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*Women building a better community*

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## **BELIEVE in Community: Sharing the Story and Making a Difference**

When asked to write the January “community” story, I jotted down on a reminder note the deadline and title, “January LL Community Story.” As I picked up the note weeks later I wondered why I used the word “story” instead of “article.”

But then I realized that each and every one of us has a story. Interestingly, each story is different. Some stories are happy while others are sad. Some are fairy tales and dramas while others are tragedies. Oftentimes, we are so caught up in our own story that we never take a step back to see what is really happening in the stories around us.

**“Sometimes we will never know if we make a difference, but we can never stop believing in what we do.”**

As volunteers, we may wonder, “Are our efforts truly impacting the story? Changing the outcome of the next chapter?” We aren’t sure. But, we have to *believe* that each and every thing we do will be a positive influence to building a better community. We have to *believe* that reading to a child will encourage a love of literacy that will continue throughout childhood; that manning the arts and craft station at a holiday party will foster creativity; that holding the hand of a woman who is desperately trying to break a cycle of addiction and dependency will serve as motivation for a better way of life. Sometimes we will never know if we make a difference, but we can never stop *believing* in what we do.

There are thousands of women (more than 170,000 Junior League members worldwide) who truly *believe*, and I’m proud to be a part, albeit a small part, of something so amazing. There is no greater reward than serving others and that is exactly what JLN has been about from the beginning.

One goal of Community Council, the Board, and Strategic Planning is to include a direct service community component to everyone’s membership experience. At the January membership meetings, you will be presented with a ballot highlighting two options regarding the possibility of adding a community service component to our membership requirements. We ask that you embrace this great opportunity with excitement, enthusiasm, and most of all, with honor – for it is an honor to serve the community and to carry the JLN legacy of service.

*Angela Moretti-Goddard*  
 Vice President of Community



# President's Perspective



## **Board of Directors**

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### **MISSION**

The Junior League of Nashville is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and to improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The Junior League of Nashville reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

### **VISION**

The Junior League of Nashville is a premier women's volunteer organization. We offer our members the opportunity to build meaningful relationships with others who are unified by a desire to give back to our community. Through the talents of a diverse membership, we will support and enrich the lives of women, children, and families in our community. Together we have greater impact than we do individually.

## **The Power of Many**

*I believe that trying to help my fellow man is one of the straightest roads to spiritual growth. It is a road everyone can take. One doesn't have to be beautiful or gifted, rich or powerful, in order to offer a helping hand...*

--Marty Mann, first woman to join Alcoholics Anonymous, 1952

Imagine with me for a minute. Think of a single flower growing in a field. Think of one note played by a lone fiddler. Think of one color in the rainbow. All of these images are beautiful, simple...and isolated. Now think of that single flower joined by a multitude of other blossoms of all different hues, shapes and smells. Think of the sounds of the fiddle joined by the plunking of a banjo and the strumming of a guitar. Think of the one color of the rainbow complimented by the other colors that span either side of it.

This month, we focus on another one of the key components of the Junior League: COMMUNITY. Part of what sets the League apart is our emphasis on being part of a greater good. Each of us individually is able to accomplish amazing things on our own, but when we combine our talents, gifts and treasures together, we become a community of volunteers who are the catalysts for amazing change.

The Junior League of Nashville is a community within a community. An important aspect of JLN is that we are not content with focusing solely on our own "in-League" community, but we look outside ourselves to identify those people who, through no fault of their own, are facing hardships that we cannot fathom. By joining forces with other nonprofits in Middle Tennessee, we attempt—and succeed—at making broken lives a bit more serene. While all JLN placements ultimately benefit the community, we are especially grateful to those women who choose to serve their placements at our community partner

agencies. The volunteers, their Project Chairs, and the Project Chair Coordinators are to be commended as our "unsung heroes." We appreciate your kind hearts and your commitment to our community.

Traditionally, January is the month that the Community Research Committee presents the membership with the slate that they recommend funding for the upcoming year. As you cast your vote for the Pillar Grant recipients, and as you consider whether or not to add a community outreach component to our membership requirements, remember that what you are doing is part of something much bigger than you are, much greater than JLN—you are part of making the Nashville community a better place to live.

Thank you for the incredible ways you as a JLN member collaborate with other members to create a breathtaking "bouquet" of compassion, an astonishing "symphony" of mercy, and a rainbow of volunteering. Whether you are the most vibrant flower in the bunch, or a tiny little blossom, you matter. Because you BELIEVE that "together we have greater impact than we do individually," you are an irreplaceable and essential member. Thank you for being part of our community.



*Mary Lee Bartlett  
President*

# Announcements

## In-Home Meetings: Membership Vote Results

The Nominating Committee is thrilled that the Board of Directors' slate passed at the November Membership In-Home Meetings. Thank you for your support of our committee and these fine women. These women are ready to work for you and for our League!

We are also pleased to announce the winners of the membership vote for Members-at-Large and Nominating. Congratulations to all!

### MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:

Mary Catherine McAnulty  
Michele Toungette

### NOMINATING:

Catherine Beemer  
Jenni Childers  
Laura Creekmore  
Anne Jenkins  
Heather Kemp  
Angela Moretti-Goddard  
Robin Puryear  
Stacy Sullivan-Karrels

## Calling All Sustainers!

The Sustainer Liaison Committee wants your feedback on how "Sustainer-ship" is treating you. Does the League provide enough of the right opportunities for you to stay involved? Do you wish for more Sustainer-focused activity, or do we provide more than you can fit into your schedule?

Please join us at TACC on **Tuesday, February 7th at 12:00pm**. Feel free to bring your lunch!

RSVP and questions to Katherine Louw at 615-804-0758 or send an email to: [Katherine.Louw@jln1922.org](mailto:Katherine.Louw@jln1922.org).

Also, the Sustainers warmly welcome transferred Sustainer, Nancy Post, who recently joined us from the Junior League of Seattle.

## MEETING NOTICE: JANUARY'S GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

**Tuesday, January 17th  
at 7:00pm at TACC  
Wednesday, January 18th  
at 10:00am at TACC**

**There will be no Monday night  
meeting due to the MLK holiday.**



Don't forget to join Members-at-Large for the Social Hour held before each General Membership Meeting at TACC this month! Catch up with old friends and meet some new ones before the meeting begins! Hours: **Tuesday from 6:00pm - 7:00pm and Wednesday from 9:00am - 10:00am!** See you then!

## A Note from the Corresponding Secretary: *In Regards to Sustaining...*

At the September Membership Meeting, an amendment to our By-laws was adopted concerning procedures for going sustaining. If you are planning to sustain for the 2006-2007 year, you will need to send a letter to the Corresponding Secretary, Kelly McMullen, postmarked no later than **January 31, 2006**. As stated in the By-laws, you are eligible to sustain when you have been active for at least 5 years and have reached the age 40 by May 31, 2006 or have been a League member for 10 years.

## 2006-2007 MEMBERSHIP DUES now being accepted through March 1st!

Please look for the dues notice that has been mailed to you and send it along with a check to:

Junior League of Nashville  
2405 Crestmoor Road  
Nashville, TN 37215

You may also pay your dues via one of the following payment options:

- 1) Credit card by logging on to [www.jlnashville.org](http://www.jlnashville.org)
- 2) Automatic bank draft of your checking account

Please direct any questions to Melinda Cullen, Treasurer ([kpcullen@comcast.net](mailto:kpcullen@comcast.net)) or Anne Jenkins, VP of Finance ([afjenkins@comcast.net](mailto:afjenkins@comcast.net)).

## Do you BELIEVE in the JLN? Invite a Prospective Member to the February Informational Meetings

If you plan to sponsor a Prospective member, you are required to attend the meeting with her. Forms for sponsorship are available on the website and will also be at the meeting. Meetings to be held:

**Thursday, February 2nd  
at 6:00pm at TACC**

**Wednesday, February 8th  
at 12:00pm at TACC**

**Thursday, February 23rd  
at 6:00pm at TACC**

## Get Involved in the Community

*“Political action is the highest responsibility of a citizen.”* John F. Kennedy, speech, October 20, 1960.

Whether you realize it or not, legislation on issues from the environment to healthcare impacts your quality of life today and determines what kind of future we leave for our children. As citizens we have a responsibility to be well-informed electorates, committed to being involved in the process and actively engaged in the public discourse.

The Tennessee General Assembly and the US Congress will reconvene this month. Members of both bodies will be formulating policy and voting to enact new laws that will directly affect you, your family and your community, and it's up to each one of us to ensure our elected officials make informed and well-reasoned decisions.

It's a new year, a fresh beginning. Make political action a priority in 2006! Here are some ways you can “get involved!”

**Stay Current.** Stay current with issues facing not only your local community but also our state and our nation. Gather the facts. Ask questions. To learn about specific bills introduced at the state level, go to the following link:

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/>.

For information on federal legislation, go to <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

**Contact Your Representative.** Whether in Nashville or Washington, your elected representative needs to hear from you on issues. They appreciate hearing from their constituents and welcome your ideas. If you are not willing to convey your opinion on an issue, who will?

Not sure who represents you? Want to learn more about your elected officials? Here are some websites to help you:

US Senator - <http://www.senate.gov/>

US House of Representatives - <http://www.house.gov/>

Tennessee General Assembly - <http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/>

**Support Candidates.** Be willing to get involved in the elections of political candidates. Volunteer your time and financial support to candidates.

**Be Willing to Serve.** Be willing to serve on a committee or to participate on a board or commission. Whether it's the local library board or an advisory panel to the Governor, it takes all of us being willing to do our part, big or small!

**Take Action.** Visit with your elected official whether at Legislative Plaza or on Capitol Hill. Attend committee hearings and floor sessions. Participate in grassroots activities. Show up for political forums and town hall meetings. And most importantly, VOTE!

*Maggi McLean Duncan*  
*Advocacy and Awareness Chair-Elect*



## Preston Taylor Ministries

### *A Welcome Mix to JLN's Community Agencies*

Preston Taylor Ministries (PTM) is an after school and mentoring program serving children from pre-K through 8th grade who live in the Preston Taylor community in West Nashville. PTM was founded in 1998 by a concerned group of parents, churches, and agencies who recognized that children who live in the Preston Taylor community face many economic, educational, and social obstacles.

PTM surrounds children with caring adults who encourage them to grow in God's grace, while providing them with reading skills that will allow them to achieve in school. The staff consists of an Executive Director (Chan Sheppard), an assistant director, and three part-time reading teachers.

In the League's first year partnering with PTM, our focus has been to educate JLN

members about this agency and build relationships. At “Dinner with PTM Friends” night, Junior Leaguers Holli Anglin, Valerie Hughes, Mariann Morris, Angela Moretti-Goddard, Marcy Rehse and Tonya Stevens each hosted two PTM girls in their homes for dinner. The girls helped prepare the meal and then sat down with the members' families to share dinner. This special time enabled the 5th and 6th grade girls to experience a family dinner, enjoy a healthy meal, and foster “joy-filled friendships.”

In addition to lunch-mate mentoring, after-school tutoring, marketplace mentoring during Spring Break, and chaperoning for special events, PTM will offer more opportunities like “Dinner with PTM Friends” and the annual “Capture the Flag Classic” in April. A relatively young and small organization, PTM also has many administrative

volunteer opportunities available that will help build this vital service for children living at-risk in the Preston Taylor community.

*The following women include PTM as their official placement: Holli Anglin, Heidi Buschmann, Martha Teague, and Brooke Thompson.*

*Tiffany Davis*  
*Project Chair*



*Niema Turner and Tayla Ewin enjoy time with JLN member Tonya Stevens, her husband Rob, and sons Walker, Turner and Joseph.*



## Belief in Action with Compassionate Care

In the mid-1980's, Nashville didn't really talk about child abuse, especially sexual abuse. The mandatory reporting law that passed in 1985 produced a shocking 450% increase in reports of abuse in just two years, and many people took note. One organization responded to this situation by developing a unique, public-private partnership to provide medical and psychosocial services to children who may have experienced sexual abuse. That organization was the Junior League of Nashville, and the product of our members' efforts was OUR KIDS.

In addition to providing direct services to children, the mission of OUR KIDS is to increase community awareness, conduct research, and offer education and training about child maltreatment.

Today, children from across Middle Tennessee and beyond receive compassion-



View of the OUR KIDS waiting room.

ate care utilizing a multi-disciplinary approach that is a model for other agencies. Each year, about 1,000 children and their families receive services from the OUR KIDS team, which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year.

The OUR KIDS' staff is in great demand as teachers, lecturers, and authors. Invitations to speak come from as far as Berlin, with people from around the country coming to spend time in Nashville to learn "the OUR KIDS' way."

OUR KIDS maintains a strong volunteer component, offering numerous training opportunities, plenty of flexibility and the chance to impact patients and services. The new facility, completed in 2002, provides volunteers with the space, equipment, and resources to complete tasks that are valuable to the work of OUR KIDS. JLN members, active as volunteers and Board members, remain key to the success of OUR KIDS.

*Marti Rosencranz*  
Executive Director, OUR KIDS  
JLN Sustainer

*This year OUR KIDS has nine volunteers for 2005-06 under the leadership of Project Coordinator Keri McInnis. Volunteers include Sandy Battocchio, Kristin Beach, Amy Elson, Janelle Grass, Joy Lehmann, Tiffany Lyda, Kelly O'Connor, Julie Rosof-Williams, Jami Wendland, and Katrina Wernick. For more information, go to [www.ourkidscenter.org](http://www.ourkidscenter.org).*

## Book 'Em and Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) Opening the book on literacy for the children of Nashville



*"I enjoy volunteering for Reading is Fundamental (RIF) because I can utilize my experience as a former teacher and share my passion for reading with children. The third graders at Kirkpatrick are excited by the stories and by the opportunity to choose a book to call their own each time I enter the classrooms. Hopefully, my reading sessions also help their teachers show the students how FUNDamental reading really is! The welcoming smiles and parting thanks make the effort it takes to be there so worthwhile."*

--Holly Brewer, Junior League RIF Volunteer

In the *Read Aloud Handbook*, Jim Trelease presents a frightening statistic. "Children living in poverty will show up for kindergarten having heard 32 million fewer words than a child from a professional family." The importance of opening a book and reading aloud to a child can not be underestimated. However, in our community, there remain many children who are never exposed to literacy skills prior to entering their first school.

*"RIF has been part of my classroom setting at Kirkpatrick for three years. RIF has been such a positive reading experience for my students. They do not have outside influences reading to them, and they enjoy being read to very much. I always enjoy watching my students with their new books as they read to themselves or each other. Holly is animated and engaging when she reads to my students. They all enjoy the way she involves the group by asking questions and*

*listening for comments. RIF is giving these students a gift of reading and books. I can't think of a better gift to give anyone."*

--Laura Eady, Third Grade Teacher, Kirkpatrick Elementary

Nashville is blessed to have two wonderful children's literacy organizations, Book 'Em and RIF. These Junior League partner agencies work tirelessly, through volunteers like Holly, to open the book on literacy for children in every corner of Nashville. *This year, 15 wonderful JLN volunteers are part of the Book 'Em/RIF program: Kelly Baltz, Holly Brewer, Becky Bright, Casey Conroy, Allison Dillon, Judi Hartbarger, Jessica Jackson, Elizabeth Luttrell, Mollie Mahan, Kelly Morris, Julie Price, Tracy Rankin, Noell Rembert, Sarah Ross, and Kristen Tompkins.*

*Kimberly Morgan*  
Book 'Em / RIF Project Chair

## Junior League Movie Night at VCH

This fall Movie Nights at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital have been a smashing success thanks to a creative group of Junior League Volunteers! Elizabeth Broome, Joan Gehring, Georgeanna Goldthorpe, Tysha Huber, Mary Lampley, and Ami Simons have worked hard to build themes around this year's movie selection, resulting in record attendance at these movie events. A tree frog from the Rain Forest Café went room to room to personally invite children to *A Bug's Life*, while a therapy dog provided added incentive for the children to get out of their beds for *Because of Winn Dixie*. The children were surprised to see that Pooh made a trip from the Hundred Acre Wood specifically to visit them in their rooms and encourage them to come down and watch his adventures in *Pooh's Heffalump Halloween*.



Winnie-the-Pooh stops in from the Hundred Acre Wood to visit patients during VCH Movie Night.

The most exciting event this year has been the showing of a first run film, *Wallace and Gromit: the*



Patients, family and friends enjoying the VCH Movie Night.

*Curse of the Were-Rabbit*. The Lollipop Theater Network, in conjunction with the We Are Family Foundation, brought this current film to VCH on November 3rd, much to the delight of the over one dozen children who were able to attend. Lollipop's Executive Director, Evelyn Iocolano, was on-hand to make sure that the film was also available to the children in the isolation ward. It was an amazing event!

Kudos to the Movie Night Volunteers! You are truly making a difference in the lives of children who need an escape from their current reality.

Joan Gehring  
Home Board volunteer

*Movie Night at VCH is just one of the many programs of the Junior League Home Board.*

## Home For the Holidays

The Home Board exemplified the spirit of the holiday season with gifts to the JLN Home at Monroe Carell, Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt totaling \$27,500. These gifts included Christmas morning presents to the inpatients, books, holiday decorations, and toys for the hospital's toy-lending library. Earlier in December, members of the Home Board also helped Santa distribute Beanie Babies (partially provided by the JLN) to hospital patients. Bereavement Books were given to VCH in memory of each patient who died in the past year.

Additionally \$8,500 for toys was given to stock the Toy Lending Library, initially funded through a \$12,500 gift from the Home Board, which is scheduled to open soon. The Toy Lending Library is designed specifically for children who are chronically ill and children with disabilities. Patients will have the opportunity to try toys that suit their individual needs.

The Home Board also donated holiday decorations for the Doctor's Office Tower to complete the hospital's holiday decorations that were given in 2004. The Home Board has also agreed to pay for the installation and storage of the decorations.

The holidays are traditionally a busy time for the Home Board. Since the 1950's, every December the Home Board has been the beneficiary of an annual disbursement from the Hamilton Fund. This fund is restricted to helping "enlighten the hearts of the inmates (of the JLN Home for Crippled Children) at Christmas time." The annual disbursement is approximately \$30,000. Monies that remain unspent from the Hamilton Fund are placed in the Hamilton reserve account, and are to be used for subsequent Christmases.

Lisanne Hitt & Kelly O'Connor  
Home Board Publicity & Home Board Chair

(See JLN website for Home Board photos.)

## Bloomin' Deals Clothing Drive a Huge Success!

Your Hurricane Task Force would like to thank the membership for their overwhelming response to the Bloomin' Deals Clothing Drive for the Junior League of New Orleans. We collected over 90 huge boxes of clothing. We actually had to cut the clothing drive a little short because we were so overwhelmed by the donations! (See photo on page 12.)

We will be sending all of the clothing down to New Orleans as soon as we get

the green light from JLNO and coordinate the logistics. There will be other opportunities to help those affected on the Gulf Coast in the coming months, so please keep your hearts open! Thank you again for stepping up and believing in such a great effort!

The Hurricane Task Force  
Janelle Grass, Karey Morgan  
and Heather Perry

## JLN Website “Tech Check”

Would you like to know how many meetings you have attended? *Just got married and need to change your contact information? Want to see what training opportunities are coming up? Having a garage sale? Need a nanny or babysitter or a new hair stylist?*

GOOD NEWS!! All these questions can be answered using the JLN website. In case you have not visited the JLN website recently, we want you to be aware of some of the services available through the “Manage Membership” option:

- Monitor the status of your attendance at JLN meetings, volunteer shifts, and training courses.
- Update your contact information.
- Learn about upcoming JLN training opportunities and *sign up* online.

- Pay your dues!
- Pull up a list of all your donations and dues payments to JLN.
- Post your questions, suggestions, ideas, etc., to our members-only bulletin board.
- Download the most recent and past copies of *League Link*.
- Do a search on member names.
- Find out about placement opportunities for next year.
- View photos of recent JLN events.
- Link to our partner agencies websites.
- Read more about the community grant recipients.
- Access a calendar of General Membership meetings and other JLN events.

*Technology Chair-Elect  
Gabrielle Chapman*

**Gabrielle Chapman**  
*New Technology Chair-Elect*

Welcome Gabrielle, this month’s author of “Tech Check.” Gabrielle has generously offered to fill the shoes of Martha Teague as the Technology Chair-Elect now that Martha is a full-time staff member at the JLN Headquarters. The JLN Council appreciates Gabrielle’s leadership and willingness to step in midstream!



## Director’s Letter

### Meet Ajia Farmer, Administrative Assistant to the Junior League of Nashville



*Ajia Farmer joined the JLN staff nearly one year ago. She has learned so much about JLN and our systems in a short period of time. Her knowledge and her cheerful atti-*

*tude make her a joy to work with! Please get to know Ajia who hails from Baltimore, Maryland and is a graduate of University of Maryland.*

*- Susan Moll, Managing Director*



If you’ve called or stopped by Headquarters, chances are that you have been greeted by my “Good morning, the Junior League!” I sit at the front desk and am the first person you will see when walk-

ing through the doors into our elegant and warm office. My job as an administrative assistant is to not only aid our members in their many endeavors but ensure that they are receiving superior assistance. There’s nothing I haven’t been asked, whether it be to count the number of vases we have in the building, to put “you will be towed” fliers on cars in the TACC parking lot, or to make 100 color copies in 20 minutes. After 9 months, no request surprises me, and I am more than happy to do it.

I began my journey with the Junior League in March (technically Feb. 28) of 2005 after being a stay-at-home mom for a year. I am currently a single working mom of a 21-month-old little girl while my husband, a Captain in the Army, has been serving his deployment in Iraq since January 5, 2005. This is my first real job since college, and I must say I have learned a lot about myself and the Junior League.

When I first interviewed with JLN, I had no idea what the Junior League was, but after working here for almost a year, I know the ins and outs of our League. One of the things I love about this organization is that there are women from all walks of life in all different situations (i.e. working moms, stay-at-home moms, students, and so forth) giving back to the community on a daily basis. Growing up, I didn’t give much thought to volunteering, but I have come to realize that volunteering can be just as important and rewarding as a paid job. Sure, you don’t get the compensation of money, but I believe you get something more, the opportunity to help someone who truly needs it. In my honest opinion, that is priceless. I am currently not a member of the Junior League, but hope to be as soon as my husband gets back for some babysitting duty!

*Ajia Farmer  
Administrative Assistant*

## Show House 2006 Update

*We are so pleased to invite you to join us in celebrating the upcoming Junior League of Nashville Decorators' Show House 2006 Presented by SunTrust*

**"TYNEWOOD" at 4444 Tyne Boulevard**  
*Home of Dr. David Glassford*  
*Former home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hudson (Ellen Warner Hudson)*  
*Originally built by Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jonas (Elizabeth Jonas Jacobs)*

### Upcoming Events

#### **EMPTY HOUSE PARTY!**

*Laissez les bon temps rouler!*

The Empty House Committee invites you to enjoy an evening of music and Cajun cuisine as we kick off the Decorators' Show House 2006. Bro's Cajun Cuisine will please the palate with Jambalaya, Crawfish Fettuccini and Red Beans and Rice. It wouldn't be a Mardi Gras party without Frozen Hurricanes and King Cake to top off the night. Tickets are \$35.00 in advance and \$45.00 at the door and are available for purchase online at [www.jlnashville.org](http://www.jlnashville.org) or at JLN Headquarters. Look for us at the January 17th and 18th General Membership meetings for your last chance to buy tickets in advance. We hope that you will join us on **January 20, 2006 at 7:00 pm** at 4444 Tyne Boulevard. Parking will be available at the Temple.

#### **PATRONS' PARTY**

Laura Sims and Kendall Womble invite you to become a Show House patron this year. They are very excited to host this event honoring our patrons and underwriters on **Friday, March 31, 2006 at 7:00 pm**. Kaper's Katering will be serving hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sims, 408 West Brookfield Drive. Valet parking will be provided. If you have any questions about becoming a patron, please call 269-9393.

Mark your calendars for the Spring events of the season! And remember, each time you support a Decorators' Show House event, you will be supporting the Junior League's mission: helping women, children and families in the community.

### Show House April Events

#### **Gala**

**Friday, April 7, 2006, 7:00 pm**  
at TYNEWOOD

#### **Dine By Design**

**Tuesday, April 11, 2006, 7:00 pm**  
at TYNEWOOD -- this Dine By Design with a twist will feature Designers of the 2006 Show House!

#### **Dine By Design**

**Thursday, April 13, 2006, 7:00 pm**  
Dine By Design - Restaurant TBA  
**Tuesday, April 18, 2006, 7:00 pm**  
Dine By Design - Restaurant TBA

#### **Sustainer Luncheon**

**Monday, April 17, 2006, 11:00 am**  
at TYNEWOOD -- Caroline Davis, a past Junior League president from Flint, Michigan, will be our guest speaker. She is also president and owner of Worth Clothes in New York City. She will be talking about "Opening Doors" by sharing her story about beginning her career in her 40's.

#### **Taste of Show House**

**Thursday, April 20, 2006, 7:00 pm**  
Featuring wine tasting and a variety of restaurants.



### Show House Dates and Times

**April 8th – 22nd**  
**Monday through Friday**  
**10:00am – 8:00pm**  
**Saturdays**  
**10:00am – 6:00pm**  
**Closed Sundays**

#### Tickets:

\$15 in advance, \$20 at the door

*Join us for lunch daily at the Notably Nashville Tea Room featuring delicious treats by Miss Daisy.*

### League Power Sign-Ups on the Web!

The Show House League Power Chairs, Michelle Proctor and Caroline Phillips Nail, along with their committee, are hard at work to facilitate your sign-up for fundraising hours. They are working with the office staff to adapt the website in order to accommodate the members' requests for jobs and hours. Each member must work two four-hour shifts per year at one of our fundraising events.

In January, members will be able to access the Junior League website to sign-up for Show House shifts, including Tea Room, League Power reps, Gala set-up, Dine by Design hours and many other opportunities. Look for your e-mail blast soon that lets you know how to sign-up for your shift and remember, each one of you help to make our Show House the success that it is!

## February Training: *Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Silent Auctions (but were afraid to ask)*

There comes a day in the life of every JLN member when she gets asked *the* question: “Would you be willing to help out on a Silent Auction?” The Training Committee is thrilled to announce that Renee Ard will discuss “Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Silent Auctions (but were afraid to ask)” on Wednesday, February 15th at 7:00pm at TACC.

Renee Ard has extensive experience in every aspect of Silent Auctions and has successfully worked on and chaired events throughout Nashville, including the Nashville Symphony’s Holiday House and

the Heart Gala. For those who have not yet been asked to work on a Silent Auction, for those who have been delaying the inevitable, as well as for everyone else, please plan on attending this training!

Attendance at this training qualifies for training credit. Please click “RSVP for a Training” on the Events and Meetings page at [www.jlnashville.org](http://www.jlnashville.org) to register for this training.

*Diana Bradford & Kelly O'Connor  
Training Co-Chairs*

## Five Fast Facts from Training: *GivingMatters.com™ Website a Community Tool*

- 1) GivingMatters.com™ is a website developed and produced by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee to provide profiles on Nashville-area nonprofits. The purpose is to encourage strategic giving from Middle Tennessee’s philanthropic community, assist in matching donor interest with community needs, advance the nonprofit sector by strengthening agencies and encouraging partnerships, and to identify pressing needs and demonstrating how donor leadership impacts critical issues.
  - Statement, Impact Statement, Background; **Management & Governance**, which outlines the capacity and involvement of the organization’s board and its management team; **Financial**, which focuses on the organization’s financial health; and **Programs**, which describes the programs or system activities in which they engage.
- 2) To qualify for inclusion, a nonprofit must have annual revenues greater than \$25,000 and have been in existence for at least two years. In the first phase of GivingMatters.com™, private schools, worshipping communities, for-profit childcare centers, hospitals, support groups and government services are not profiled.
- 3) Each profile of a non profit contains four sections: **General**, which provides contact information, Mission
- 4) Participating agencies provide the profile information on a voluntary basis. Profiles are updated at least annually.
- 5) Full access to the website is available to private foundations, The Community Foundation’s Donor Advisors, corporate giving programs, the United Way, the Mayor’s office, the Metro Council Budget Finance Office, and the Center for Nonprofit Management. A partial view of GivingMatters.com™ profiles is available to the general public and other groups.

*Amanda Garo  
Training Committee*

## Brown Bag Lunch Training : *How to Chair a SPECIAL Special Event*

If you have ever wondered what it takes to chair a Special Event or if you would like to know what makes a Special Event *special*, make plans to attend the February Brown Bag Lunch Training! On Thursday, February 2nd at 12:00pm, Patti Hart Smallwood will lead “How to Chair a SPECIAL Special Event.”

While we all know that Patti was JLN President last year, she has also successfully chaired a variety of large special events including Show House, Steeplechase, and the Opera Ball. Patti will discuss the fundamentals of chairing an event and share her advice on how to make it spectacular.

Attendance at “How to Chair a SPECIAL Special Event” qualifies for training credit. Please click “RSVP for a Training” on the Events and Meetings page on the website to register for this training.

*Diana Bradford & Kelly O'Connor  
Training Co-Chairs*

## Meet the Cover Article Author:

Angela Moretti-Goddard is our featured Cover Article writer this month. She is JLN's 2005-2006 VP of Community and was Community Research Chair last year. She is passionate about JLN's commitment to community service and we are inspired by her leadership! Thank you Angela!



## Births

Audrey Kate Thompson & William Douglas Thompson, born September 23rd to Brooke & Greg Thompson.

Wey Henry Johns, born October 9th to Carolyn & Justin Johns.

Ava Elizabeth Hunter, born October 19th to Danielle & Mason Hunter.

Malcolm Jefferson Northcutt, born October 30th to Kendria & Bryce Northcutt.

## Weddings

Mary Jones married Kevin Hyche on August 6th.

Mariah Forbes married Michael Daly on September 24th.

## Congrats

Sustainer Lynda Jones Kenigson has sold her law practice of 15 years and is kicking off a campaign to be elected JUDGE! Look for her campaign literature in the upcoming months.

Active Jocelyn Greene will be the Nurse Practitioner working with the Surgical Oncology Division of the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center effective January 1, 2006. She will interface directly with the Surgical Oncology division as well as the patients, families and other members of the health care team. What an honor!

Congratulations to Sonya Hairston! She is the new Director of Marketing for the NRB Network, a new television station that launches on Direct TV on December 12th.

Our Members Are  
Doing Great Things...

Chairing an Event?  
Elected to a Board?  
In the Business News?  
Marriage? Baby?  
Members-at-Large wants to know!

Email your news to the  
Members-at-Large Co-Chairs:  
[membersatlarge@jln1922.org](mailto:membersatlarge@jln1922.org)



The Members-At-Large committee enjoys the fun & fellowship at the 'Tis-the-Season Sampler Try-It-Tuesday, held November 30th.

## “Try it Tuesdays” MAL Helping you Connect the DOTS!

Need to unwind after the holidays?

In need of a girls' night out?

Come join us for

“Bunko and Brews at the Barn!”

**Tuesday, January 24th from 6:30-9:00 pm**  
at **Mary Lee Bartlett's home**

Learn to play Bunko, meet some new friends, and win one of our fabulous door prizes!

Space is limited so RSVP ASAP on the Members-at-Large page on the website....

*A Members-at-Large Production*

## Welcome New Transfers!

Shannon Beeson - Active, Chicago  
Beth Miller - Provisional, Baton Rouge  
Nancy Post - Sustainer, Seattle

## JLN Supper Club

Supper Club members: don't forget to contact your group regarding Supper Club this month! The date is set for

**Saturday, January 21st** and menus will be emailed to you at least two weeks prior. Any questions, please email: [jlnsupperclub@jln1922.org](mailto:jlnsupperclub@jln1922.org).

Bon Appétit!



## Calling All Knitters!

Beginners & Pros! Bring some needles & yarn and meet us at TACC on **Monday, January 23rd from 7:00pm - 8:30pm**. Those currently working on projects will keep going...and any newcomers, we will get you started! For beginners, please come prepared with the following supplies:

- Worsted weight yarn, any color
- Knitting needles: Size 13 or 15, with a length of either 10" or 14" (depending on what feels more comfortable in your hands...both will work fine!)
- Scissors

These items may be found at any of the following stores: Walmart, Michael's, Hobby Lobby, JoAnn's, & Angel Hair Yarn Company.



The first Knit Night attended by: (Back row): Myra Leathers, Erin Kitchin, Jane Goidel, Joy Lehmann; (Front row): Lauren Glascock, Mariah Forbes Daly, Beth Miller & Kelly Baltz



Throughout this year, Members-at-Large will have the opportunity to “spotlight” some of the outstanding volunteers in our League!

Award recipients have been nominated by their committees and/or chairs as volunteers that really deserve the “spotlight” for one reason or another. Each month we will spotlight two volunteers who are placed with in-League positions and two volunteers who are serving their placement in one of our community agencies. Members-at-Large will make a donation to the 2005 Annual Fund in their honor. Please join us in thanking each award recipient for their service to our community and the Junior League!

#### Community Spotlight Award Recipients:

**Gayle Hogg Goodall**

*Volunteer at Renewal House*

Gayle Hogg Goodall has been volunteering at Renewal House for four of her ten years in the Junior League of Nashville. Gayle says she wanted to work with an organization where she could truly see the outcome of her efforts. Gayle describes her experience in the following: “Experiencing this program has made a huge impact on my life. I have been amazed at how these women have reclaimed their life and family through Renewal House. I was a Parent Partner for two years and mentored a young lady with several children. Our children played during our meetings. I gave her advice on how to dress for interviews, discussed personal issues regarding parenting, and shared her concerns about getting her life on track. Meanwhile, I shared my own life issues related to raising a child and the struggles I experienced in life. She has since graduated from the program, has a steady job and is a great mother to her children. She was even in my wedding this past August! I am so proud of her!”

## January Spotlight Awards

Gayle’s favorite part of volunteering at Renewal House is making a difference in a young woman’s life, showing her she has many choices and that she can still succeed in life even though she has experienced several setbacks because of drug addiction. Gayle’s volunteer responsibilities include working closely with the Board of Directors and with the volunteers. Gayle also co-chaired Renewal House’s major fundraiser, A Women’s Thanksgiving. Gayle says she would recommend this placement to everyone who can participate. The hours are flexible and the women appreciate a listening ear. You can mentor, provide childcare during special events, tutor, career counsel, or paint an apartment. There is something for every volunteer!

**Amy Strong**

*Volunteer at The Oasis Center*

Amy Strong, an active JLN member for two years, has been volunteering at the Oasis Center for both of those years. Amy was drawn to The Oasis Center after visiting on the Provisional tour. She says she heard the teens speak about all they had gained from the experiences at the Center and she knew it was where she wanted to be! Her favorite part about volunteering at The Oasis Center is the actual interaction with the teens there. “I like to think that I am a calming and stable influence in their world even if I am just there baking cookies with them”, says Amy. Various volunteer opportunities at The Oasis Center include working in the shelter playing games, cooking, and mentoring, working on their fundraiser, Divas Nash Vegas, and working on Pulse Day, a community event. Amy says that she would absolutely recommend The Oasis Center as a placement! The Center is so appreciative of its volunteers and is flexible in allowing volunteers to do what they want to do. Amy says, “I always leave with a smile on my face knowing that I am helping teens to change their lives!”

#### In-League Spotlight Award Recipients:

**Marla Ruff**

*Placement Committee*

Marla, a transfer to the JLN in 2003 from Huntington, WV, has been serving on the Placement Committee this year. This year she serves as the Member Liaison, which primarily communicates with those members requesting baby leave as well as those volunteering with a Special Placement within the Junior League. The Placement Committee is her first in-League placement, but one that she has greatly enjoyed. Marla says that she submitted to serve on the Placement committee due to “the flexible schedule which is conducive to my desire to volunteer and be a part of the League while staying at home with my children.” Tonya Stevens, Placement Chair, commended Marla saying that she has been “completely reliable, responsive and efficient” in her duties this year. Congratulations Marla on a job well done!

**Bryna Grant & Maggie Jackson**

*First Year Active Representatives*

Bryna & Maggie are serving this year as the First Year Active Representatives. This is a placement that somewhat evolves from year to year in regards to how involved one wishes to become. Bryna & Maggie have been diligent in keeping the First Year Active Members not only informed, but also involved in all the happenings of the JLN! Each month they have been sending fun, informative, and enthusiastic reports to all First Year Active Members updating them on general happenings within the League, important news events within the lives of fellow First Year Actives, as well as opportunities for involvement within the League. Thank you both for your outstanding service, enthusiasm and positive attitudes in your placement this year!



## SUSTAINER CORNER

### Name this Photo!



Be the first Sustainer to properly identify this photo and a bottle of 2004 Fetzer Chardonnay will be yours! Please tell the event (a big hint is given there!) and most importantly, the date (month and year) -- approximate if you're not sure! E-mail [marylynnndavis@comcast.net](mailto:marylynnndavis@comcast.net) by February 1, 2006. The first three correct respondents will receive a bottle of wine!

### Sustainer Transfers' "Lunch With Friends"



Pictured L-R: Anne Guerra, Anne Smartt, Cathy Fourman, Marilyn Bradley, Joan Pinkley, and Carolyn Amiot

Junior League cookbooks from around the country were the stars of the Sustainer Transfers' October "Lunch With Friends" at the festively decorated home of Marsha Olender. Using recipes from their former Leagues' cookbooks, from League cookbooks in their collections and from our own *Notably Nashville*, Sustainer Transfer committee chairs prepared a delicious bounty of salads, breads, specialty sandwiches, soup and irresistible desserts. With 28 Sustainer

Transfers in attendance, League Cookbook Co-chair Mary Catherine McAnulty was on hand to not only enjoy the friendship of this delightful group, but also to sell \$560 worth of cookbooks! The Sustainer Transfers purchased an entire case of New Orleans cookbooks as a gesture of support for the hurricane-stricken League. Overall, the Sustainer Transfers raised a grand total of \$1,390.00 for the "Dinner with Friends" fundraiser.



Pictured L-R: Carolyn Amiot, Marilyn Bradley, Cathy Fourman, Marsha Olender, Anne Guerra, Joan Pinkley, and Jane Lies

## SOUP'S ON!

### Celebrate National Soup Month with some hearty soups from *Notably Nashville*



It's a new year! Resolve to cook more in 2006 using your *Notably Nashville*, A Medley of Tastes and Traditions. One of the great

est things about our cookbook is that it is not only filled with award-winning recipes, but it is an incredibly easy cookbook to use. We are all busy women without a lot of extra time. Most *Notably Nashville* recipes are extremely simple to prepare and call for common ingredients. The results however are delicious dishes that look as if you have slaved all day in the kitchen. This year use *Notably Nashville* to make home cooked meals for yourself, your family, or your friends and enjoy preparing fine food without the fuss!

January is National Soup Month. Here are some savory soups to get you started:

- Asparagus Soup, p.77
- Cheddar Cheese Soup, p.78
- White Bean Chili, p.82
- Dilled Cream of Carrot Soup, p. 78
- Tortilla Soup, p. 80
- West African Sweet Potato Soup, p. 81
- White Bean Chili, p. 82
- Green Chile Stew, p. 84
- Chicken and Sausage Gumbo, p. 85

To purchase your *Notably Nashville* cookbook call headquarters at (615) 269-9393, or visit our website [www.jlnashville.org](http://www.jlnashville.org). You can purchase our League's cookbook as well as many other Leagues' including Memphis, Atlanta, Spartanburg, Austin, New Orleans and Boca Raton.

The proceeds from the sale of the cookbook help the Junior League of Nashville to continue to improve our community through the effective action and leadership of our trained volunteers.

### Yearbook Corrections

Please make the following changes to the following Sustainers' entries in your Yearbook.

#### Sustainers:

Leslie Bird's zip code is 08742 and her phone number is 732-892-7004.

Jane Lies' birthday is October 10th.

## Provisional Update

With the first half of the Provisional year behind us, the Provisionals celebrated with holiday gatherings in December. Some Provisional groups teamed with other groups in the homes of Advisors, while others met for dinner in some of Nashville's favorite restaurants. In the spirit of the holidays, many groups participated in ornament exchanges and gift swaps. These celebrations provided an excellent opportunity for fellowship with other League members.

Some of our members are on the move. Welcome to Provisional Transfer, Beth Miller, who comes to us from Baton Rouge! Look for Sarah Stone, a Thursday night Provisional, in *The Bachelor* premiering in January on ABC! Although we haven't heard from her since she left for Paris in early October, she may have found true love or could perhaps be "THE" bachelorette!

The focus for our January meeting is "All Things Financial." Provisionals will learn about the Annual Fund and the Keystone and Pillar Grants. They will learn more about fundraising opportunities such as the Cookbook, Show House, Dinner with Friends, and the Stair Climbing Event and gain insight into how these fundraising dollars are spent in the community. Remember to mark your calendar for the General Membership Meeting at TACC, **Tuesday, January 17th at 7:00pm and Wednesday, January 18th at 10:00am.**

*Georgina Beaty*  
Provisional Advisor



Provisionals (L-R) Kristen McDaniel, Laura Raynor and Nikki Hightower box up some of the last donations for the JLNO's Bloomin' Deals Thrift Store.

## Transfer Talk

As of October 15th, the Transfer Committee has welcomed over 20 ladies to Nashville. What an awesome group of women! Although many may have been familiar with Nashville from the outside, we are introducing them to our great city and the ladies that support this town from the inside.

Who are these friendly faces that you keep seeing at the Membership Meetings? One or two look so familiar. Do you attend the same church? Did you have a class with them at college last year or five years ago?

Are your kids in daycare together? Would she be interested in joining your Bunko group?

All of the answers may be yes! Now is your time to put a name with a familiar face or reconnect with an old pal. Introduce yourself to these fabulous ladies and show them some southern hospitality!

*Valerie Hughes*  
Transfer Committee

Name	Transferred	Graduated
Susan Barker	New York, NY	University of Arizona
Shannon Beeson	Chicago, IL	University of Montevallo
Caroline Bradshaw	Sacramento, CA	Smith College
Elizabeth Briggs	New York, NY	Mississippi State University
Millicent Cash	Atlanta, GA	University of Evansville
Ashley Clark	Winston-Salem, NC	University of Georgia – M. Ed
Christina Cook	Mobile, AL	University of Tennessee
Kathleen DuPilka	St. Louis, MO	Murray State
Ali Fricke	Memphis, TN	Savannah College of Art & Design
Laura Gelfand	Long Island, NY	Memphis State University
Jennifer Godwin	Chicago, IL	Presbyterian College
Amy Hartleroad	Savannah, GA	University of Georgia - Masters
Kristy Hinds	Huntsville, AL	University of Mississippi
Tana Kelly	Jackson, MS	Baylor University – Masters
Shelia Luquire	Columbia, SC	Belmont University
Ellery Malkin	New York, NY	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Leigh McGinty	Memphis, TN	University of Southern Mississippi
Leslie Overby	Tallahassee, FL	Louisiana State University
Liz Parnell	Kingsport, TN	University of Vermont
Andrea Powell	Memphis, TN	Johns Hopkins Advanced Int. Studies – MA
Laura Roberts	Birmingham, AL	Kellogg Graduate School - MBA
Heather Webb	New York, NY	Rhodes College
Armistead Wilson	Durham, NC	University of Central Arkansas – MS
Tracey Wilson	Columbus, OH	Mississippi State University
Amy Zemp	North Virginia	Millsaps College - MBA
		University of Tennessee
		University of Kentucky
		University of Alabama, Birmingham
		Miami of Ohio University
		Vanderbilt University – MBA 2007
		Washington & Lee University
		University of North Carolina – MA
		Lambuth University
		Vanderbilt University - MBA
		Vanderbilt University

## Annual Fund Donors

Your response to the Annual Fund campaign has been awesome! We are almost halfway toward our goal of \$50,000, and pledges and gifts continue to come in every day. The following is a list of pledges and gifts recorded as of December 2, 2005. Thank you so much for your belief in the Annual Fund and the financial stability it provides to our League!

*Valerie Van Eaton*  
*Annual Fund Chair*

### Gifts up to \$49

Rebecca Ayer  
Rachel Barden  
Walton Foster  
Cornelia Gipson  
Kim Hewett  
Ginny Holley  
Lauren Howerton  
Karla Hyatt-Olsen  
Helen McCabe  
Liz McKenzie  
The Members at Large  
Committee  
Karen Merrill  
Clare Michels  
Linde Pflaum  
Jenny Phillips  
Lauren Roady  
Emily Rosencranz  
Gretchen Selcke  
Sara Beth Sheehan  
Jenny Streams  
Jane Stumpf  
Martha Thompson  
Michele Toungette  
Necie Elizabeth Young

### Gifts \$50 to \$99

Kent Ballow  
Amy Lee Bell  
Jan Boxer  
Lattie Brown  
Katie Crumbo  
ML Davis  
Bette DeMoss  
Beth Denton  
Susan Eason  
Cathy East  
Genevieve Farris  
Alice Figuers  
Irwin Fisher  
Joan Gehring  
Meredith Griffith  
Nicole Hamway  
Charlotte Hancock  
Phyllis Heard  
Macon Hilton  
The JLN Board of  
Directors  
Heather Kemp  
Donna Littleton

Caitlin McAleese  
Catherine O'Bryan  
Marsha Olender  
Dorothy Pace  
Barbara Keith Payne  
Carolyn Pearre  
Mary Knox Pilkerton  
Karin Prentice  
Ashley Robertson  
Lauren Rowe  
Michele Schwietzer  
Mary Jo Shankle  
Cathy Shell  
Caroline Shockley  
Jean Williams  
Julie Wilson  
Holly Winn  
McCall Yancey

### Gifts \$100 to \$249

Carolyn Amiot  
Jennifer Ayer Hill  
Sallie Bailey  
Catherine Beemer  
Christy Blackwell  
Linda Burkholder  
Sondra Cruikshanks  
Melinda Cullen  
Donna Dalton  
Kathy Davis  
Sandy Dawson  
Debra Enderle  
Becky Garrett  
Carolyn Griffin Hall  
Bev Hanselman  
Emily Haraf  
Jean Hastings  
Lucy Haynes  
Sally Holland  
The Training Committee  
Anne Jenkins  
Sheila Keeble  
Barkley Landis  
Mary Lewis  
Melissa Mahanes  
Paula Martens  
Ellen Martin  
Michel McDonald  
Maggi McLean Duncan  
Kelly McMullen  
Susan Moll

Mariann Morris  
Lise Morrow  
Mary Kate Mouser  
Sandra Owen  
Trayte Peters  
Linde Pflaum  
Trish Poe  
Robin Puryear  
Benning Ratliff  
Marcy Rehse  
Mary Rigby  
Delinda Rollins  
Natalie Ruggiero  
Mary Kim Shipp  
Susan Simons  
Kristi Skeeters  
Katie Steele  
Hettie Stuart  
Mary Stumb  
Cathy Sullivan  
Cindy Thompson  
Barbara Turner  
Valerie Van Eaton  
Cristin Viebranz  
Kim Wilson  
Lauren Zook

### Gifts \$250 to \$499

Judy Andrews  
Amy Atkinson  
Jennifer Greenwood  
Mrs. Martha R. Ingram  
*through the Martha and  
Bronson Ingram  
Foundation at the  
Community Foundation of  
Middle Tennessee*  
Angela Moretti-Goddard  
Patti Smallwood  
Stacy Sullivan-Karrels  
Donna Walsh

### Gifts \$500 to \$999

Shana Alford  
Mary Lee Bartlett  
Joy Crawford  
David Ewing  
Jean Farris  
Melissa Frist  
Regina Jensen  
Gay Roberts

Elizabeth Robinson  
Kelly Shirley  
Meghan Van Dongen

### Gifts \$1,000 and Above

Ann Bumstead  
The Ann Hardeman and  
Combs L. Fort  
Foundation  
Mary Lee Manier  
Alyson Robinson  
Kathleen Spitzer  
Valerie Van Eaton

### HONOR GIFTS

**Farewell gift in honor of  
Donna Walsh**  
The 2005-2006 JLN  
Board of Directors  
**In honor of 05-06  
Communications &  
Marketing Council**  
Donna Walsh  
**In honor of 2002-2003  
Board of Directors**  
Donna Dalton  
**In honor of Abigail Brown  
with gratitude**  
The Training Committee  
**In honor of Ajia, Courtney  
& Susan**  
Mary Jo Shankle  
**In honor of Amy Atkinson  
with gratitude**  
The Training Committee  
**In honor of Ann  
Bumstead's Birthday**  
Mary Lee Bartlett  
**In honor of Anne Jenkins**  
Melinda Cullen  
**In honor of Claire McCall  
with gratitude**  
The Training Committee  
**In honor of Colleen,  
Logan, Kate & Kris** for  
their support of my volun-  
teer commitments  
Heather Kemp  
**In honor of Denise  
Boosalis—November '05  
Spotlight Recipient**

The Members-at-Large  
Committee  
**In honor of Diana  
Bradford—November '05  
Spotlight Recipient**  
The Members-at-Large  
Committee  
**In honor of Donna  
Walsh's Birthday**  
Mary Lee Bartlett  
**In honor of Heather Kemp  
and the MAL Committee**  
Stacy Sullivan-Karrels  
**In honor of Heather  
Perry—November '05  
Spotlight Recipient**  
The Members-at-Large  
Committee  
**In honor of JLN Training  
& Education Council:  
You guys are the best!**  
Mary Kate Mouser  
**In honor of JLN  
Volunteers**  
Susan Moll  
**In honor of Joy Haynes  
with gratitude**  
The Training Committee  
**In honor of Karen  
Fleming**  
The 2005-2006 JLN  
Board of Directors and  
Council  
**In honor of Katherine  
Louv**  
ML Davis  
**In honor of Kathleen  
Spitzer's Birthday**  
Mary Lee Bartlett  
**In honor of Kerry Dunn  
(DwF 05-06 Co-Chair)**  
The 2005-2006 JLN  
Board of Directors  
**In honor of Kim Carpenter  
Drake with gratitude**  
The Training Committee  
**In honor of Linde Pflaum  
and Cristin Viebranz**  
Lucy Haynes  
**In honor of Linde Pflaum**  
The 2005-2006 JLN

## Community in the AJLI: New Website Registration Requirement at AJLI.org

Since the 2005 Summer issue of *Connected*, AJLI has been spreading the word about AJLI.ORG's new registration requirement. By February 2006, AJLI will be moving away from the current universal member password for access to the member section of the website. AJLI.ORG will upgrade its password-protection and username system to increase online member services and networking tools. This includes the launch of a searchable document library, an interactive message board, and specialized membership-valuable content (such as Affinity Group and Pres/PE sections).

So why is this important? The new registration system will validate you as a Member of the Junior League of Nashville and allow you to create a username and password. To register, your AJLI member ID is required. Your AJLI member ID was created when you joined the Junior League.

This assigned number is the only unique piece of information available to AJLI in order to validate you as a League member. If you don't know your member ID, here is a list of ways you can find it:

- Member ID cards: AJLI will create member ID cards for all dues-paying members of the Junior League of Nashville and send them out the second week of January. These cards will be mailed to League Headquarters.
- Junior League of Nashville Roster: Throughout the year, AJLI sends a roster to our League office that includes your member ID number.
- AJLI Help Desk: Once the program has been launched, AJLI will have a help desk to address registration-related questions and problems during office hours from 9:00am-5:00pm EST.
- League Presidents, President Elects

and other League Officers will receive an email with their member ID. This includes Nashville Officers who provide a current email address to AJLI.

AJLI is requiring League Members to register using their AJLI member ID to increase privacy and allow added service to its members. This is especially important because the Member area includes personal contact information for League members.

Once registration begins February 2006, the Message Board and Document Library in the member section of the website will be accessible only to Junior League of Nashville members who have registered. As the deadline approaches, AJLI will post detailed information on *AJLI.org*.

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### Annual Fund, continued

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In honor of **Linde Pflaum** with gratitude  
The Training Committee  
In honor of **Marti Rosenberg**  
The 2005-2006 JLN Board of Directors and Council  
In honor of **Marti Rosenberg** with gratitude  
The Training Committee  
In honor of **Mary Catherine McAnulty** (Cookbook 05-06 Co-Chair)  
The 2005-2006 JLN Board of Directors  
In honor of **Mary Kim Shipp**: We will miss you!  
Benning Ratliff  
In honor of **Mary Lee Bartlett**  
Shana Alford

Carolyh Griffin Hall  
Barbara Keith Payne  
Linde Pflaum  
Robin Puryear  
Michele Schweitzer  
Mary Stumb  
Cathy Sullivan  
In honor of **Mary Lee Bartlett** and **Shana Alford**  
Kent Ballow  
In honor of **Mary Lee Bartlett** and **Susan Moll**  
Patti Smallwood  
In honor of **Melissa Mosteller** (DwF 05-06 Co-Chair)  
The 2005-2006 JLN Board of Directors  
In honor of **Melissa Mosteller's** birthday  
Necie Elizabeth Young  
In honor of **Monie Sloan**—November '05  
Spotlight Recipient  
The Members-at-Large

Committee  
In honor of **Mrs. Robert Gwinn**  
Jane Stumpf  
In honor of my daughters, **Blaine & Cates**  
Kathleen Spitzer  
In honor of **Robin Puryear's** birthday  
Mary Lee Bartlett  
In honor of **Stacy Sullivan-Karrels' Birthday**  
Mary Lee Bartlett  
In honor of the **04-05** Nominating Committee  
Valerie Van Eaton  
In honor of the **2005-2006** Board  
Mary Lee Bartlett  
In honor of **The Home Board** and **Lisanne Hitt's** leadership  
Kristi Skeeters  
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