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Developing the Potential of Women: *A Year in Review*

How can you sum up an entire year of accomplishments, innovations, frustrations, changes and successes? It's impossible! But the outstanding women at the helm of the six councils can do it best by showcasing highlights of the past 12 months. An enormous thank you to each and every member for their work and dedication - this incredibly strong membership never ceases to amaze!

Communications & Marketing Council Year-In-Review

The Communications and Marketing Council had a huge year working on numerous projects throughout the year. Here are some highlights:

League Link produced six editions filled with timely information and interesting articles for the membership and friends of JLN. Thank you, Brooke Reusch, for serving as editor.

Our council designed and outfitted the Active and Provisional members with JLN t-shirts that will be walking advertisements for years to come.

We provided a grant to Alive Hospice for their annual Alive Concert series at the Bluebird Café.

The *Notably Nashville* Cookbook was the #3 bestselling cookbook for all of FRP (publisher) for 2007. This year we have sold over \$70,000 worth of *Notably Nashville* cookbooks -- the most ever sold in one year! Thank you to Cookbook Co-Chair, Diana Day-Cartee; Cookbook Marketing Coordinator, Whitney Conyers; and Cookbook PR, Heather Adams.

For the inaugural *Tis the Season* Holiday Marketplace, the Marketing Committee secured \$125,000 worth of in-kind media sponsorships and excellent editorial coverage of the event. These efforts helped the first-time fundraising event draw in nearly 4,000 attendees and exceed its net income goal by more than \$20,000. Applause goes to TTS Marketing Communications Coordinator, Jenny Barker and TTS Marketing & Guidebook Coordinator, Robin Kiel-McDonnell.

Under the leadership of Allison Collier, Night Meetings Chair, we hosted seven General Membership Meetings in two new locations this year with outstanding speakers such as FCC Commissioner and Mary Harriman Award winner Debi Tate, and Mayor Karl Dean and his wife, JLN Sustainer Anne Davis.

Our Technology gurus, guided by Chair Gabrielle Chapman, established monthly "TACC training" for JLN members and community partners, revised the online placement form and manned a computer bank for online placement during the Placement Fair.

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President's Perspective



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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.

Moving on to the Next Phase... With Priceless Memories and Great Affections



*I fell into sustaining
like a woman falls
into a feather bed!*

(A quote from
the late Ann
M c L e m o r e
Harwell, JLN
President, 1946-
1948, as told to

Mary Lee Manier who was about to become President at a particularly difficult time in the League's history.)



Several weeks ago, author Lisa DuBois spoke at our General Membership Meetings about her book called *More Than a Place*. It's all about the origins of the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt and includes a lot of information about the Junior League of Nashville and our Crippled Children's Home.

Lisa told the most amazing real-life stories about what it took not only for our Home to begin and thrive, but what it took to eventually build the world-class Hospital we have today. It was not as easy a process as you might have thought and I urge you to read the book and learn more.

There are many Sustainers among us, and especially a number of Past Presidents of this League who don't need to read the book – because they lived the book. I continue to be so humbled by the women who came before me and the Past Presidents who handled huge decisions for our League – like Mary Lee Manier (JLN President, 1960-1962). She and her Board made the decision to integrate the Home with patients of color in the early 1960s when that decision was definitely not the popular thing to do – but the right thing to do. Or, Betty Nelson (JLN President, 1970-1971) – she and her Board were involved in the decision to close the JLN Home on White

Avenue and transfer it to the Children's Regional Medical Center at Vanderbilt. This required a membership vote of approval which resulted in "a mélange of relief, hard feelings, and uncertainty," according to the book.

Being the President of the Junior League is both the toughest thing I've ever done and the most rewarding thing I've ever done. Some days were easy – especially when I met people who had benefited from our work – including one of my daughter's teachers whose mother is one of our former patients. She had polio and had lived at our Home many years ago. Her mother was a single mom who had to make a very hard choice -- should she take care of her invalid mother or her invalid child -- because she couldn't care for both of them by herself. My daughter's teacher is so appreciative that we cared for his mother -- truly, there wasn't another option for her at the time. Then there is the woman who wrote us a heart-wrenching letter recently. Her child passed away at Children's Hospital last year and our Home Board purchased a book for the hospital's library, in memory of her daughter. She wrote to say that she is so grateful that her child will always be remembered whenever someone reads that book and that means the world to their family.

Some days as President are not so easy – especially when you see the conflict that women can have with each other. While men seem to get angry and typically move on pretty quickly, women can often tell you who they didn't get along with in the third grade and still don't like. I would say that 80% of the President's job is resolving conflict – and that it helps to have a thick skin (or to acquire one). Perhaps we expect our fellow League members to be perfect, and of course they are not – but if we can work through that conflict, you can find the

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2007-2008 Annual Meeting

All Sustainers, Actives and Provisionals are encouraged to attend the 2007-2008 Annual Meeting, along with friends and significant others.

Tuesday, May 20th
Frances Bond Davis Theatre
Harpeth Hall School
3801 Hobbs Road
Reception: 6:15 - 7:00 pm
Meeting and Recognition of Volunteers:
7:00 - 8:30 pm

This is our most exciting meeting of the year as we welcome our new Provisionals, officially recognize this year's Provisionals as Actives, and congratulate our new Sustainers. We will present our Pillar Grants, recognize our four Paragon Award winners and enjoy a fashion show hosted by our wonderful AJLI sponsor, Talbots. You won't want to miss it!

Talbots Spring Fashion Show

Need to update your wardrobe or find a gift for Mom? Come see the Talbots Spring Fashion show at the May General Membership meeting! In addition, Talbots is extending its support of local Junior League community programs by donating 10% of gift card sales purchased at www.TalbotsGivesBack.com/ajli. This is a great ongoing fundraising opportunity to pass on to your friends and family!

To purchase a gift card, go to www.TalbotsGivesBack.com/ajli, choose our League by clicking on *Select a League*, and indicate your desired denomination. Talbots will donate 10% of your gift card purchase directly to JLN.

Talbots is a leading national specialty retailer of women's, men's and children's apparel, shoes and accessories. Talbots' brands serve a broad diversity of women within the 35+ population through an extensive range of sizes and distinct yet complementary styles. Talbots is a partner of AJLI and sponsor of its annual Mary Harriman Community Leadership Award.

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League you are looking for – not a perfect one or one filled with perfect women, but a League filled with some truly remarkable women who will be your strongest friends and most passionate volunteers.

I want to thank – first and foremost – my husband, Jim and our 17-year-old daughter, Maria. The family of the President of the League gives up a lot – so thank you for allowing me the time to do this job and Maria, I promise we'll hit the road for those college visits right after June 1st (Notre Dame, here we come!).

I'd also like to thank the 2007-2008 Board of Directors and 2007-2008 Council. Ladies, you have been such a delight to work with – thanks for all the hours and talent you have given – what a terrific group of leaders you are!

Linde Pflaum served as my Sustaining Advisor this year and was the source of

many late night and early morning phone calls and coaching sessions – Linde, you are a dear friend and amazing talent – thank you for giving me so much time and great advice this year.

To Dara Dickson, our President-Elect and Stacy Sullivan-Karrels, our President-Elect-Elect, I send my great thanks and whole-hearted support for the future. Enjoy your time leading the League – it will go quickly and is truly precious.

There were also a group of Sustainers (primarily Past Presidents and other Sustainer leaders) who stepped up to help me in so many ways this year. When things were going well, you were the greatest cheerleaders, and when we needed your support, you stepped in with grace and class and helped me get through whatever came my way. I am so grateful for your help – it's difficult to even find the words. My hope is that I will be that same source of strength for another

President – five, ten or twenty years from now – the way you have been for me.

To the Staff – Catie, Brittany and Erin – you work so hard and have quickly and graciously done whatever it took to get the job done (including dealing with several inches of sewage water in the basement when the sewer line was broken across the street last spring). It's such an honor to work with you!

And, last but certainly not least, thanks to all of you – the members of JLN – for the opportunity to serve you! There's a reason why we are the 12th largest League in the world – it's because of your loyalty and commitment to making a difference in our community.

I'm off to "fall into my own sustainer feather bed" come June 1st and thank you for a wonderful year!

Mary Rigby, President

***Tis the Season* Holiday Marketplace: It's a Wrap!**

It's hard to believe that it has now been six months since the inaugural *Tis the Season* Holiday Marketplace took place. And the new Chairs, Ruth Ann Cox and Courtney Hood are already in full swing planning for *Tis the Season* 2008!

When we presented the idea of a Holiday Marketplace we communicated that we saw this as an opportunity to create an event that will become highly recognizable in the community for years to come with a structure that would generate maximum revenue with an even greater potential for growth in the future. By all accounts this was accomplished and this inaugural event not only met but also exceeded the monetary goal. But just as important as the actual numbers were the experiences of those on the committee, who in every sense of the term, "Developed their Potential."

Each member of the *Tis the Season* Committee, as well as all members of the League, experienced hands-on potential being developed through seeing an abstract concept go through the creation and development process to become a reality; through managing a three-day long "small business" in which the JLN provided customer service to our corporate sponsors, guests and merchant participants; and through the life-long bond of starting a fund-raiser from scratch and seeing it to fruition.

To quote a vision from our original presentation to the membership, "Imagine a shopper's wonderland beautifully decorated with our community message prominently displayed through audio and visual messages constantly reinforcing the great things the Junior League of Nashville does for the community." Here's to celebrating that we indeed accomplished this and to wishing the

continued success of *Tis the Season* Holiday Marketplace in the years to come!

Our final numbers...

Dollars Raised:

Goal- \$134, 250

Actual- \$150,209, almost \$24,000 over goal!

Attendance:

Goal- 4,000

Actual- 3,823

Cost per dollar raised:

Goal- \$.50 or less cost per dollar raised, which is the industry standard for special event fundraising.

Actual- \$.46 cost per dollar raised, well within the industry standard

With *Tis the Season* love and appreciation, *Stacy Sullivan-Karrels and Kelly McMullen, Tis the Season Holiday Marketplace 2007 Co-Chairs*

***Notably Nashville* Celebrates a Successful 5th Year**

Happy Anniversary, *Notably Nashville*! In case you did not know, we are celebrating *Notably Nashville*'s 5th year...and we are celebrating with success! We are on target to reach over \$80,000 in sales of our cookbook this year. Our approach has been different this year and our attitude has been positive. We increased our committee size and established a quota of books to be sold. We incorporated League Power volunteers to help with book deliveries to accounts, work in-store *Notably Nashville* events, and cook samples from the cookbook for distribution at events and to entice new accounts.

It has been a year of learning, growth and success. Each committee member was either assigned an existing account or given a market to target for new accounts. We tried to create stronger ties with the membership of our League and with our other fundraisers. There were exciting opportunities during General Membership meet-

ings and *Tis the Season* to purchase our own *Notably Nashville* or another League's cookbook. We incorporated the cookbook into Dinner with Friends by staffing every party with a cookbook representative. It is exciting when all of these pieces come together for the full benefit of our League.

Some exciting highlights from our year:

- The first General Membership meeting in the fall of 2007 marked the highest sales for a GM meeting of cookbooks!
- At *Tis the Season* Holiday Marketplace, our *Notably Nashville* booth was constantly busy, offering shoppers specials and delicious samples.
- *Notably Nashville* was advertised in *Southern Lady*, *Taste of the South*, *Ingram Cookbook Advance*, *The Tennessean* and featured on local mid-day shows.
- *Notably Nashville* became Favorite

Recipes Press #3 seller for 2007 with increased revenues due to our advertising campaigns and new accounts.

- New accounts were opened, including: Cheekwood, Costco and The Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The Cookbook Committee appreciates everyone's support through encouragement and purchases of *Notably Nashville*. We have learned so much and look forward to a positive future with *Notably Nashville*.

Alicia Barker and Diana Day-Cartee, Co-Chairs



Annual Fund

Thank you, thank you for your generous gifts to the JLN Annual Fund this year! We appreciate each and every gift that helps support our organization, and thereby helps us continue to develop the potential of women in our community. Gifts to the Annual Fund may be given anytime, and all those gifts received before May 31, 2008 will be counted toward our current fiscal year. We are most grateful for all your support!

The following list represents gifts and pledges received by March 25, 2008. We regret any omissions, misspellings or other mistakes and welcome your corrections. Please notify us of any corrections by sending information to the Annual Fund Chair, c/o JLN, 2405 Crestmoor, Nashville, TN 37215. Corrections will be noted in a future edition of *League Link*.

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Judy Andrews
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Combs L. Fort Foundation
Martha and Bronson
Ingram Foundation
Mary LaGrone
Cathy McLure
Valerie Van Eaton
Chris Whitson
Jerry Williams

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Foundation
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Joy Crawford
Fran Hardcastle
Carla Nelson
Grace Paden
Mary Rigby
Margaret Ann Robinson
Susan Simons
Kathleen Spitzer

\$250-\$499

Amy Atkinson
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Betsy McInnes
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Trish Poe
Karin Prentice
Marcy Rehse
Brooke Reusch
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Rollins
Cathy Turner

\$100-\$249

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Carolyn Amiot
Sallie Bailey
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Linda Burkholder
Lisa Bussard
Holly Calhoun
Julia Cashion
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Sandra Lipman
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Jean Mayes
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Krysta McNaughton

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Vickie Mertz
Diana Mobley
Erin Morrison
Lise Morrow
Anne Murphy
Lisa Neff
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Dana Oman
Sandy Owen
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Catherine Plato
Michelle Proctor
Olivia Rechter
Lauren Rowe
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Katie Steele
Carol Stevens
Tonya Stevens
Carrie Stokes
Hettie Stuart
Janelle Temple
Michele Toungette
Barbara Turner
Alice Tyne
Erica Vick
Mary Wilson
Irene Wills

\$50-\$99

Martha Allard
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Holly Beck
Annie Laurie Berry
Angela Bostelman
Cynthia 'Bullinger
Kim Camp
Kisha Campbell
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Holly Connors
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Tricia Carswell
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Margo Hall
Kelly Harris
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Joy Haynes
Alice Heywood
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Jessica Hodes
Meredith Hollomon
Courtney Hood
Scottie Nell Hughes
Susan Irby
Anne Jenkins
Kristen Kaminsky
Katherine Koban
Nicole Kotys
Myra Leathers
Anne Lobelson
Lynn McDonald
Liz McKenzie
Kelly McMullen
Clare Michels

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Membership

Little Leaguers

William "Lyle" Hinds IV,
born September 12, 2007
to Jennifer and William Hinds

Caroline Sydney Corley,
born December 18, 2007
to Leigh Ann and Jason Corley

Charles "Garrett" Nord,
born February 1, 2008
to Angela and Drew Nord

Virginia Elizabeth Powell,
born February 22, 2008
to Andrea and Greg Powell

Catherine "Cate" Hedrick Beemer,
born March 3, 2008
to Catherine and Jeff Beemer

Alexander "Alex" Gray Goddard,
born March 17, 2008
to Angela Moretti-Goddard
and Chris Goddard

Caroline Gallagher Reusch,
born March 28, 2008
to Brooke and Jason Reusch

May 2008: Lots of fun making JLN Membership GREAT!

On behalf of your MAL committee, thanks for a year of Developing Opportunities Totally Social (DOTS)! We appreciated the opportunity to be here for the membership, in all aspects of your JLN experience. We have been honored by your support at our get-togethers and events this year.

Best wishes for a
fabulous summer!
Wendy Foster
Members-at-Large Co-Chair

Members-at-Large Year in Review

Oh what a time ---
2007 and '08!

MAL met in the summer
Planned events to be GREAT!

Fall's schedule was chocked full
and so hectic.

But had great events
that were fun and eclectic.

A Cemetery Tour at Mt. Olivet
Fun was had by all, you can bet.

October continued with
"Passionately Pink,"
A Breast Cancer Awareness talk
that made us THINK!

Then came our support of
Race for the Cure.

The JLN team raced
and cheered loud for sure!

Next came our holiday cookie
Mingle and Jingle

Followed by pancakes and pics
with Kris Kringle!

We had more fun for the kiddies,
mommies and dames,
With a Valentine's Party with crafts,
cookies, and games!

Then a Girls' Night at the Spa
was such a great treat,
Members were pampered with manis
for the hands, pedis for the feet!

And wrapping things up
for a fun year with us,
We've had two Nash Trash tours
around town on a BUS!

Thanks for a fun year with MAL! We
hope you enjoyed the events planned this
year, and we look forward to supporting
next year's chairs and committees.

*Necie Elizabeth Young on behalf of the
Members-At-Large Committee*

Volunteer Spotlight: Community Placements

Joanna Thomson, the Project Chair for Parents Reaching Out, has gone above and beyond the call of duty to make sure that all the volunteers are engaged and happy in their placement. She's really double placed - as she's done everything the volunteers have done and chaired the committee. She has a real loyalty to this wonderful organization dedicated to supporting women with high-risk pregnancies and parents of premature babies.



Lauren Ritzen has just been a stellar volunteer for Saddle Up. She jumped right in and has gone well and above her required placement hours. She really cares about this organization, as she so eloquently put it, "The program is incredibly rewarding. I am a better and happier person after a day at Saddle Up! The students and their wonderful personalities are a highlight in my week. There are not enough words to describe what a truly fantastic placement this is."



Thanks, ladies, for your commitment to the League and our community partners.

Congrats

Congrats to the JLN's own Amy Atkinson who was selected by the *Nashville Business Journal* as a "Woman of Influence!" We salute you, Amy, for your work both professionally and in the community.

JLN Nominees for Community Awards

The Junior League of Nashville was so proud to nominate the following women for community awards this year. Please congratulate them on their well-deserved recognition.



Robin Puryear
Mary Catherine Strobel
Award Nominee

It was said that the nominee for this award should be the “Mother Teresa” of Junior

League. Robin Puryear embodies this description with her kind heart and caring spirit. Many organizations have benefited from her volunteer spirit including Books from Birth, Monroe Carell, Jr. Children’s Hospital, St. Luke’s Community House and Oak Hill School. Recently, Robin was chairwoman of the 2007 A Gathering of Angels luncheon where a record amount of money was raised for The Salvation Army as well as a record number of people in attendance. When asked about her fondest Junior League memory, Robin said, “the many giving and caring members who have enriched my life through having had the privilege of serving along side of them. The sense of history, positive change and outreach in the community by such a dedicated group of women will always have an impact on my life as I continue to volunteer as a Junior League sustainer.”



Fran Hardcastle – YWCA
Academy for Women of
Achievement Nominee

The Academy for Women of Achievement honors women whose excellence and leadership in their chosen fields serve as models for other young women and girls. Fran has proven herself a wonderful role model through decades of volunteer service in the Nashville community. A few highlights of her service include serving as

Junior League President in 1975-1976, President of Canby Robinson Society of Vanderbilt University Medical Center in 2003-2005 and Cheekwood Swan Ball chairman in 1979. Presently, Fran is the Secretary of the Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital Board and is a Trustee for the Junior League of Nashville. One of Fran’s favorite memories of Junior League was a tap dance routine at the Tennessee Theater that was part of “The Follies” – the Junior League’s first fundraiser for the Community Fund.



Irwin Fisher
ATHENA Award
Nominee

The ATHENA Award is celebrated in five countries and in more than 350 communities throughout the world – it is considered the highest honor of recognition for the achievements of professional women in Nashville. Irwin is well-deserving of this nomination for her professional achievements at Loews Hotel as the Director of Marketing and Vice-President of Sales Administration and Training. In this role, she is one of the first female Director of Sales for Hyatt Hotels. Irwin has responded to need in the Nashville community by creating two programs benefiting children and families: A Gingerbread World has raised \$700,000 for children at Centerstone and Loews Loves Kids has created gift bags for children in Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt for the past eighteen years. Irwin was a member of the Junior Leagues in Washington DC and Baltimore before returning to Nashville. One of Irwin’s favorite Junior League memories was serving as co-chair with Florence Blair for the first Show House Empty House Party.

Let the accomplishments of these women motivate you in your volunteer efforts!

Sustainer Transfers

This year has been very successful for the Sustainer Transfer group, as they boosted their membership for the year to 73 members and participation in interest groups and events have been at an all-time high.

One exciting endeavor for the group this spring was in support of *Dinner with Friends*. The JLN Sustainer Transfer group held a *Luncheon with Friends* at Robyn Earthman’s home and raised more than \$1,000 for the League.

Congratulations are in order to member Laura Hobson, who recently was appointed Executive Director of the Faith Family Medical Clinic, which serves the health needs of the working uninsured.



As we end our year, the group bids a fond farewell to Maggie Allston and Jane Lies, who have been very active on the Steering Committee. Additionally, Maggie led the ever popular book group and Jane has served as our Secretary. We wish them well as Maggie moves to Lexington and Jane to Birmingham.



Our year will begin June 1, 2008, with participation fees due at that time. Leading the Steering Committee for 2008-2009 will be Marilyn Bradley and Marsha Olender, and Carolyn Amiot, who has served for many years, will remain as Member-at-Large.

Membership

Meet New Transfer, Rebecca Muth

The 2007- 2008 Transfer Group is filled with wonderful women! This month we are going to highlight one of our fabulous transfers, Rebecca Muth. She moved here from Houston, Texas and is now living in Franklin. She is a PRN physical therapist at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt and at Vanderbilt Stallworth Rehabilitation Hospital. Here is a little bit more about Rebecca:

What are your favorite movies?

Holiday Inn and Sweet Home Alabama

Where do you do your grocery shopping?

Publix because of their customer service, fresh food, and variety

What is your favorite store?

Williams Sonoma, Pottery Barn and TJ MAXX Home Goods

What is your favorite lunch spot?

Dumplings in Downtown Franklin

What is your favorite dinner spot?

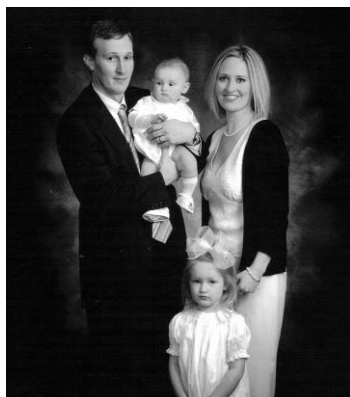
Monell's in Downtown Franklin

What has been the best experience so far in the Transfer group?

Thanks to the organizers- the social events are unique and fun. The Holiday Party was so beautiful and fabulous. I met new people and I learned some amazing recipes.

Caroline Roche West

Transfer Advisor



*Rebecca Muth and family,
Photo by Ben Ross Photography*

2008 Paragon Award Winners

First-Year Active Award: Jenny Barker



The League is excited to announce that Jenny Barker is the 2007-2008 First-Year Active Award recipient. This award honors a First Year Active who has gone beyond the call of duty to give of her time and service.

Jenny took a huge role in her first year as an active by serving as one of the Communications and Marketing Coordinators for the inaugural *Tis the Season* Holiday Marketplace. Jenny told us, "I had to sit in on a Council meeting as part of my provisional requirements and decided to stay and sit in on the Marketing and Communications Council meeting after the main meeting ended. I was mostly curious about this committee given my professional background. I somehow got looped into preliminary discussions about *Tis the Season* that night. I was glad I was able to contribute some ideas, but I really didn't think much more about it after I left. Several weeks later Stacy Sullivan-Karrels called and talked me into leading the event's communications and marketing committee."

Some of the wonderful accolades of Jenny include, "I admire her knowledge and professionalism, and I appreciate her spirit of volunteerism as she demonstrated what the Junior League is all about." "Jenny is a go-getter with a can-do attitude. She is always up for a challenge and took enormous responsibility as a First-Year Active in her *Tis the Season* Marketing position. Jenny not only helped pull her team together but helped make it the success it was. Jenny is a great leader and understands what the JLN stands for and is committed to its success."

Jenny is a native of Martinsville, Virginia and works at Atkinson Public Relations.

Jenny told us, "As I settled into living in Nashville, I really wanted to find a way to get more deeply involved in helping make the city an even greater place to live. Several women I met through my job and my other community involvements told me about the League and encouraged me to join. I'm so glad I did." We think we can all agree the JLN is lucky to have Jenny Barker as our 2007-2008 First-Year Active Award Winner.



Outstanding Service Award: Sally Holland

We are proud to announce that Sally Holland is this year's recipient of the Outstanding Service

Award, which is given to an Active who best exemplifies the purpose of JLN and who is committed to promoting volunteerism and to improving our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Sally transferred to the Junior League of Nashville in 1997 from Peoria, Illinois. Sally came to Nashville ready to jump in after serving as Treasurer for the Peoria League. Her placements in Nashville include the Saddle Up Project Chair and Showhouse Treasurer. Most recently, she has served as Asset Manager for the Home Board. Last year, she double placed as Treasurer and this year as VP of Finance. Grace Paden describes Sally eloquently, "Sally is brilliant in finance. You can always find her behind the scenes of our fundraising and Home Board funds. What she loves most, and you feel her passion when she talks about it, is the story behind the money. She's proud of where we've been and where we're going and always wants to keep it all in line and documented on paper.

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She operates with expert skill and careful watch to detail. Sally's a woman who cares very deeply about the League, its history and where it's headed."

Sally manages a busy full-time career at Caterpillar Financial, competes and trains in professional ballroom dancing and has consistently worked so hard and effectively for the League in her placements for many years. She is a shining star in the League and is much deserving of this honor.



**Sustainer Award:
Beth Moore**

Each year we honor a Sustainer who best exemplifies how to lead a life of volunteerism and has translated her volunteer education and training

into her community involvement and commitment. This year's recipient is Beth Moore.

Beth Moore has been a valued member of the Junior League since 1990 and has distinguished her service with devotion to our mission and to our members. "She has provided outstanding support that has made a tremendous difference," said Linde Pflaum, Past President of the Junior League. During her active years, she held important leadership positions on the board of directors as Chair of Home Board and Vice President of Community, as well as participated as a hard working member of many League committees. Under Beth's leadership as Chair of Home Board, the JLN successfully negotiated improvements with our agreement with Vanderbilt Children's Hospital that resulted in signifi-

cant gifts and naming opportunities for the League. While Vice President of Community, she created new processes for community research and agency support and launched the Project Chair position that is still used today. Beth's interest and commitment to the Junior League has continued through the years. This year she served as an advisor to the inaugural Tis the Season committee, the Community Impact task force, and the Home Board. She fulfilled each of these commitments with enthusiasm, dedication and dependable support.

In addition to Beth's JLN service, she has dedicated her time and talent to both large projects and small projects, benefitting both large and small agencies. She co-chaired the Iroquois Steeplechase in 2004 and the Antiques and Garden Show of Nashville in 2000, with both events reaching thousands of people and raising hundreds of thousands of dollars to benefit children and families in our community. Beth has volunteered for numerous organizations in Nashville committed to improving the health and quality of life of those in Middle Tennessee. Sally Smallwood, Junior League Sustainer and All About Women Founder says, "She is a respected volunteer leader in our community, through her service on boards and fundraisers." Recently, she was a founding member of the Academy of Country Music Charitable Fund and steered the creation of their granting process. In addition, Beth was a leader in the founding of the All About Women program and has continued to volunteer over the past four years. Other health related causes that Beth has given her time include: Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, Centerstone (formerly Dede Wallace Center), Susan G. Komen Foundation, Hospital Hospitality House

and the former Crittenton Services program. A commitment from Beth means that the job will be done professionally and with compassion.



**Community Service
Award: Robb S.
Harvey**

The Junior League of Nashville is pleased to announce that Robb S. Harvey is the 2008 recipient of the

Paragon Community Service Award. This award is given annually to a non-Junior League member of the Nashville community who exemplifies the League's mission of service and volunteerism while enriching the lives of women and children.

Robb is a partner with Waller, Lansden, Dortch & Davis, LLP and co-manages the firm's trial and appellate litigation practice. In addition to his many professional accomplishments, Robb serves on the advisory board of the Bill Wilkerson Center and on the Middle Tennessee Council Executive Committee for the Boy Scouts of America. Robb is also a deacon at First Presbyterian Church and a member of the Downtown Rotary Club.

Robb's connection with and commitment to the Junior League of Nashville runs deep. For the past several years, he has donated his time to serve as our counsel, in which his invaluable advice and even temperament have safely guided us and allowed the League to continue to effectively serve the women and children of this community.

Membership

Congratulations to the 2007-08 Provisional Class!

We began this year with a wonderful Provisional orientation at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. Speakers included Meghan Greene, JLN Home Board Chair, and Dr. Kevin Churchwell, CEO for VCH, as well as our very own President, Mary Rigby. The ladies were also given a mini-tour of the hospital, including a highlight of the Junior League Family Resource Center.

During the Provisional year, this class proved that they were committed to the JLN and to the community. At our Holiday drop-in, the ladies brought donations for Oasis Center and McNeilly. We were overwhelmed at their generosity! As a group project, we have decided to make signs and banners for the amazing athletes in this year's Special Olympics. Look for us at the opening ceremonies. And for our end of year party, we will be having the Provisional Olympics this year! This will be a fun filled evening complete with Nashville and JLN trivia with the Monday night girls competing against the Tuesday night girls! We encourage sponsors to attend with their Provisionals to see just how much they have learned! Thanks to our amazing advisors for being so dedicated; we had such a wonderful group this year!

To the Provisional class of 2007-2008, remember that even though you will move into active status soon, your advisors and co-chairs are always here for you. Also remember that you are now part of an amazing legacy, the Junior League of Nashville, an amazing group of women serving our community for over 85 years! Congratulations on completing your provisional year! This year has been amazing for us! It has been an honor to mentor the 2007-2008 class.

Jenni Childers, Sims Polk and Heather Perry
2007-2008 Provisional Co-Chairs

Welcome 2008-09 Provisionals!

Jamie Aid	Grace Clayton	Chrissy Harper	Ashley McCall	Karen Shayne
Meg Alcorn	Nora Cobb	Nola Harris	Cara McCracken	Katie Shepard
Polly Alexander	Jennifer Cockrel	Hallie Harris	Elizabeth McCrary	Lisa Shipp
Anna Rose Anderson	Erica Cordell	Alyson Hart	Karen McKenna	Kim Shoulders
Sarah Anderson	Cindy David	Meri Haynes	Connell Meekins	Natalie Simmons
Taryn Anderson	Brittany Davis	Jessica Hickman	Elizabeth Moore	Julie Sinclair-Pingel
Keely Anderson	Megan Davis	Samantha Hill	Leslie Moore	Ivey Slaughter
Emily Baird	Lindsey Deweese	Brandi Holland	Jessica Morgan	Heath Smith
Lindsey Baksh	Dory Dezevallos	Judy Hu	Erin Moser	Anna Smith
Chala Bartley	Jennifer Donato	Lauren Johnson	Kathleen Murphy	Ashley Smith
Michelle Beaman	Julie Dreyfus	Courtney Johnson	Casey Murphy	Lara Sneed
Katie Beasley	Kelsey Duggan	Nati Jolivet	Kate Nelson	Amy Spann
Erin Bedard	Whitney Earhart	Brooke Keane	Jenny Norman	Jaime Spotleson
Megan Bell	Carolyn Edrington	Kristi Kelly	Lauren Oliver	Margaret Starling
Sharon Billingsley	Greer Eleazer	Lori Kelly	Katherine O'Quinn	Kelly Stewart
Holly Bishop	Paige Entreklin	Betsy Killian	Kelly O'Rear	Amy Taylor
Jennifer Bissonnette	Melissa Eversmeyer	Kelsey Kircher	Colleen Ottinger	Sara Thompson
Danica Booth	Deanna Farris	Jennifer Kirkpatrick	Katherine Pace	Amanda Thompson
Jenn Bouchard	Mon-kisha Fitchpatric	Anna Knighton	Ella Payne	Nellie Trammell
Amanda Brummett	Marrah Florita	Janna Konze	Genevieve Payne	Anna Verner
Natalie Buckley	Anna Floyd	Kaysie Lackey	Keri Phillips	Kristie Walker
Jennifer Budde	Nicole Franklin	Merrill Lackey	Jessica Pinkston	Claire Wallace
Heather Burchfield	Jessica Frye	Ashley Larence	Rachel Potter	Leslie Waring
Julia Burkhalter	Megan Gale	Meredith Lavender	Emily Prather	Chrissy Watson
Emily Butts	Abbie Giompoletti	Sutton Lipman	Tamara Price	Jen Watson
Laura Callaway	Courtney Goodman	Stephanie Lowe	Lynda Ragsdale	Whitney Whitaker
Amy Campbell	Rachel Gray	Morgan Lynch	Lauren Regner	Eva Willis
Abby Carden	Katrin Gray	Valerie Malone	Lindsay Rhodes	Quinn Wilson
Jaclyn Carney	Jennifer Greenleaf	Stephany Mankamyer	Heidi Richardson	Alisha Wix
Stacey Carter	Sarah Grenfell	Abi Markham	Wendi Ricketts	Amy Kathryn Woods
Jennifer Caywood	Alisha Guertin	Nichole Matthews	Elizabeth Saffle	Amy Wooten
Allison Christian	Elle Hairston	Liza Maxcy	Lynn Sanders	Rachel Work
Lauren Clark	Jenny Harlan	Tobi Mayes	Shelley Sanford	Caryn Worthey
Elizabeth Claybaker	Ally Harper	Mimi Mayo	Sarah Schwaber	Neel Young

Home Board Thanks You

The 2007-08 JLN year is sure to go into the history books as a year full of wonderful changes. One such change was the rebirth of "For Santa's Sake." Under the Home Board's sponsorship and the guidance of ever so capable, Grace Paden, and assisted by Meghan Potter, the Oasis Center and the McNeilly Junior League Infant and Toddler Center received everything on their wish lists. This was due to the incredible generosity of You, our Member. If you ever wondered if your League work has made a difference, read on. Mary Rigby and the Home Board wish to share with you this lovely thank you note from Hal Cato, President and CEO of Oasis Center (see photo on page 13). We think it says it all.

Mary & Meaghan:

Before I shut down for Christmas break, I wanted to pause a moment and let you know what an incredible impact the Junior League has had on Oasis Center this year. We have never had anyone take such a heartfelt and significant interest in the work that Ben and Jenny do on the streets of Nashville, and I can tell that the love, energy, and goodwill that your backpack drive generated for those two (actually for all of us!) is going to keep them going for a long, long time. Since we are quickly approaching a holiday that has two homeless teenagers at its very core, I can think of no better time (or way) to honor their work.

Oasis Center has a big vision that we will live in a world where young people are safe and valued. Thank you for letting my team know that others believe in this same vision, and stand prepared to help us accomplish it. We are honored by your work, and deeply grateful to be in partnership with your entire organization.

*With deepest respect and thanks,
Hal Cato*

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Edie Moore
Mariann Morris
Mary Kate Mouser
Kari Mullins
Brooke Myrick
Valerie Nagoshiner
Britton Nielsen
Dorothy Pace
Meg Parham
Karen Pilkerton
Jessika Poirier
Carrie Pope
Andrea Powell
Cerez Przybylinski
Lane Rhodes
Lauren Roady
Kelly Roberts
Sarah Rochford
Silvia Roddy
Cindy Sanders
Lauren Schmitzer
Audrey Soskin
Angie Stiff
Elizabeth Swarr
Shelby Tabeling
Miller Tallent
Amanda Walker
Mary Leland Wehner
Dianne Wild
Margaret Wiley
Holly Winn
Pam Wylly

In Memory of:

Suellen Craig
Given by: Diana Bradford
Anthony Heard, Jr.
Given by: Carolyn Amiot
Edwin A. Heard, Jr.
Given by: Sondra Cruickshanks
Melanie Nelson
Given by: Linde Pflaum
Mary Frances Robison
Given by: Macy Weaver
William C. Weaver, III
Given by: Phyllis Heard
Sally Holland Wilson
Given by: Karen Fleming

In Honor of:

Beth Alexander
Given by: Gray Thornburg
Pat W. Alred
Given by: Casey Jones
Mary Lee Bartlett
Given by: Lissa Bradford

Tricia Carswell
Given by: Training Committee
Jessica Clark, Lauren Roady
and Lauren Ross
Given by: Training Committee
Development Council
Given by: Catherine Beemer
Dara Dickson
Given by: Mindy Jacoway
Kim Carpenter Drake
Given by: Training Committee
Laurel Duncan
Given by: Valerie Smith
Kerry Dunn
Given by: Training Committee
Kerry Dunn, Kelly O'Connor,
Laura Rouse, Stacy Sullivan-
Karrels, Kerri Zelenik
Given by: Training Committee
Karen Fleming
Given by: Training Committee
Wendy Foster
Given by: Heather Perry
Hattie Grey Garner
Given by: Vanessa Handrick-
Garner
Meaghen Greene, Fran
Hardcastle, Beth Moore
Given by: Training Committee
Carolyn Hannon
Given by: Training Committee
Fannie Huggins
Given by: Ruth Huggins
Linda Harshbarger
Given by: Ali Fricke
Phyllis Heard
Given by: Marsha Olender
Sally Holland
Given by: Cathy Sullivan
Junior League Book Club
Given by: Merry Beth
Cornelius
Catie Kriewald and
Meghan Potter
Given by: Susan Moll
Heather Kemp's birthday
Given by: Stacy Sullivan-
Karrels
Lauren & Olivia King
Given by: Tonya King
Amanda Lisle
Given by: Margaret Tolbert
Kelly McMullen
Given by: Kara Houston
Kelly McMullen and Stacy
Sullivan-Karrels
Given by: Ruth Ann Cox

Kelly McMullen and the TTS
Holiday Marketplace
Committee
Given by: Stacy Sullivan-
Karrels
Gigi and Graham Nash
Given by: Brandi Nash
Grace Paden's birthday
Given by: Stacy Sullivan-
Karrels
Molly Kate Pasalakis
Given by: Jennifer Pasalakis
Linde Plaum, Sallie Bailey,
Theresa Carl, and Marti
Rosenberg
Given by: Training Committee
Jenny Phillips
Given by: Ellie Wetzel-Bartels
Meghan Potter and Catie
Kriewald
Given by: Ellie Wetzel-Bartels
Mary Rigby
Given by: Kent Ballow
Mary Rigby
Given by: Donna Dalton
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Given by: Betsy Koch
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Valerie Smith
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Given by: Heather Perry

Parents Reaching Out

Every year in the United States, more than 500,000 babies are born too early. These babies are born weeks or even months ahead of schedule, and they're more likely to suffer illness and disability. Being a parent of a premature infant can be a very scary thing. Luckily for parents in Nashville, there is a place for these parents to find information and support. Parents Reaching Out (PRO), a nonprofit, community-based organization, is the only agency in middle Tennessee which provides peer counseling to mothers experiencing high-risk pregnancies, to parents of premature or critically ill newborns in a neonatal intensive care (NICU) unit, and to parents of children in pediatric critical care (PCCU).

The Junior League volunteers have a variety of experiences at PRO. They helped organize and staff the Inaugural Fall Festival, which was a reunion event for all the families who have been served by PRO. They also helped organize the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon and the PRO Tea for Two events. PRO was able to hold the Fall Festival and the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon because of their Pillar Grant from the Junior League.

During the holidays, the PRO volunteers designed and delivered baskets to women hospitalized because of pregnancy complications at Centennial, Baptist and Vanderbilt hospitals. One basket delivery in particular stood out to a JLN member:

A young mom-to-be who had been expecting twins delivered her baby boy at 21 weeks. She was still pregnant with her baby girl while grieving the loss of her son. She showed me his picture taken soon after birth (he was stillborn) and shared her dreams for her unborn daughter. When I gave her the basket, she smiled and said, "This is so sweet - it helps to know that someone cares while I'm going through all this."

Community Outreach Events: Year Summary

As we come to the end of a year filled with 13 community outreach projects, the Community Coalitions Committee would like to celebrate our members and thank you for 1800 volunteer hours. The following are details of our work with just two organizations as shared by those agencies. As you will see, we have reached out to the community and had an impact on many. Thank you all for your participation!

The weekend of December 1-2 was a shared milestone for Nashville, The Junior League of Nashville and Nashville Children's Theatre (NCT), as the Theatre celebrated its Grand Re-Opening. The weekend marked the official Grand Re-Opening of NCT after an eight-month renovation, and also as Grand Day, the Children's Theatre's annual benefit event that encourages all generations of families to come together and share an afternoon of theatre and hands-on arts activities.

Hundreds of people witnessed the Theatre's ribbon cutting and watched the premiere performance of Junie B. Jones and a Little Monkey Business. At the performance, several families also enjoyed the Children's Theatre's new Junior League of Nashville Comfort Room! After the show, the audience enjoyed children's activities in the theatre's classrooms and a reception in the rehearsal hall, all staffed by Junior League volunteers.

The conclusion of Saturday's party didn't end the work for the group of 30 JLN volunteers, as the theatre's rooms were prepared for another big event the next day, including erecting and decorating a 12-foot tree in the lobby - donated by The Home Board. On Sunday, the Theatre invited all of Nashville to a free open house. Visitors were greeted by JLN members, who also assisted children with crafts and helped direct the crowds through the new theatre spaces.

Neither day would have been possible without the help of the JLN. Every person who came through the doors on that weekend left with a positive impression of NCT and of JLN. In 1931, the Junior League of Nashville founded Nashville Children's Theatre and welcomed Nashvillians to their very first Children's Theatre performance, and NCT was thrilled to have JLN volunteers help welcome Nashville children and families to the "new" Nashville Children's Theatre!

The Junior League women were also recognized for their hard work as Renewal House extended a special note of gratitude to the JLN volunteers who assisted with the annual A Women's Thanksgiving fundraiser in November 2007. Fourteen JLN volunteers assisted with pre-event set-up, event registration and silent auction coordination. These volunteers were crucial to keeping the small details of the event organized and well-run. The silent auction volunteers were particularly helpful as they coordinated the auction all the way from set-up to checkout. This year, the auction items consisted of hand-painted ceramic vases, each of which had to be numbered, stuffed with colored tissue paper and assigned to a table. The JLN volunteers immediately flew into action by creating a system for the numbering and bid sheets and ensuring that all vases were placed and ready for bidding prior to the event starting.

At the close of the event, the Junior League volunteers served as "runners" to retrieve the vases from the tables and put into the hands of each winning bidder. With over 300 guests in attendance, this process could have easily become chaotic but the Junior League volunteers helped keep everything in order. We are so grateful for the assistance provided by these 14 women-it was such a gift to have a group of dependable and self-starting volunteers help us with the event.

Centerstone and JLN: Partnering to Help Children

At three years old, Mark didn't know how to hide the belt lacerations on his face. A victim of parental abuse, his only release came from the constant tantrums and the scratches and bites he inflicted on anyone who tried to get close to him. He lacked the coping skills to interact with other children. Thankfully, through work with his doctor and therapist at Centerstone's Therapeutic Preschool he learned to overcome his fears and anxiety and began to thrive.

Over the past 20 years, this unique preschool (the only one of its kind in the region) has helped children like Mark with the support of JLN. Through grant dollars and volunteer activities, the Junior League has been a constant partner, impacting the lives of an entire generation.

Our histories are closely interwoven and date back over 50 years. In 1955, the Junior League funded Nashville's first community mental health clinic, the new Mental Health

Guidance Center of Middle Tennessee. In 1971, the clinic was renamed in honor of Louise (Dede) Bullard Wallace, a tireless Junior League volunteer and a champion for the mental health and emotional needs of women and children. This clinic was the very first precursor to Centerstone, as we know it today.

Today, Junior League volunteers continue that legacy at the preschool and at the girls' residential group home. They read to preschoolers, host special activities, mentor impressionable young women and bring laughter and joy to all.

They also work with children like Melanie. Melanie was abandoned at a hospital emergency room with a severe fracture in her left leg. It was not the first time in her short four years that she had come to know abandonment. She and her two older brothers had a history of neglect and had, at times, even slept on the ground. Through time

and intensive therapy, Melanie learned to trust her counselors and regain her self-esteem. Now, Melanie is a happy, well-adjusted child at a traditional kindergarten.

The children who attend the preschool are often crippled by the abuse, neglect and traumatic events they have witnessed in their short lifetimes. Centerstone intervenes at critical times, addressing the behavioral and emotional problems that would otherwise impede their development.

Thank you, JLN, for your commitment to Centerstone and the individuals and families we serve. Over the 20-year history of the Therapeutic Preschool, your direct service has made a tremendous difference in the lives of over 1,200 Nashville children and their families who have been impacted. As we celebrate this success, we hope you join us, as you are a part of Centerstone as well. In fact, you are our past, our present and our future.

For Santa's Sake:

Junior League helps Street Outreach Team reach hundreds of homeless youth

Ben Griffith and Jenny Gray are the leaders of Oasis Center's Street Outreach program, the aim of which is to reach out to homeless youth on the streets and provide them with information and assistance. After speaking at the Junior League Council Meeting in November, the members were so captivated by Ben's and Jenny's stories that they yearned to help out in some way. The For Santa's Sake program was a perfect fit. The Junior League members came through with an outstanding number of donations for the team—over 100 backpacks filled with all of the survival items needed by youth on the streets. These backpacks are usually the first point of contact with these young people, many of whom own nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Often referred to as "Survival Backpacks," these packs contain necessities such as water, granola bars, soap...as well as clothing, blankets and

brochures containing information about services available in our community for the homeless. Headed up by Junior League members Grace Paden and Meghan Potter, the event was a huge success and one that will help homeless youth live a bit more comfortably and sleep a little warmer for many nights to come.

With a mission of "commitment to volunteerism" and a goal of focusing their efforts on community needs such as those of children and families at risk as well as educationally disadvantaged youth, the 2,000-member Junior League group has long been exceedingly generous to Oasis Center and the young people it serves. In addition to survival backpacks, this year Oasis Center has been the beneficiary of a Founder's Gift to our capital campaign, a Pillar Grant for youth services and a gift to

purchase new linens and supplies for our emergency shelter. Perhaps even more than two dozen Junior Leaguers can be found volunteering for programs and fundraising events.

Oasis Center is grateful for its long-standing partnership with one of Nashville's most active, effective and generous charitable organizations.

*At right: Hal Cato, President and CEO of Oasis Center. *This article was taken from the Winter 2008 Oasis Center newsletter with permission.*



May Training Events For Meeting Credit

May Training Theme:

Developing the Potential of Women in JLN

Résumé Writing: How to Incorporate Your Volunteer Experiences

Day Session with Deborah Story:

Thursday, May 8 @ Noon at TACC

Evening Session with Beth Alexander:

Wednesday, May 7 @ 7:00 pm at TACC

The 2007-2008 JLN year is coming to a close and it is time to reflect on how you have further developed your potential this year through your League involvement. This training will show you how to enhance your résumé and showcase your skills by incorporating your volunteer experiences into your résumé. Additionally, you will learn how to develop professional skills through your voluntarism and JLN placements. Whether you currently work full-time and are exploring new career options or whether you have taken time off to stay at home to raise your children and are thinking about re-entering the workforce or you just want to spice up your resume, this training will help you find ways to make your resume stand out. In order to make this training accessible to as many JLN members as possible, the Training Committee is offering two sessions.

Deborah Story will lead the day training session. Deborah is the Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Human Resources. She has assisted multiple JLN members in enhancing their résumés by showcasing the skills they've acquired through their voluntarism.

Beth Alexander will lead the evening training session. A member of the League since 1978, Beth has served on a variety of JLN committees and placements, including serving as an AJLI Board member. She currently works with CapStar Bank and is the former editor of *NFocus*. For more information about Beth, refer to the article in the September 2007 *League Link*.

Enhancing Your Professional Presence with Marie Jennings Golden, Certified Professional Effectiveness Coach and Master Certified Coach

Thursday, May 15 @ Noon at TACC

Do you feel you don't have the confidence to take charge and run a meeting? Or do you feel that you don't have the confidence to communicate effectively with higher-ups in your organization? If so, plan on attending the Brown Bag Lunch Training "Enhancing Your Professional Presence" on Thursday, May 15 at noon, featuring Marie Jennings Golden who is a Master Certified Coach and has worked with high performance executives and managers to assist them in focusing on leadership development.

Having the appropriate professional presence will help you in preparing to be a board member of a nonprofit organization where you will be working alongside executives from the community. It can also help you get ahead of others in your chosen career. Marie will discuss the different elements of professional presence and will help you focus on what you need to do to enhance your professional presence.

It's hard to believe the 2007-2008 League year is coming to a close and summer is around the corner. This year, from September to May, the Training Committee hosted 24 training events for meeting credit, featuring a number of notable League member and community speakers.

We are so grateful to the speakers who helped make this year's trainings possible. Many thanks to the following individuals: **Beth Broering**, Trauma Program Manager at VCH; **Dr. Robin McWilliam**, Director of the Center for Child Development at VCH and Junior League-Vanderbilt Center for Parenting Young Children; past and present Home Board members **Fran**

Hardcastle, **Beth Moore**, and **Meaghen Greene**; **Agenia Clark**, President/CEO of Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee; **Diane Hayes**, Executive Director of Young Leaders Council and JLN/YLC alumnae **Kerry Dunn**, **Kelly O'Connor**, **Sarah Rochford**, **Lauren Rouse**, **Stacey Sullivan-Karrels**, **Kerri Zelenik**; **Carolyn Hannon**, JLN Sustainer, past JLN VP of Finance and Treasurer; **Kim Carpenter Drake**, Professional Philanthropy Consultant; health psychologist **Tobi Fishel**, PhD with Vanderbilt Center for Integrative Health; **Kerry Dunn**, Professional Event Planner; **Tricia Carswell**, Associate Dean of Development and Alumni Relations for the Vanderbilt Owen School of Management; JLN members/silent auction aficionados **Jessica Clark**, **Lauren Roady**, and **Lauren Ross**; **James McClanahan**, computer instructor at Nashville Public Library; **Dr. Emily Kurtz**, cardiologist at Vanderbilt; **Karen Fleming**, VP of Marketing and Development at the Country Music Hall of Fame; **Justin Morrison** from The Blackberry Guys; **Kathleen Cotter** of Second Harvest; historian **John Seigenthaler, Sr.**; JLN past Athena Award nominees **Linde Pflaum**, **Sallie Bailey**, **Theresa Carl**, and **Marti Rosenberg**; **Marietta Shipley** and **Rachel Waterhouse** with The Mediation Group of Tennessee; **Deborah Story**, Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Human Resources; **Beth Alexander**, past AJLI Board member; and **Marie Jennings Golden**, Certified Professional Effectiveness Coach and Master Certified Coach.

To register for the May training events, click "RSVP for a training" on the Events and Meetings page at www.jlnashville.org. Training events qualify for meeting credit for active members. Provisionals should consult with their advisor regarding their requirements.

Recommended Reading

Suggested Summer Reading to Further Develop Your Potential

Over the course of the trainings, many of the speakers referenced their favorite books. Below is a list of some of the books highly recommended by one or more of this year's speakers. In addition, Dr. McWilliam recommended many resources on parenting available on the Junior League-Vanderbilt Center for Parenting Young Children website at www.vanderbiltchildrens.com/parenting.

Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking by Malcolm Gladwell; *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference* by Malcolm Gladwell; *Never Eat Alone: And Other Secrets to Success, One Relationship at a Time* by Keith Ferrazzi and Tahl Raz; *Giving: How Each of Us Can Change the World* by Bill Clinton; *A Hope in the Unseen: An American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League* by Ron Suskind; *The World is Flat* by Thomas Friedman; *Getting Things Done—The Art of Stress-Free Productivity* by David Allen; *Managing the Nonprofit Organization* by Peter Drucker; *The Essential Drucker: The Best of Sixty Years of Drucker's Essential Writings on Management* by Peter Drucker; *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation* by Parker Palmer; *Good to Great* by James Collins; *Servant Leadership* by Robert Greenleaf; *More Than a Place* by Lisa DuBois

Director's Letter

As I write my final newsletter article for *League Link*, I cannot help remembering all that has gone on since I became a part of this great organization. There have been new and familiar faces, small and large changes, minor and major decisions and of course the necessary road blocks and open doorways. Through it all I have come to realize three important things.

First, the Nashville community is a better place as a result of the Junior League of Nashville. In its eighty-sixth year, the League has assisted in developing the potential of thousands of women who have or are on the path to become the leaders, the doers of our community. Within its history, the League has also tackled numerous issues surrounding children's health and, accordingly, has forever improved the way in which Nashville aids the most vulnerable members of society - our future generations.

Second, JLN attracts and thereby includes some of the most vibrant, intelligent, compassionate and simply outstanding women I have ever met. This is not to say that as women and members of the human race we do not share differences, for we know that is not the case. It is merely to remind you that despite the occasional pitfall, setback or uncomfortable growth true leaders will emerge and the League will carry on. Please also keep in mind that with such strength

comes responsibility. Although it may seem difficult, it is the responsibility of each member to think outside their personal opinion or gain and consider the good of the League as a whole. Similarly, it is the responsibility of each woman to respect one another, their leadership and the staff. Moreover, it is the responsibility of the League to make decisions that may not always be popular or well received, but are for the good of the mission, our legacy and the League's future success.

Finally, the Junior League is a part of an ever changing world and community. Our foremothers knew that they were not just living in the moment, but were actually writing history. This allowed them to think ahead, to anticipate new ideas, and become leaders in our community. You must continue their legacy. While honoring our history, think forward, think change, think of the possibilities.

Thank you for allowing me the pleasure and privilege of working along with and serving you. I have grown and learned a tremendous amount and will sincerely miss those of you who have supported the development of my potential and, of course, touched my heart.

Catherine Kriewald
Managing Director

Fast Health Facts: May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental illness is any diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder that interferes with or limits a person's ability to live, work, learn, and participate fully in his or her community. Mental illness includes such disorders as depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, autism, and Alzheimer's disease.

The U.S. Surgeon General's report on mental health found that about 1 in 5 Americans experiences a mental disorder in

the course of a year. A mental illness can occur at any stage of life, from childhood to old age. No community is unaffected by mental illness; no school or workplace is untouched.

Personal situations, such as a divorce, loss of a job, or strained relationships with family or friends can cause emotional stress, thus making a person feel sad or blue. These are not unusual reactions; however, symptoms that last longer than 2-3 weeks require attention.

Warning signs for depression include feel-

ing little or no pleasure in life, crying a lot for no particular reason, and withdrawing from other people.

57.7 million adults suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder each year; 6% suffer from severe mental disorders. Major depressive disorder (depression) affects 14.8 million adults and is the leading cause of disability for people ages 15-44. Bipolar disorder affects 5.7 million adults each year.

Source: The National Mental Health Awareness campaign and www.mentalhealthamerica.net.

Membership

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We created a training agenda that was the most robust and comprehensive ever provided to JLN members. There were 24 training classes held throughout the year with over 600 members attending. Thank you to Training Co-Chair, Ellie Wetzel, for your hard work.

Home Board continued to nurture our relationships with the NICU and The Junior League Center for Parenting Young Children both located at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. The Home Board resurrected "For Santa's Sake" and both the McNeilly Center for Children and the Oasis Center were happy recipients. Julia Cashion, Home Board Publicity Chair, did a wonderful job fulfilling this role.

We helped successfully host one of Nashville's largest Dinner with Friends community party and shopping extravaganza securing free advertising, design work and PR from Franklin's Nashville Lifestyles, 107.5 the River, Publix Super Markets, Stella Creative and Swoozies. Many thanks to Jessica Hodes, DwF Public Relations Chair.

Led by Angela Moretti-Goddard, the Community Task Force reviewed the potential possibilities to redevelop our current community research structure and impact.

As Publicity Chair, Shawn Haile helped with each council member almost all year. She was integral in getting articles in *The Tennessean* for TTS and general League information.

Diana Bradford, Yearbook Chair, worked many long hours through the summer to successfully complete another outstanding yearbook.

Sustainer Representative, Sally Smallwood, has been a huge support for all of our council. Her years of wisdom and advice were integral in our council's decision making processes.

And, to inform you, the members, as well as the community of the details of JLN's 2007-08 year, Joy Haynes is presently working to compile our Report to the Community.

Tonya Stevens

Community Council Year-In-Review

Community Council has been hard at work this year. We are very proud of all that has been accomplished through the diligence of each member of our council. Below are highlights of our year from each council.

The Advocacy and Public Awareness committee, chaired by Shelli King, helped inform us about the Mayor's race in the fall and hosted an awesome Day on The Hill reception on March 31.

The Community Coalitions Committee, chaired by Kimberly Morgan, has been working hard to provide wonderful opportunities for JLN members to give back to the community through the Community Outreach Projects. They organized the agencies that we would be working with and have coordinated the projects throughout the year. And what better way to *develop the potential of women* than to celebrate women at the Mary Catherine Strobel awards and the ATHENA awards where Kimberly has served as our liaison.

The Community Research committee, chaired by Jennifer Ayer-Hill, worked hard through the fall to provide us with eight fabulous agencies that JLN will partner with for the 2008-2009 year.

The Diversity Awareness committee, chaired by Lane Rhodes, has been busy informing the community about JLN to increase the awareness and membership opportunities that are available.

Our Home Board Chair-Elect, Meredith Griffith, has been keeping us posted on all the happenings about our continued part-

nership with the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt and the expansion of the Programs of the Home.

Our Project Chair Coordinators (Sarah Goschy, Karin Prentice, Lauren Rowe and Katie Crumbo) trained all of the Project Chairs last summer and have been hard at work to support our Project Chairs and volunteer committees who directly serve our partnering agencies this year.

The Provisional Co-Chairs (Sims Polk, Jenni Childers and Heather Perry) have worked hard all year to support and train our Provisionals through the process of becoming a member of JLN.

The Strategic Planning committee, chaired by Trish Poe, has been busy helping all of us fulfill our mission through the use of our individual strategic plans which have guided us through this year.

TTS committee, co-chaired by Kelly McMullen, did a grand job of providing us with a wonderful fundraising event while promoting opportunities for camaraderie and training among our membership!

Marcy Rehse

Development Council Year-In-Review

I'm so proud of all of the League members who served on the Development Council this year...a lot of change was implemented and I can't think of a stronger group to take on that charge.

Stacy Sullivan-Karrels brilliantly blazed the trail of the inaugural *Tis the Season* (TTS) fundraiser. Stacy dedicated her life to TTS and it showed by its success. Success can be measured in many ways but Stacy broke the scales on them all. TTS was an enjoyable committee experience, sponsors were pleased with their League relationship, ticket sales were high, operating expenses were low...all these factors equal a successful fundraiser. Thank you, Stacy!

A new relationship was developed this year with Swoozie's, a store located in the Hill Center. Swoozie's provided free invitations for *TTS* and Dinner with Friends, saving the League almost \$10,000. Keeping operating expenses low is an essential component for a successful fundraiser and very helpful for our non-profit League. Thank you, Swoozie's! We look forward to our continued relationship.

Alice Essary is an angel. A second year Active, she chaired the other inaugural fundraisers - Dinner with Friends Community Party, DwF Patron Party and DwF Shopping Day and these events were not planned until later on in our League year. The creative brains of our DwF committee developed the Community Party, the Patron Party and the Shopping Events in an effort to meet their fundraising goal. If the effort by Alice and Walton Foster could be turned into money, they would raise \$1 million for the League. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for being so brave and for your dedication to the League.

League Power really raised the bar this year with the creative implementation of flex-shifts. Striving to meet the needs of League members and our events, Sarah Creekmore and Carrie Stokes skillfully crafted wonderful model with very positive results - Sarah and Carrie have an even better plan for next year with their careful eye for detail. I can't think of two smarter, calmer, consistent, dedicated League members than Sarah and Carrie to handle such big changes. Awesome work ladies!

Cookbook had a successful year and I thank Alicia Barker for working so hard on steering her committee to land big accounts and increasing cookbook sales higher than they've been in years. Way to go Alicia!

Catherine Beemer created a new level of giving, The Presidents Circle, for the Annual Fund, and Silvia Roddy developed a new relationship for the League with Starbucks. These are just a few examples of creative ideas and new relationships devel-

oped by Development Council members.

Everyone on the Council has done a great job and I thank you for your dedication and hard work. Most of all, thanks for supporting each other, sharing helpful ideas, and being good listeners and advisors. Great team, great work, great year.

Grace Paden

Finance Council Year-In-Review

This year has been one of the most rewarding and challenging times in my Junior League career. A quote that was recently shared with me is key to how I feel about leadership in the JLN: "Leaders serve." That is really what I value in each member of the Finance Council and is what has allowed us to achieve the following objectives. While this list is not exhaustive, it represents a lot of work done by a very small council!

Laura Turner, as Cookbook Treasurer, set up strong cookbook policies. This has allowed us to keep better track of our *Notable Nashville* inventory.

Property Management, led by Shelby Moody, has reviewed our cleaning and landscaping contracts. By reviewing these 2 contracts, we have saved the JLN at least \$15,000 annually. This committee has also collected quotes for repair/replacement of the roofs on our two buildings.

Natalie Ruggiero, as *Tis the Season* Treasurer, ran the "back office/finance room" for this fundraiser in its inaugural year. That included establishing new policies and cash practices for this new event. One of our best lessons learned was that we staffed the "finance room" with JLN members who had previous experience as a Treasurer of either a fundraising event or the JLN. We had a wealth of experience in that room for the entire event and I believe it helped make things run smoothly. Of course, Natalie's amazing organizing skills helped too!

The Technology Committee conducted a number of trainings for the community on the use of TACC. Marsha Pierce and Gabrielle Chapman also coordinated changes to the Placement brochure and are developing a disaster recovery plan.

Tausha Carmack reviewed and revised our "Conflict of Interest" form. She also provided guidance for the Council on our annual insurance review.

Carolyn Hannon engaged a group of Sustainers in a Building Task Force to review the usage of our buildings. Our buildings are the JLN's second largest asset exceeded only by the Home Board trust.

Meaghen Greene served as Home Board Chair this year. The Home Board gave a gift of \$100,000 to the Nashville Children's Theatre and are in the process of finalizing our sixth supplemental agreement for \$2 million with the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

Belinda McSween, as Treasurer, has ensured that our bills were paid promptly, that we are staying true to budget. She also collected dues and pledges.

Deena Shapiro, as Trish Poe's successor, has kept us on line with updating our annual plan and has had valuable insight as we spoke through many risk management issues.

Lastly, we are in a strong financial position. By closing watching our inflows and outflows, we've managed to pay off our line of credit. At this point, the JLN has no significant debt on its books. Also, by extensively (and perhaps exhaustively) reviewing our cash and accounting practices, I believe we will help secure the JLN's financial future.

Of course, we could not have accomplished all this without the help of the JLN staff. Thanks especially to Catie Kriewald, Managing Director, for all the assistance she has given me over this past year!

Sally Holland

Membership Council Year-In-Review

The Membership Council has been an amazing group of women to get to know this year. They have all brought good ideas, organization, and thoughtful and energetic leadership to our League. We have accomplished so much and many are already looking at the coming year's horizon. These women make an impact on daily and yearly basis and deserve a round of applause.

As a council, we really worked to reviewed membership requirements/ processes and challenged each other to meet the many needs of our JLN members. As a council, each of you have contributed a valuable part to this extraordinary year:

Ali Fricke, Transfer Co-Chair: We have enjoyed 40 new transfers from all over the United States this year, many of whom have jumped right in and double placed. The Transfer Committee expanded the curriculum to bring back a program called "Get to Know Your City," where different advisors host the transfers for a special Nashville experience each month. One of the transfers (Ashley Kreig) initiated a book club that includes both advisors and transfer members.

Caroline Nail, Placement Chair: February has come and gone with an eight hour Placement Fair that allowed our members to learn about community placements while getting a chance to catch up with friends. The online option continues to be a huge benefit for many members.

Sustainer Liaisons: The inaugural Sustainer Coffee this fall was a huge success, with over 100 Sustainers in attendance. And yes, another very successful Past President's Luncheon was held on April 17 with author Lisa DuBois as the special guest.

Joan Gehring, Community Research Chair Elect: This very thoughtful committee recommended a slate of 8 agencies (funding each at \$9,375) which mirrors the mission

of JLN, offers an opportunity for us an impact in our community and provides opportunity to establish a "committee" approach to voluntarism. We all look forward to partnering with them this fall.

Mary Wilson, Admissions Chair: The planning and executing of the Admissions Meetings was flawless and we processed 170 applications this year. The 2008-2009 provisional class looks to be strong and full of bright, talented women.

Jenni Childers, Provisional Co-Chair: What a gift to be able to train our new class of rising leaders. This year's class curriculum was packed with learning about JLN's mission, our new and established fundraisers, and most importantly the agencies we impact in the community. Way to go Chairs and welcome NEW ACTIVES!

Kari Mullins, First Year Active Representative: This group was a class act. The first year actives were busy sending monthly emails and planning special connection points at each of the JLN meetings and events. They even initiated the Soles4Souls shoe drive. They have had a banner year and without a doubt are role models for the coming year.

Ruth Ann Cox and Courtney Hood, *Tis the Season* Step-up Chairs: This team has already had their kick-off meeting, sent out merchant packets and are well on their way to our 2nd annual *Tis the Season* event. Go team!

Walton Foster, Dinner with Friends Co-Chair: April brings good parties with friends. Dinner with Friends expanded to offer a successful community party this year. The creativity, energy and opportunity for a party were just what the League needed as spring arrived.

Jessica Clark and Kristen Kaminsky, Neighborhood Coordinators: These women have such a good time. Menus were planned early in the year and each

council was filled with the fun Supper Club results from the prior month.

Lucy Nichols, Corresponding Secretary: What patience and perseverance to be a mentor in guiding our many members through baby leave, transferring and other membership questions. The members truly appreciate you.

Katie Crumbo, PCC: How fulfilling to each month inform our Membership Council of the countless volunteer hours and happenings taking place in our community agencies. What a great way to bridge the gap and remind us of this powerful community work.

Valerie Smith, Members At Large: From Nash Trash Tours to a night at the spa to a Saturday with Santa, Valerie and her committee have helped us keep the fun in our League experience.

Carrie Stokes, League Power Co-Chair: These women turned our very good process into the most efficient, flexible and easily understood system every. I stand in amazement. Just being around you gave me an instant burst of energy and desire to be more organized.

Vanessa Handrick-Garner, Day Meetings Co-Chair: Meetings seem to run without a glitch and the committee always seems to have a smile on their face in greeting our many members. Well run!

Susan Moll, Sustainer Representative: Thank you Susan Moll for being our advisor and voice of reason this year! You have given much of yourself to the League and we thank you.

Carolyn Amiot and Marilyn Bradley, Sustainer Transfer Co-Chairs: Last, but not least. You are the reason we all enjoy council meetings. The comradery and enthusiasm you shared with us was the best part of this year. We all hope to be an honorary sustainer transfer someday.

As you can see, the League has many contributors and powerful leaders who contribute greatly of their time and talents. I am truly honored to have worked with you and beside you this year.

Michele Toungette

Training Council Year-In-Review

The Training Council has worked incredibly hard this year to develop the potential of all Junior League of Nashville members. These ladies are not only hard working, but wonderfully passionate about what they have done this year and welcoming to all. Thank you for all that you have done. Here are some highlights.

Advocacy and Public Awareness Chair-Elect - Erica Vick: Erica and Chair Shelli King have worked hard with their committee to raise JLN member awareness of political happenings in our community, including elections and the annual Junior League Day on the Hill. Erica, we can't wait to see what you have in store for us next year!

AJLI Liaison - Jessika Poirier: Jessika has broken ground in this new position and highlighted special AJLI offerings including the on-line mall and other partnerships including our relationship with Talbots, which not only offers benefits to membership, but raises money for our League. In addition, Jessika has elevated our local involvement with the AJLI Kids in the Kitchen initiative. You did a great job getting the ball rolling - thanks for all your energy and hard work.

Corresponding Secretary Elect - Katherine Louw: Katherine, along with Chair Lucy Nichols, has been busy processing incoming and outgoing membership changes with accuracy and great attention to the individual. Great job, Katherine - thank you for your hard work and great communication.

First Year Active Representative - Jordan Garrison: Jordan and her co-chairs have really put the first year active representative

role on the map by providing great communication to the first year actives as well as special opportunities for gathering and working on projects, such as Soles4Souls. Jordan, you have set the bar high for those who will follow you.

League Link Editor Elect - Betsy Hoban: Betsy and Chair Brooke Reusch have run a tight ship and provided our membership with timely and interesting *League Link* editions all year. These two are so organized and have done a fabulous job!

Members-At-Large Co-Chair - Wendy Foster: Wendy, along with Co-Chair Valerie Smith and their committee, have worked hard to provide the JLN membership with fun and interesting opportunities for fellowship. They have provided a tremendous range of activities as well as great behind the scenes support for members when needed. Wendy, you make it look easy - thanks for all you do for the League.

Nominating Chair - Anne Jenkins: Anne and her committee worked hard to slate an outstanding new group of leaders for the future of the League as well as nominating our past and current members for JLN and community awards. We appreciate your wonderful leadership, Anne.

Project Chair Coordinator - Lauren Rowe: Lauren worked with her chairs to provide meaningful community experiences for JLN members. Lauren - you are so organized and we appreciate all of your energy. We are fortunate to have you onboard in this role another year.

Provisional Co-Chair - Heather Perry: Heather and her co-chairs and outstanding advisors coordinated a comprehensive provisional training course to help initiate our new JLN members and provide a fun and warm environment to learn. Thank you, Heather, for your positive energy!

Sustainer Representative - Kathy Davis: Kathy has offered the Training Council tremendous guidance and support. Kathy's

ideas and thoughts are always refreshing and she has been a wonderful asset to our Council. Thanks, Kathy, for all your help!

Sustainer Liaison Co-Chair - Benning Ratliff: Benning has worked hard this year with her co-chair and committee to provide wonderful events such as the Fall Coffee and Spring Past Presidents Luncheon for our sustaining members to gather and continue to have fellowship with the League and provide support. You have coordinated everything beautifully, Benning, thank you!

TACC Chair - Alisa Peters: Alisa and her committee have focused on getting the word out to our partnering agencies to continue to use TACC. It takes a lot to keep TACC running and busy - thank you, Alisa!

Tis the Season Holiday Marketplace Merchant Chair - Jessica Rattner: Jessica was an outstanding member of the *Tis the Season* Holiday Marketplace team focused on recruiting and taking care of all the super Marketplace vendors. You are the perfect woman for the job, Jessica - great work!

Training Co-Chair - Jenny Phillips: Jenny, along with her co-chair Ellie Wetzel and committee, did a tremendous job planning and organizing a wonderful offering of different training events this year to help all members develop their potential. The training events were a huge success providing great quality training on a large number of topics. Thank you, Jenny!

Transfer Co-Chair - Valerie Nagoshiner: Valerie, along with her co-chair and advisors, focused on welcoming the large number of newly transferred members to the Junior League of Nashville. The transfer program provided a wonderful variety of events and meetings to help all transfers settle in to JLN. Thank you, Valerie, for your great work!

Erin Morrison

May Calendar

Date	Time	Meeting	Location
April 30- May 3		AJLI Annual Conference	
Monday, May 5	6:15pm - 9:00pm	Provisional Meeting	TACC
Tuesday, May 6	6:15pm - 9:00pm	Provisional Meeting	TACC
Tuesday, May 6th	7:00pm	Board Meeting**	Offsite
Wednesday, May 7	7:00pm	Training	TACC
Thursday, May 8	Noon	Training	TACC
Tuesday, May 13	7:00 pm	Joint Council	TACC
Wednesday, May 14	11:30am - 1:00pm	Home Board Meeting	TACC
Thursday, May 15	Noon	Training	TACC
Friday, May 16	6:45pm	Community Outreach Project	Lipscomb Arena
Tuesday, May 20	7:00pm	Annual Meeting	Harpeth Hall Theatre
Monday, May 26		Memorial Day	Office Closed

* All events, times and dates are subject to change. Please check the Tuesday News, JLN website or call the office for the most up to date information.

** As has been our practice in the past, the May Board meeting is being held offsite and is not available for meeting credit. Other meetings and trainings are available for credit in May. Please contact HQ at 269-9393 if you have any questions.

Is Your Child Growing Like a Weed?

Then spring and summer are the perfect times to attend a **Car Safety Seat Check!** Come to one of these events to make sure your child's car seat is still safe for your child's height and weight and is installed correctly in your car:

<p>State Farm Safety Day Saturday, May 31st – 10A.M.-2PM. Providence Market Place, Mt. Juliet</p>	<p>Kohl's Car Seat Check Tuesday, June 17th – 9A.M.-1PM. Clarksville Kohl's Store 2840 Wilma Rudolph Blvd., Clarksville</p>
<p>State Farm Safety Day Saturday, May 31st – 10A.M.-2PM. 1172 Nashville Pike, Gallatin</p>	<p>To attend, please register by phone at (615)936-SAFE or email to safekids@vanderbilt.edu.</p> <p>A quick lesson in safety from: <i>champ</i> </p>
<p>State Farm Safety Day Saturday, May 31st – 10A.M.-2PM. State Farm, 46 Brattontown Circle, Lafayette</p>	

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