetteville, North Carolina
Michelle Morris · Richmond, Virginia
Taylor Myers · Greensboro, North Carolina
Kristen Nastasia · Greenville, South Carolina
Jessica Phares · returning from Tyler, Texas
Katelyn Power · Greenville, South Carolina
Caroline Rankin · Atlanta, Georgia
Melissa Reeder · South Brevard, Florida
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Tracy Wallingford · Dallas, Texas
Nicole Walter · Denver, Colorado
Tetnika Williamson · Charlotte, North Carolina
Jennifer Winter · Charleston, South Carolina

Introducing the 2016 Provisional Class

We are proud to welcome 160 new members into the Junior League of Raleigh. Together, our 2015-2016 Provisional class completed over 2,000 training hours and volunteered more than 1,600 hours at Bargain Box, A Shopping SPREE!, Love My League and Backpack Buddies. They also executed two Kids in the Kitchen projects with enthusiasm and commitment to promising youth in Wake County. Welcome, ladies!

Felicia Adams-Vinson
Samantha Alexander
Kelly Arnold
Haley Atwell
Allison Auman
Amanda Baker
Elizabeth Banks
Caroline Barbee
Sarah Barnes
Anna Baughman
Tanya Becena
Katina Blue
Martha Bordogna
Holly Boyd
Dorothea Brock
Kelly Bryson
Jayni Buechler
Leah Burns
Melissa Cade
Jessica Cain
Brenna Campbell
Ashley Capozzoli
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Macon Cornick
Mary Couch
Elizabeth Czerwinski
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Leeann Eagle
Kristin Edrington
Alice Elam

Carly Enarson
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Kristi Gavalier
Katherine Gibson
Caroline Gilbert
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Beverly Knight
Kimberly Knight
Kristle Lang
Sara Laughter
Brittainey Lauridsen
Leslie LaVictoire
Tate Leftwich

Molly Lewis
Sherry Lockwood
Lorrin Lockwood-Wickett
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Kensington Luck
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Alice Miles
Kathryn Miller
Beverly Mills
Elizabeth Mocka
Ashley Modica
Ann Monaghan
Caroline Monson
Yasmin Morton
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Heather Stonebraker
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Jordan Trivison
Tiffany Trude
Brianna Tucker
Kathleen Tuttle
Brooke Vestal
Amy Wagher
Peyton Ware
Mary-Alice Warren
Julia Washburn
Jancie Webb
Hannah Wheeler
Barker Wiggins
Grace Williamson
Carley Wilson
Taylor Wilson
Caitlin Woodard
Mollie Young
Hannah Zurn

COMMUNICATIONS & STRATEGIES COUNCIL BRINGS #JLRIMPACT TO LIFE

By Jen Reel | *Communications & Strategies Vice President*

The Communications & Strategies Council is responsible for telling the League's stories. Both inside the League and outside in the community, finding and telling stories of #jlrimpact became our mission for the year. It takes a village – a dedicated group of women who collaborate every week across teams – to bring the #jlrimpact vision to life in stories and photos.

We set a goal in June with our *eLink* team that we wanted to bring stories from within the League and in our community to life each week to make #jlrimpact real and relevant. The *eLink* kicked off the year with a revamped and simplified template for sharing information with our membership. Each week, our talented Editor helps scoop out and share impact stories from across the League.

Similarly, we kicked off the year by setting some aggressive goals for *the Link* team. We wanted to produce a community newsletter, *the Leaflet*, that would be externally focused on telling stories of impact to our community partners. And we wanted to continue to publish a mid-year member newsletter and a spring magazine. *the Link* team has delivered brilliantly.

Our Social Media team has embraced and helped drive our #jlrimpact theme. New banners, an energized focus on impact stories and sponsored ad campaigns really helped us share our message. And our Historian keeps all our work in perspective and context with our weekly #throwbackThursday posts. Our Videographer has built and promoted

campaigns that are leveraged on social media to feature League members talking about League efforts.

The Website team completely rebuilt our public site, bringing a fresh and responsive approach to our web presence. And helping us promote impact is our fabulous Public Relations team. With this team's guidance, we've been featured in magazines, on television, in social media campaigns and in general business publications.

Working across all these groups is our Graphic Designer. From a new *eLink* template to *the Leaflet* to website imagery to social media banners to marketing slicks for community and fundraising, there isn't an element of C&S that hasn't benefited from these talents.

Two other teams within C&S help us realize impact through more direct actions. Our Emerging Ideas team is our research arm, helping identify and prioritize future impact the League can and will have. And our GRAPA team has been incredibly active in the community this year, hosting five voter registration drives with community partners and creating opportunities for League and community members to stay informed on government issues through our Women in Public Service panel.

I am continuously educated, inspired and impressed by the talents our C&S leaders and their teams have. Together, they have helped us bring a new, modern brand to our League.

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story of our
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IN THE COMMUNITY

By Danielle Shuirman | *Community Council Vice President*

Each year, Junior League of Raleigh members donate countless hours to children and families in need in Wake County. As we reflect on 2015-2016, the numbers are staggering: more than 5,000 volunteer hours, over 1,500 children benefiting from partner programs and 75+ community partners receiving volunteer services through our League. Talk about impact!

Here's just a sampling of some of the amazing work that each community team has contributed this year:

AWCM | Over 600 hours of tutoring in literacy and math, and over 400 hours of enrichment activities have been provided to elementary students in Western Raleigh.

BACKPACK BUDDIES | In our efforts to reduce food insecurity in our community, we have distributed over 2,500 'backpacks' filled with nutritious food to 100 Wake County children this year.

BRENTWOOD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB | Over 600 hours volunteered through April, mentored a youth of the year winner (who spoke at the March GMM) and served 150 kids at the annual spring carnival.

CHORUS | More than 20 performances with over 1,500 hours of practice.

HELPING HORSE | 39 young adults with mental and physical disabilities were instructed this year through recreational activities with horses to foster growth and development.

HERITAGE PARK | Members tutored 30 students in grades K-12 with their schoolwork, stressing the importance of education and goal-setting, including three award recognition events.

KIDS ON THE BLOCK (KOTB) | Since January 2016, more than 1,000 kids from Wake County elementary schools attended KOTB performances, which are designed to teach children about differences and areas of social concern and cover topics such as physical disabilities, learning disabilities and bullying.

QUICK IMPACT | Quick Impact volunteers have volunteered over 800 direct community hours in over 50 different area community agencies this League year.

SAFECHILD | JLR volunteers mentor new mothers, present the "Funny Tummy Feelings" abuse prevention program to Wake County elementary school children and care for children while their parents participate in a variety of SAFEchild programs.

STEPUP | Members taught 103 children as part of the Children's Program, focusing on equipping kids to make positive life choices.

Above: Team AWCM enriches community children. Girl Scouts volunteer to help Team Backpack Buddies fill packs for the week. Brentwood Boys & Girls Club chorus gives a special performance at the March GMM. Helping Horse volunteers lend a helping hand as side-walkers for riders. Team Kids on the Block is all smiles. Team Quick Impact checks in at Band Together.

MOVING FORWARD WITH OUR MISSION, THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT

By Marisa Bryant | *Funding Council Vice President*

**"IT IS MORE REWARDING TO
WATCH MONEY CHANGE THE
WORLD THAN TO WATCH IT
ACCUMULATE."**

~ GLORIA STEINEM

This year's Funding Council, and our members who participated in League fundraisers, were a perfect example of women using their time, talents and treasure to make the world a little better. This year, funding team members handled challenges with inspiring grace, adaptability and creativity!

After a tough initial start to the fiscal year, Bargain Box saw a major turnaround in sales, thanks to Bargain Box team members, Sustainer extraordinaire Jeanne Clay and Junior League Administrative Director Tania McLeod working tirelessly to bring stability to the store. Bargain Box also became a connection point for the League as a whole this year, as many councils held socials in the store and open work shifts invited members to come together to help out our oldest fundraiser.

With an outstanding year of attracting sponsors and exhibitors, A Shopping SPREE! produced the highest grossing SPREE! ever! Love My League was given a new name and format for their event, and team members worked hard to make the event a fun and successful night! Our Inaugural Ball team, who have already spent countless hours working on the

January 2017 event, shook things up by moving the Ball back to its roots at NC State's Talley Student Union and Reynolds Coliseum!

Team Annual Fund also had a stellar year, with a reinvigorated focus on the end-of-year appeal, educating members on the importance of giving and a brand new event – Touch A Truck. This year our Cookbook team prepared delicious samples and saw robust sales during SPREE!, while also working on plans to roll cookbook sales into Annual Fund for the 2016-17 League year.

The Center for Community Leadership (CCL) team continued to help keep League costs down by helping to staff events held by CCL renters. And finally, Community Funding strengthened the connection between funding and community teams by working with businesses on innovative ways to give to and partner with the League's community teams.

It's been an incredible learning experience and an absolute privilege to serve as Funding Vice President this year. I've been constantly amazed at the already busy women who devote so much time to helping the League secure funding in order to further our mission. So thank you to all the members of this year's funding teams, and to all the members who have supported the League through Annual Fund gifts, Bargain Box donations, event tickets and more!

more than
\$3,500

raised in Touch
A Truck's First
Year.

\$360k

in revenue from
A Shopping
SPREE!

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NOT JUST ANY VOLUNTEER



By Katie Pollara

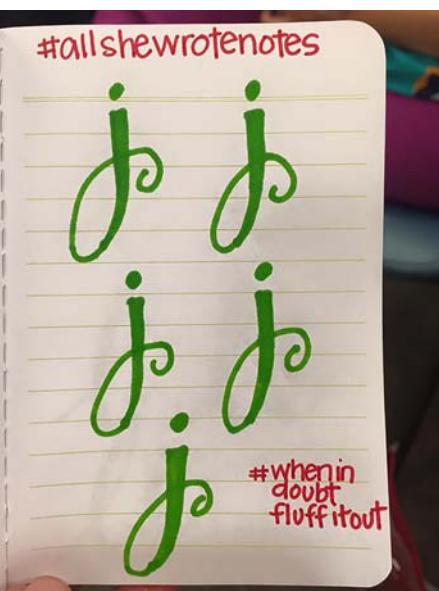
Membership Council Vice President

It has been a wonderful year for the Membership Council! Over the year teams worked to positively impact our membership and community through education, training, recognition and opportunities to have fun together.

MDC trained 160 Provisionals, who held two Kids in the Kitchen events, educating around 225 children from our community on healthy eating and exercise habits.

Team Transfer and Sustainer Transfer welcomed 36 members to JLR. Team Sustainer held several events for Sustaining members including a tour of the James B. Hunt, Jr. Library at NC State University. Team Placement implemented several improvements to the placement process and held two successful First-Year Active socials.

Team Taking Care of Members (TCOM) held 25 fun and engaging events for members and contacted more than 80 members in support of various life events.



Provisionals teach healthy habits at one of two Kids in the Kitchen events this year.

TCOM presented two writing classes from All She Wrote Notes.



Sustainers enjoy a tour of Hunt Library.

First-Year Actives meet for a night out at Fabrik.



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NOMINATING CHARTS A STEADY COURSE FOR OUR LEAGUE

By Mary Paige Phillips | *Nominating Captain*

The Nominating Committee faced uncharted territory this year as we were tasked with slating the new Board and Management Council to help our League move forward under the new governance structure. The team slated 18 leadership positions, eight of which were new. In addition, we slated 11 people for the Nominating and Member-at-Large ballot, of which four Nominating team members and one Member-at-Large were elected by our membership. Our main focus has been to have a positive impact on the League by putting the best leadership team in place to guide our League into the future next year under a new structure, and to do this during an Inaugural Ball year. A positive response to our call for Willingness to Serve forms from our membership also paved the way for a strong and diverse leadership council in the year ahead. Finally, it is a privilege for our team to recognize members through our Member Awards each spring.

Incoming Leadership: EVP Jen Reel, President Rebecca Ayers, President-elect Marisa Bryant, EVP-elect Liz Riley-Young.





BUILDING LEADERS IN THE LEAGUE AND IN THE COMMUNITY

By Jamie Martin | *Training Council Vice President*

A dynamic group of leaders and their teams have worked tirelessly to provide interesting and relevant training opportunities to our membership; to educate the greater Raleigh community on the League's training mission through our Capital Leadership Institute and Community Connect; and to increase membership satisfaction through well-run meetings.

Our training team put together an amazing array of trainings this year, including discussions on infertility, personal finance, career development and desire mapping. The Community Connect team has been hard at work providing free trainings for community partners and other nonprofits in the greater Raleigh area. Topics this year have included how to get your Board of Directors to be engaged and effective, the "art of the ask" (how to solicit donations) and "the bottom line of branding."

The Capital Leadership Institute is in its sixth year and will be graduating 20 participants in May. More than 250 women have participated in this program since its inception. A few topics covered in this year's curriculum are personal branding, speaking with authority, public speaking and knowing your personality and leadership style. Finally, our amazing arrangements team has flawlessly orchestrated four large GMMs, two small group GMMs, a lovely sustainer holiday social, two community advisors breakfasts and the Past Presidents' Luncheon which Arrangements hosted.

We hope you have enjoyed the training programming that occurred this year and that you have or will feel the benefits of training at work, home and in your volunteer life.



Lucetta Zaytoun opens the 2016 Women's Empowerment Conference. Leadership training takes a hands-on approach as League members work together to think outside of the box. Members listen attentively at an in-League session. Kelly Ruta, CEO and Founder of FierceChick Coaching, shares her insights at the November GMM. CLI's entrepreneur panel shared valuable insight this year.

More than Just Lunch

No one takes advantage of Raleigh's cultural happenings quite like our Sustainers. These ladies know how to lunch in style. And while they do love a gourmet menu, the Sustainer gatherings are about much more than the meal. They are a way to network, meet new friends, laugh with old friends and stay connected to the ever-evolving community that they have served for so many years.



From seeing the BookBot in action at the James B. Hunt, Jr. Library to dining in the Executive Mansion, the Sustainers hosted some memorable events this League year. Around 200 Sustainers participated in a mixture of small group events and large-scale luncheons. In planning this year's eight events, Sustainer Co-captains Monique Fisscher-Goldwater and Lucy Cornelius looked for a range of opportunities, in terms of cost and location, and were strategic in planning some intimate events.

"Our goal has been to provide an opportunity for Sustainers to enjoy making new connections with League friends at social or community service events," Monique said.

Monique explained that Sustainers who attend events are motivated by a number of reasons. Many are going through life changes – retirement, empty nesting, a change in profession – that lead them to seek the camaraderie they once found in their days as JLR active members. Of course, they're also motivated by the fabulous group activities. Highlights from this year's events included:

- The Annual Holiday Social, hosted by Team Arrangements, at the beautiful home of Molly Rhode.
- A lunch and docent-led tour of the truly exceptional Escher Exhibit at the North Carolina Museum of Art.
- A tour of the James B. Hunt, Jr. Library on the NC State University Centennial Campus, followed by lunch at the Carol Johnson Poole Clubhouse, with its scenic view of the Raleigh skyline. The library, a state-of-the-art facility, has been featured in media such as PBS's "Cool Spaces."
- A special docent-led tour of two exhibits at the North Carolina Museum of History: Gowns by the esteemed designer Willie Otey Kay and Southern-themed paintings from the James-Farmer Collection, followed by lunch. NCMH Director Ken Howard stopped by the luncheon to offer welcoming remarks to the group.
- The popular Executive Mansion Luncheon, the final event of the League year.



Thank you to all who attended the Sustainer gatherings for making this year a time for friendships to flourish and countless connections to further our mission.

Gift Card Donations

Sustain Community Programs

Each year when Sustainers attend the Sustainer Holiday Social, many bring a gift for the community. Before these ladies mix and mingle in celebration of the holidays, they add their gift cards to the collection. Twenty dollars for Harris Teeter, \$10 for Kroger, \$50 for Target and so on, all to be placed in an envelope and delivered to the Community Vice President.

"It is amazing how many small gifts can add up to have a significant impact," said Lucy Cornelius, Sustainer Co-captain.

This year Community Vice President Danielle Shuirman received over 30 Sustainer-donated gift cards from the Holiday Social, which she was able to distribute to seven different JLR community placements. These generous gifts made a tremendous impact on each placement, giving them more resources to help the children they serve. With grocery gift cards, Backpack Buddies was able to buy more shelf-stable food for elementary school children. With other gift cards, AventWest Children's Mentoring, Helping Horse and Brentwood Boys & Girls Club were able to throw end-of-the-year celebrations for the kids. And the list goes on.

"It is amazing how many small gifts can add up to have a significant impact," said Lucy Cornelius, Sustainer Co-captain.

Community placement Co-captains wish to pass along heartfelt thanks to our generous Sustainers for these impactful holiday gifts.

Brentwood Boys & Girls Clubs

As one of this year's Co-captains for Brentwood Boys & Girls Club, I want to give a big thank you to the Sustainers for the gift cards and tell you a little bit about how much your support has meant to us in planning our Spring Carnival. Our carnival was held on April 16 at Raleigh Boys Club, where we hosted more than 150 elementary school kids from not only Brentwood, but six of Wake County's Boys & Girls Clubs. Children from across Wake County were bused in for a morning of games, entertainment, food and fun. One of the highlights for the kids is the gift bags we hand out at the end of the day and the food we serve.

Some of the things we were able to buy with the generous gift cards were pretzels, waters, napkins, plates, animal crackers, and a whole cart of bubbles and toys and treats for them to take home. With your help we are able to dedicate our remaining placement budget to acquiring the entertainment of Cirque de Vol acrobats and a DJ that made the day so much more special. We had such an awesome day!

Thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness. Your group truly lives up to its name in not only sustaining the League but sustaining the community that it supports.

Sincerely,

Kelly Brown, Co-captain | Brentwood Boys & Girls Club





Heritage Park

On behalf of our entire team, I wanted to thank you for the donated gift cards. Our group had several budget issues this year and these gifts really helped us tremendously. So far, we've been able to buy supplies for an ice cream party for students and more supplies for one of our award recognition events. Thank you, thank you for your support!

Best,

Amanda Oliver, Co-captain | Heritage Park

Chef & the Farmer Trip Celebrates 1930 Society's Generosity

In the Junior League of Raleigh we say thank you in a million different ways. We're pros at the old fashioned thank you note, thank you emails, thank you gifts and even thank you parties. To recognize the generous inaugural 1930 Society members, Sustainer Annual Fund Co-Chairs Dianne Davidian, Jennie Hayman, Lyn Maness and Mary Brent Wright planned a fabulous thank you excursion!

On a warm mid-November afternoon, a bus load of boisterous League members headed down to Kinston, NC for dinner at Chef & the Farmer, a James Beard Best Chef Southeast Semifinalist for four consecutive years. Festively tucked away in the second floor private dining area, they enjoyed the Southern-inspired menu for which Vivian Howard's restaurant has become widely known.

"We knew that it would be a wonderful and special place to thank our generous donors and it did not disappoint!" said President Kathryn West, who attended the event.

Before the delicious dinner, the group headed over to the Kinston Community Council for Arts, where they were welcomed with remarks by the President of the Kinston Chamber of Commerce. The group then toured the beautifully restored 1910 building that now houses one of the finest art centers in the state.

The 1930 Society, named for the year JLR was founded, was created as part of JLR's 85th Anniversary Annual Fund drive. Members include any members who have donated \$850 or more that year to the Annual Fund. The 48 inaugural members of the 1930 Society donated a total of \$42,000 to the Annual Fund during the 2014-15 League year!

"The entire trip was a great opportunity to celebrate with other League members as well as reacquaint with several and share memories of how we love our League," said Dianne Davidian. Dianne is currently working with her fellow Sustainer Annual Fund Co-Chairs on a November 2016 adventure for this year's 1930 Society members!



Thank you
Sustainers for
another great
year!



a shopping SPREE!

Junior League of Raleigh



Shopping for a Cause

In a sea of pink and green and holiday decorations, nearly 12,000 Triangle shoppers strolled along black carpets with bright green tote bags tucked under their arms, taking in the sights and sounds of the 182 exhibitors lining the floor of the Raleigh Convention Center. A Shopping SPREE!, the Junior League of Raleigh's four-day annual shopping event fundraiser, ushered in the holiday season with a spotlight on community.

This year marked the first time in event history that businesses with storefronts in Wake County were allowed to exhibit at SPREE!. The League membership voted in favor of a revision to its bylaws in an effort to strengthen ties with local businesses. As a result, 42 local exhibitors were able to feature their wares on the shopping floor this year, meeting the goal the SPREE! team had set to improve both the quality and variety of exhibitors.

"We had a record-breaking number of exhibitors this year," said Jessica Leggett, a SPREE! Co-captain. "Our team was our greatest success because without them this would have never happened."

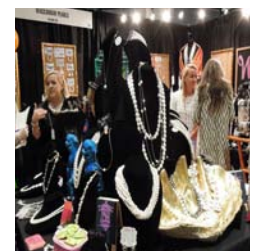
Community sponsors such as Belk, Carolina Wealth Solutions, Empire Eats, First Citizens Bank, Simply Sitting, Sugarland/Moonshare, WakeMed and Wells Fargo Bank helped to make SPREE! a success with their generous support. As the League's signature fundraising event,

proceeds from SPREE! fund the Junior League of Raleigh's annual Legacy Fund awards and other community projects that reinforce the League's focus on promising youth. In 2015, Legacy Fund grants of \$5,000 were presented to The Diaper Train, Kidznotes and CORRAL Riding Academy.

The Diaper Train improves the lives of babies and toddlers by providing diapers to low-income families. Run by volunteers and serving 1,000 children each month, it is the only diaper bank in Wake County. The Diaper Train partners with the Department of Human Services, SAFEchild, StepUp Ministry and other agencies to identify families in need.

Kidznotes employs the power of music education to positively impact the lives of children living below the poverty line in Southeast Raleigh. The organization provides orchestral instruments and accompanying lessons. Children learn discipline, teamwork and leadership to increase musical proficiency, academic performance and personal/social development.

CORRAL Riding Academy pairs rescued horses with at-risk girls between the ages of 11 and 17. A majority of the girls have been victims of violence, and many have been affiliated with gangs or the court system. Through CORRAL, the girls have access to academic tutoring, psychotherapy, vocational training, mentorship and social education.





Congratulations!

The League is lucky to have women like you. Make it a point to recognize one another throughout the year by entering your nomination at jlraleigh.org. The ladies listed below were honored this year; names highlighted in bold represent the month's winners.

July

Nichole Allen

August

Gina Chapin
Catie Burnette
Jen Reel

Anne Roth Strickland

Jessica Troy
Kathryn West

September

Nikki Allen
Heather Beiza
Kelly Brown
Chasta Hamilton
Calhoun

Terri Ferraro
Lindsay Beth Gunter
Ashley Herring
Lanier McRee
Shirley O'Donnell
Mary Paige Phillips
Jen Reel

Sarah Jane Simpson

DeShelia Spann
Anne Roth Strickland
Lauren Stump

October

Nina Argiry

Catie Burnette
Christina Coffey
Meredith Cross
Heather Flynt
Lindsay Beth Gunter
Kate Haggas
Kristin Knutson
Katie Lennon
Karmia Lewis
Annie McQuaid
Addie Moody

Gracen Pittard

Laurie Powers
Brittany Reuter
Leslie Scheve
Danielle Shurman
Lauren Stump
Jessica Troy
Cristen Vaughn
Amy Wagher
Kaler Walker
LaMonica Ware

November

Kendra Allen
Lauren Atkins
Anna Baughman
Brittney Brock Bauman
Marisa Bryant
Carly Crosland
Theresa Dew

Amber Frasketi
Sally Claire Griffith
Angie Harwanko
Tenisha Hilsman
Dalia Hussein
Katie Jordan
Morgan Kelly
Lisa Langford
Carrie McMillan
Lanier McRee
Sarah Miller
DeLane Mitchell
Jennifer Munford
Jen Reel
Diane Schabinger
Anne Schrum
Sarah Jane Simpson
DeShelia Spann
Denise Stewart
Alyson Tuck
Stacie Walker
Team Website
Kathryn West
Barbara Williams

December

Melissa Armstrong
Team Arrangements
Olympia Friday
Karah Jennings
Erin Kendlehart

Amanda Moore
Shirley O'Donnell

January

Michelle Baker
Courtney Boyette
Katie Brewer
Caroline Ives
Kelly Lundin
Angela McGee
Annie McQuaid
Langley Moretz
Amanda Oliver
Chemberly Pecze
Charity von Horn
Jennifer Strickland
Jessica Troy
Liz Watson

February

Nina Argiry
Michelle Baker
Marsha Curtis
Sara Dickinson
Samantha Graham
Kate Haggas
Tenisha Hilsman
Kathryn Holding
Jamie Martin
Mary Paige Phillips
Dawn Phipps

Abby Seats
Carleen Shaffer
Allison Strickland
Kristin Walker
Sam Warren
Barbara Williams
Nominating
Committee

March

Louise Alfredson
Sianna Brown
Candance Goins
Emerging Ideas
Laura Smith
Team TCOM
Alyson Tuck
Peyton Ware

April

Miranda Dotson
Meg Kennedy
Charity Van Horn
Sarah Jane Simpson
Emily Turgeon
Jancie Webb

May

Lauren Golden
Casey Young

LOVEmy league

Models dressed in today's fashion trends. Kids on the Block puppets. A clear welcome to the annual Love My League shopping extravaganza at Belk Crabtree! Surrounded by great music, tasty appetizers, cold beverages and the latest in fashion trends, it was an evening of shopping to support the Junior League of Raleigh and our programs.

Photo, left, by Bernette Stivers.



2016 marks the fifth year the Junior League of Raleigh has collaborated with Belk to bring the latest in fashion trends to local fashionistas through a private shopping event. On Sunday, April 17, Belk opened its doors for the Love My League event to more than 200 shoppers from across the state.

Love My League, formerly known as Fashion Forward, is an annual tradition that allows local shoppers to enjoy short lines and big discounts, while giving back to the local community. Live music kept the energy and shoppers moving throughout the evening. For the first time this year, mini runways throughout the first and second floors of the store brought popular styles to life throughout the evening.

What fashion trends are hot this summer? Attendees at the event previewed the "70's Remix" style, which featured Bohemian dresses and bell-bottoms. The "White on White" runway featured multi-textured and multi-tonal white fabrics, while other runways showcased "Stripes with Flowers" and "Botanical Floral" trends.

Special guest Renee Chou, news anchor for WRAL-TV, emceed while guests shopped and dined on delicious catered appetizers, such as crab rangoon, spanakopita and crab cakes provided by The Glenwood Club and Irregardless Café.

Attendees also enjoyed artwork on display around the silent auction tables as part of the Youth Forward initiative. To spotlight community partners that benefit

from proceeds of fundraising events such as Love My League, this year's artwork was created by local youth who have participated in community programs at the Brentwood Boys & Girls Club, Aventura Children's Mentoring, StepUp Ministry and the Heritage Park Community Center.

New this year was an exclusive VIP lounge, held on the first floor of the store. Surrounded by designer shoes, shoppers who purchased VIP tickets were treated to VIP-only raffles that complemented the "Pamper Yourself" theme. VIPs were also provided with light bites courtesy of Fleming's Steakhouse, a specialty cocktail (Strawberry Basil Margarita) and a VIP swag bag.

Another exceptional addition to this year's event was the special guest appearance of Kristy Woodson Harvey. Harvey is a blogger for Design Chic and the author of the novel *Dear Carolina*. Though she is a North Carolina native, this was Harvey's first time at the Belk Love My League event, and she was certainly busy mingling with attendees and signing copies of her latest novel, *Lies and Other Acts of Love*, which was released in April.

Thank you to Belk and all our community-conscious shoppers for making April 17 a fabulous evening to remember!



live a rich life.

On Saturday, April 20, the Junior League of Raleigh hosted our third annual Women's Empowerment Conference. This free, interactive, day-long event for Triangle women provides tools and strategies to help participants invest in themselves and maximize their potential. Attendees from across North Carolina filled the Julia Jones Daniels Center for Community Leadership to invest in themselves and build networks.

Author and life coach Lucetta Zaytoun was the keynote for this year's conference. After raising six children, Zaytoun spent a year traveling the world after an unexpected turn of events led her to redefine what it meant to lead a meaningful life. "I didn't know who I was outside of being a wife and mother. I was left asking myself, 'What can I do that will be as amazing as raising these kids?'" said Zaytoun.

Zaytoun left Raleigh for Costa Rica, where she began her journey to redefine herself by learning to teach English as a second language. As her travels continued across the world, she made peace with her past and found forgiveness for herself and others. She eventually found herself in California where, during a visit with her daughter, she began to discuss what should come next. They talked about what made Zaytoun happiest during her travels and after hearing stories about the people Zaytoun met and helped, her daughter made a suggestion.

"She said, 'Mom, you need to be a life coach,' and with a little research, I knew she was right. It was a perfect fit," said Zaytoun, "Because she gave me that, I never went back on the trip. I thought about where I wanted to be and knew I wanted to go where my friends and community were. I went entirely around the world to come back to Raleigh." Four years later, Zaytoun is

running a successful coaching business and is set to launch her first book later this summer.

In addition to Zaytoun, conference attendees enjoyed training on financial management from professional Financial Advisor Martha Aldridge and time management best practices from Cyndy Ratcliffe, Certified Professional Organizer. These ladies reminded us of the importance of investing in the community, investing in our future, recognizing and prioritizing our commitments and organizing our lives for success.

The Junior League of Raleigh is committed to developing women. The annual Women's Empowerment Conference is a great representation of how our League helps build strong leaders at home, in the community and in professional endeavors. From students to stay at home moms to women working outside the home, the conference offers practical tips and perspectives to help all participants grow. Offered as a free event, this conference is truly a gift to our community.

You are your most important investment. As Lucetta Zaytoun shared with us, we hope that after the conference, participants "understand that they have everything they need inside them to live a fulfilled life."





Women Service

The Junior League of Raleigh's Government Relations and Public Affairs (GRAPA) team is focused on keeping League members informed about and involved in the governmental process. Their mission is two-fold: educating League members about government and building a positive relationship between local government and the League.

These days we can't log in to Facebook, turn on the television or pick up a newspaper without hearing something about local or national politics. That has simply become the way of things in a campaign year. And living in Raleigh, we are in the epicenter of North Carolina politics. GRAPA is a great resource for being an informed and involved citizen.

This year, GRAPA took on a significant community outreach effort by hosting voter registration drives. Partnering with StepUp and Advanced Community Health, they have made it very simple for people who may not have the resources readily available to register to vote. Talk about impact!

One of the team's most significant events is the Women in Public Leadership Panel. Hosted annually by the League, this panel brings together significant women leaders from across the Triangle to share insights on public service and discuss issues on a local level. This year's Women in Public Leadership Panel did not disappoint.

On April 5, JLR hosted four of Raleigh's most influential women to discuss the importance of public service. The esteemed panel included:

The Honorable Cheri Beasley | Justice Beasley currently serves as an Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. She previously served on the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Justice Beasley has been a member of the North Carolina judiciary for more than 17 years.

Congresswoman Renee Ellmers | Congresswoman Ellmers is currently the United States Representative for North Carolina's 2nd Congressional District. The second congressional district includes all or parts of Alamance, Chatham, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Moore, Randolph and Wake counties.

District Attorney Lorrin Freeman | Ms. Freeman is the District Attorney for Wake County. She previously served as the Clerk of Court for Wake County for eight years.

Clerk of Court Jennifer Knox | Ms. Knox is the Wake County Clerk of Superior Court. Prior to her election in 2014, Judge Knox served 10 years as a District Court Judge in Wake County. She also previously worked as an Assistant District Attorney for four years.

As GRAPA Co-chair Lauren Golden stated, "every North Carolinian deserves to have their voice heard in 2016". We are proud to have Team GRAPA as a resource for the upcoming elections.



New Structure Brings Strength,

On June 1, 2016, the Junior League of Raleigh will implement a new governance structure that will allow us to balance running the day-to-day operations of our League with long-term visioning and planning. The first component of the dual system is a Board of Directors, which will focus solely on the long term. This includes critical areas like strategic planning, community relationship building and foundation development. This new structure creates more capacity for the leadership to focus on the long-term and ensure our work is aligned with our mission and strategy.

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Senior Staff
[non-voting]



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[non-voting]

Length of Term in Years

Flexibility to the League



Over time, the League has grown, and the job of running the League each year continues to require the time and attention of experienced leaders. The newly formed Management Council, which will operate very similarly to our current Board, will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the League. We are excited to increase our community focus and capacity to serve our community partners. This new structure creates expanded leadership opportunities for our members, with new positions to engage different skills sets.

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF RALEIGH MANAGEMENT COUNCIL



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[non-voting]

Length of Term in Years



Two passionate ladies + A community eager for some Saturday fun = One incredible Touch A Truck event!

On May 14th, the Junior League of Raleigh hosted our inaugural Touch A Truck event at the Julia Jones Daniels Center for Community Leadership. Promises of trucks and public service vehicles, bouncy houses, face painting and food trucks drew crowds of over 900 to the CCL for an afternoon of fun.

Children of all ages enjoyed exploring and “touching” trucks from a variety of sources. A special thanks to the City of Raleigh Fire Department, Edwards Crane, Inc., John Deere Quality Equipment, MHC Kenworth, Old Dominion Freight Line, Raleigh Police Department, Wake County EMS and Waste Industries for an afternoon to remember!

The Junior League of Raleigh is known for its ability to raise money and throw parties. But this fundraiser that directly engaged children and families set a new tone for involving our community. As Jamie Martin’s daughters announced, “it’s about time the League threw an event that kids could participate in.”

Touch A Truck is an educational community event that provides children with a hands-on opportunity to see and touch heavy machinery and meet the people who build, protect and serve the local community. Thank you to Katie Schottmiller and Megan Tichenor for bringing this exciting fundraiser to the Junior League of Raleigh and making our inaugural event such a success. We are excited to see that plans are already underway for Touch A Truck 2017!





 *two new partnerships.... two new placements!*

Food Bank



The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is one of the largest food banks in the United States. The Raleigh location houses over 1 million square feet of inventory and without the help of volunteers, the inventory in the facility would be empty in just seven days.

In response to its member requests, the Junior League of Raleigh has created a new placement to support the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina beginning in the League year commencing June 2016.

The JLR Team Food Bank Captains, working in collaboration with the Volunteer Coordinator at the Raleigh Food Bank location, will lead a team of trained League volunteers through a monthly two-and-a-half hour service project at the food bank's Raleigh location. A regular schedule will be created at the beginning of June and the team of volunteers will ensure that on those dates a minimum of 15 League members are present and ready to lend a hand.

Our League's ability to provide trained volunteers to the Food Bank will not only support our mission of improving our community, but also supports the food bank's mission that "no one goes hungry in Central & Eastern North Carolina."

InterAct

InterAct is a private, nonprofit, United Way agency that provides safety, support and awareness to victims and survivors of domestic violence and rape/sexual assault. InterAct fulfills its mission through the support of its volunteers and community.

In response to member feedback and direct request, the Junior League of Raleigh has created a new placement to support InterAct of Wake County beginning in the League year commencing June 2016.

InterAct offers support groups for women and their children who have been the victims of or witnessed domestic violence. Children age birth to 16 are grouped according to age and participate in an 8-week program offering development curriculums while their mothers receive services through InterAct. Throughout the 8-week children's program, volunteer coordinators help lead discussions on a variety of topics ranging from healthy relationships to conflict resolution. They also serve as positive adult role models for children in the program.

Beginning in the fall of 2016, League volunteers will serve as facilitators and coaches in the children's program. We will guide children through the curriculum, leading up to four sessions per year. Our goal is to expand our partnership with InterAct over time. Junior League of Raleigh's ability to provide trained volunteers to InterAct will support our mission of improving our community and supports InterAct's mission to continue providing free and confidential services to Wake County children and families.



Nominating

Each year the Nominating Committee is tasked with selecting members to participate in AJLI training opportunities, slating our incoming leadership, recognizing members through our Member Awards and identifying recognition for League members in the community. With an exciting new governance structure, the Nominating Committee has a full calendar to ensure we have the right women in the right activities at the right times.

Not sure what happens when? Mark your calendar for these important dates throughout 2016-2017:

July 2016 | Applications open for ODI (AJLI's Organizational Development Institute) which will take place in Raleigh

September 2016 | Members selected to attend ODI in the fall

October 2016 | Willingness to Serve forms and Member Feedback Forms open to members interested in serving in leadership or nominating another member for leadership

December 2016 | Slating completed for 2017-2018 President-elect, EVP-elect and Treasurer-elect

January 2017 | Slating completed for 2017-2018 Management Council, Secretary and At-Large Directors (Board of Directors); Member-at-Large and Nominating Ballots announced

February 2017 | Voting opens for Member-at-Large and Nominating Ballots

March 2017 | 2017-2018 Member-at-Large and Nominating Committee Members announced; Member Awards form open to members

May 2017 | Member Awards winners announced

Keep your eyes and ears open throughout the year for opportunities to get involved, voice your opinions and recognize your peers and friends!

Nominating To-Dos

- ☐ Consider attending ODI Raleigh
- ☐ Review JLR Leadership Guide
- ☐ Fill out Willingness to Serve form online at jlraleigh.org
- ☐ Submit Member Feedback forms
- ☐ Nominate an outstanding member or team for JLR Member Awards
- ☐ Participate in member elections!



Junior League Holds Touch A Truck Event in Raleigh
ABC-11 | May 14, 2016

Kids Get 'All Access Pass' at Raleigh Touch A Truck Event | **WRAL** | May 10, 2016

'Welcome Baby' Project Helps New Parents Raise Their Families | **WRAL** | May 1, 2016

In Depth: Junior League's Women Empowerment Conference **TWC News** | April 27, 2016

The Junior League of Raleigh Rolls Out The Fun For Triangle Families With Their First Touch A Truck Event | **News & Observer** | April 25, 2016

Helping Kids Live A Healthy Lifestyle (Kids In The Kitchen Feature) | **ABC11 Together** | April 13, 2016

"Major League" | **Raleigh Magazine** | April 2016 Edition

A Better World: Belk Love My League | **Triangle Business Journal** | March 25, 2016

Banana Pudding Recipe from JLR Cookbook | **Our State Magazine** | March 23, 2016

Capital Leadership Initiative Teaser | **WRAL** | March 17, 2016

Tickets Now Available for Junior League of Raleigh and Belk Love My League Fashion Night | March 14, 2016

A Better World: Backpack Buddies Expansion | **Triangle Business Journal** | November 19, 2015

Chancy Kapp, a SAFEchild Founder, to speak at Annual Luncheon | November 13, 2015



JLR President Kathryn West speaks to Time Warner Cable news about the League's Women's Empowerment Conference.

Junior League of Raleigh Awards \$15,000 to Local Projects with Community Grants | November 11, 2015

Kidznotes Hits the Right Notes With Parents in Triangle | **News & Observer** | November 1, 2015

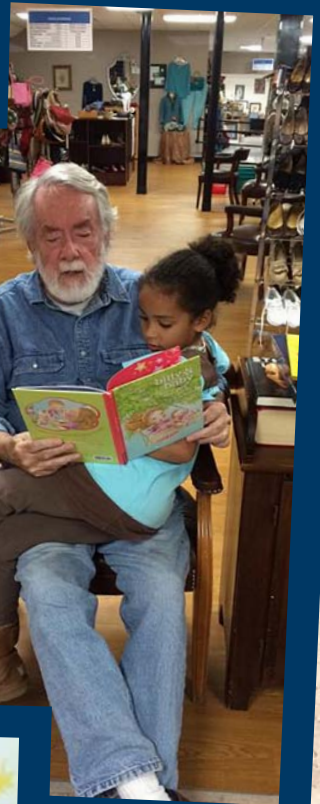
Kidznotes to perform at A Shopping SPREE! | October 23, 2015

Junior League of Raleigh Expands Inter-Faith Food Shuttle Backpack Buddies Outreach for 2015/2016 School Year | October 22, 2015

The Junior League of Raleigh Dedicates Julia Jones Daniels Center for Community Leadership | October 19, 2015

Junior League of Raleigh to Kick Off Fall Activities with Professional Development Event | September 22, 2015





bargain box

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF RALEIGH

at the heart of our community





As one of the League's oldest fundraisers, the Bargain Box has weathered many a storm. Through changing economic conditions, shifting demographics and new development around Cameron Village and new competitors in the consignment and online shopping space, League volunteers have remained steadfastly committed to this institution.

Bargain Box is a fun place to donate and shop. For our members, it is a convenient location to donate gently used clothing, jewelry, shoes, home decorations and more and know they will support a great cause. For local college students, it is a great place to shop for costumes, competitions and even formals. It is a place where you can find a gown for the SPREE! Gala or the Inaugural Ball or even your wedding!

Bargain Box is also a great place to host a social while giving back to the community. Groups from across the League and within the community have come together at our facility to socialize, shop and serve. Sustainers, community teams, local sororities and even the 2015-2016 leadership council have hosted service hours at Bargain Box this year. Keep up the fun!

Bargain Box is also an important resource to our community. Each year, more than 70 local agencies receive vouchers to support families in need. These vouchers allow families to shop for back-to-school clothing for their children, much-needed professional attire for interviews and jobs, birthday and holiday gifts for family members and so much more. When agencies reach out to help families in dire situations due to loss, the Bargain Box is there to help.

This year, Bargain Box has found creative ways to extend its partnerships – and ultimately its impact – with Wake County businesses. Bargain Box established a partnership with the North Raleigh Arts & Creative to provide clothing for an upcoming production of *The Wedding Singer*, directed by League member Chasta Calhoun. Bargain Box is allowing the cast of *The Wedding Singer* to borrow clothing for costumes – no small feat given there are more than 200 costumes!

In the spirit of true partnership, the North Carolina Raleigh Arts & Creative is keeping costs low against their limited budget by leveraging this community resource and Bargain Box benefits from extra exposure and advertising around the event. As Chasta confirmed, "It is awesome to see two fantastic nonprofits working together for the enjoyment of the community."

Looking ahead, Bargain Box is excited to explore new partnerships with Wake County nonprofits. Continued support of our vouchers program, coupled with the expansion of new outlets for collaboration, will lead to even greater impact in the community.

Thank you to our League members for continuing to support Bargain Box. Thank you for donating your time and your resources to its continued success!



cookbook

Enjoy this summer favorite with an ice-cold glass of sweet tea on a picnic for two this summer, or expand the formula to easily feed the masses. Find this recipe – and so much more – in the Junior League of Raleigh’s classic cookbook *You’re Invited Back*. Loaded with tried-and-true member-tested recipes and chock-full of Southern hospitality, *You’re Invited Back* is available for purchase. Call 919-787-7480 for more information.

Spicy Bacon, Lettuce and Fried Green Tomato Sandwiches

2 tablespoons mayonnaise
Worcestershire sauce, lemon juice
and ketchup to taste
Salt, crushed red pepper and black
pepper to taste
2 cups all-purpose flour

2 green tomatoes, sliced
1 or 2 eggs, beaten
Vegetable oil for frying
4 slices French bread or other bread
4 to 6 slices of bacon, crisp-cooked
Iceberg or romaine lettuce

Combine the mayonnaise with Worcestershire sauce, lemon juice, ketchup, salt, crushed red pepper and black pepper in a small bowl; mix well. Chill in the refrigerator. Combine the flour with red pepper, salt and black pepper in a plastic bag. Soak the tomato slices in the egg in a bowl. Add tomatoes to the flour mixture and shake to coat well. Fry in the oil in a skillet until golden brown; drain and season with salt. Spread the mayonnaise mixture on half the bread and layer with the lettuce, bacon, tomatoes and second slice of bread.

Serves 2



Welcome to Raleigh!

We are excited to announce that the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) is bringing their Organizational Development Institute (ODI) to Raleigh! ODIs are a series of educational training meetings by AJLI and hosted by Leagues far and wide. Over the years, these meetings have demonstrated their effectiveness as informative, inspiring and innovative three-day weekend training programs. The fall 2016 ODI will be held in Raleigh October 21-23, 2016. Learn more at ajli.org.

The Junior League of Raleigh will once again select a group of delegates to represent our League in this learning series. Nominating will be reaching out in the months to come to ask for interest, applications and volunteers as we welcome Leagues from far and wide to Oak City. Stay tuned for more information on how you can get involved!



A collage of 15 photographs arranged in the shape of a maple leaf, showcasing various scenes from the restaurant Gravy. The photos include: the exterior of the restaurant; the interior with the 'GRAVY' sign; a woman smiling; a bowl of food; a man playing guitar; a woman eating; a building facade; a group of people at a table; a close-up of food; a woman's face; and the restaurant's interior with a menu board.

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