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First General Meeting was Inspirational

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The evening was filled with great music, yummy food, and historical and motivational information about our Junior League. New provisionals and guests sat side by side with active members for a fun and interactive evening. Sustainer President Cheryl Roberts was also in attendance.

Vicki Clark stopped by our meeting during her Illinois Speaking Tour of the Rockford, Champaign, and Springfield Junior Leagues. Vicki spoke about Junior League membership and in particular the Junior League mission. She wrapped into her speech three main themes: to create an understanding of how to impact (improve) our community, to clarify the roles of our members, and to motivate members to work on the annual plan objectives. She also tied in the theme for this year, and had all in attendance falling in love with League.

Comments by League members in attendance were very positive:

"I thought she was fun and inspirational! I loved how she brought the mission to life."

"I really appreciated how Vicki broke the mission down. She took each part and explained what it really meant, which I believe gives it more meaning...it really stuck with me."

"I liked how she said that provisionals are not embryos, and sustainers are not dead!"

"I was smiling and laughing the entire time, she is just so funny to listen to because she understands our dilemmas and makes you see the lighter side of them, and in this way we feel uplifted."

"Vicki, what an awesome, entertaining speaker and promoter of JLS. I enjoyed her immensely."

October General Meeting

The October 9th meeting will be held at and is sponsored in part by The Inn at 835. Food and Social begins at 6:30pm with the meeting starting at 7:00pm. The Inn at 835 is located at 835 South Second Street.



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Thank you for all you have done...

- Thank you to the members participating in our Adopt-A-Street clean up on Saturday, August 18 Kate and Dave Cohorst, Kathy Dehen, Tricia Hopkins-Price, Karen Kloppe, Barbara Rowe, and Amanda Vinicky.
- Thank you to Jalene Higginbotham for taking minutes at the August Board meeting.
- Thanks to Laurel Rice for the \$100 contribution from the Katherine Coutrakon estate.
- Thank you to the Arrangements committee for the wonderful food and location for the September 20th General Meeting.
- Thank you Stefanie Moy-Zobus for her leadership on the Phoenix Center project.
- Thank you Angie Condon for chairing the Camp Care-A-Lot project.
- Thanks to Michelle Villere for doing such a great job with Special Events and Kids in the Kitchen.
- Thank you Camp Care-a-Lot volunteers and project coordinator for the summer 2007 project.
- Thank you to the Communications Council for creating a PR plan for Recruitment.
- Thank you to those who sat in the heat at the Next-to-New drop offs.
- Thank you to those who donated items for the Next-to-New sale.
- Thank you to Julie Herter for all her work as our Treasurer this year.
- Thank you Community Council, you are doing a great job!
- Thank you Sustainer Presidents and Sustainer committee for coordinating the La Cuna event!
- Thank you to Amanda Eichholz and her committee for coordinating the provisional meetings.
- Thank you to Sara Ratcliffe and her committee for their work on the locations of the general meetings.
- Thank you Meridith Swanson and your committee for your diligent work on the yearbook.



JLS Mission

On March 15, 1939, 74 volunteer workers founded the Service League of Springfield. This was incorporated as the Service League of Springfield on November 2 of the same year. Their first project was a Placement Bureau, which filled requests for volunteer service. The Service League of Springfield affiliated with the Association of Junior Leagues of America and became the Junior League of Springfield in 1950. Through the power of our association, Junior Leagues strengthen communities by embracing diverse perspectives, building partnerships, and inspiring shared solutions.

The Junior League of Springfield, Inc. reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins, who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to volunteerism.

With Sympathy

To the family of Mary Roanna Helmstetter Turner who passed away in August. Mary was an Emeritus Sustainer.

To Tanya DeSanto and her family on the loss of her brother, Robert Todd DeSanto on September 29th.

Our Mission

The Junior League of Springfield is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.



The Junior League of Springfield, Inc.
Women building better communities

Happy Birthday to You!

October

Julie Harris 5
Valerie Rife 15



Congratulation to **Stefanie Moy-Zobus** and her family with the addition of a baby girl. Victoria Ann Zobus born at 3:05 a.m. on

Tuesday, September 25 weighing 7lbs. 8 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

November

Cresence Foley 6
Angela Fyans 12
Melissa Hansen 12
Sara Ratcliffe 17
Joyce Burkhart 19
Renee Clausner 28

2007—2008

JLS Board of Directors

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SPANX BRINGS BACK LIMITED-TIME MEMBER DISCOUNT AND FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY TO THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SPRINGFIELD

AJLI has expanded its partnership with SPANX!

As an extension of the company's continued partnership with AJLI, SPANX is again offering Junior League members a special limited-time 25% discount on the company's entire product line and the opportunity to earn \$5 per order for our League.

This is a great opportunity for League members to try SPANX for the first time or stock up for holiday parties and gift giving. SPANX, the company that invented Footless Pantyhose, offers more than 100 products to shape you up and help you look fabulous in your clothes.

The Junior League of Springfield has an individual promotional code good for a 25% discount on any online purchase at www.spanx.com during October, 2007. For each order placed using this special online promotional code, SPANX will donate \$5 back to our League. Plus, member families and friends are also eligible!

The Junior League of Springfield's special code is **SpringfieldIL**. Visit www.spanx.com/juniorleague during October and enter this code exactly as it appears here with each order you place. Please share this information with as

many family members and friends as possible. Each order placed means more money for our League!

AJLI is grateful for SPANX's continued support of the Junior Leagues and is pleased to provide this enhanced member benefit. For questions, email ajli_communications@ajli.org.

About SPANX

Six years ago, Sara Blakely began her mission to make the world a better place, one body at a time. A frustrated yet fashionable consumer-turned-entrepreneur, Sara invented SPANX footless pantyhose and single-rearendedly revolutionized the hosiery industry. Obsessed with creating comfortable, slimming garments that minimize figure flaws, Sara reinvented shapewear with innovative designs and smart features and won the hearts of fashion-loving women, from Oprah Winfrey to Gwyneth Paltrow. Sara is thrilled to give better underwear options to women everywhere – and to give back. A portion of all Spanx sales go to The Sara Blakely Foundation, which is dedicated to supporting and empowering women around the world.



Board Briefs

Approved

- Minutes from July and August Board Meetings
- Financial statements
- Status changes
- Motion to offer a complimentary registration to the WIIN Conference, as an incentive for members' recruitment of new members.
- Motion to change the September GMM date from September 11, 2007 to September 20, 2007 to accommodate Trainer Vicki Clark
- Motion to adopt Sponsorship Policies
- Motion to send Barb Rowe to Leadership Springfield 2007-2008
- Motion to send Kate Cohorst to ODI Conference, November 16-18, 2007 in Louisville, KY
- Motion to send Jessica Dalheim to attend PE Training, January 25-27, 2007 in San Antonio, TX

Discussions

- Ways to better track and hold members responsible for requirements.
- Addition of an additional event tied to Kitchen Tour in theme and/or timing. Suggestions include cooking demo at the Pasfield House, booth at the Food Expo, or a speaker focusing on raising healthy eaters.
- Addition of interactive leadership training at GMMs.
- Ways to expand Kids in the Kitchen.
- Determining an emerging issue in Springfield to focus our fundraising and volunteer work for 2008. Suggestions include homelessness, literacy and The Lincoln Library, and health and nutrition. Membership will vote in January.
- Companio Software to roll out in September 2008, and used as a membership management tool.
- Sponsorship program developed by Genelle Iocca to enable us to better track donations and entice sponsors.
- Sustainer Fall Social-September 26, 2007 at The Illinois State Library, make shawls for La Cuna Project.

Sustainers La Cuna Project

Sustainers and Actives combined forces to support women with breast cancer. At the 9/26 fall Sustainer project/social event a dedicated team of JLS members made 60 shawls for women with breast cancer to share comfort, warmth and words of encouragement. The group cut and tied fleece no sew shawls in various designs and colors with our cutting team developing hybrid patterns of our own. The La Cuna Shawl Project founder and coordinator, Dr. Maryam Mostoufi, spoke to the group for background and inspiration. With Channel 20 taping, we presented the 60 completed shawls to Dr. Linda Jones from the MMC Regional Cancer Center. Dr. Jones and her team will see that the shawls reach deserving women with breast cancer in our area. Thanks to all who supported this effort either with donations, refreshments, and hands-on shawl construction. These shawls will help warm up the life of a woman with breast cancer.

New League Ladies

It's another exciting year for League. The Admissions/ Provisionals Committee has been busy recruiting and meeting new and potential members. We had a great turnout at the July meet and greet at Brew Bakers Cafe, and as a result have 10 fabulous ladies who are new provisional members this year. Please welcome Melissa Bedford, Carissa Brownback, Lauren Davis, Megan Fulara, Angela Fyans, Dawn Greer, Cheryl Lanier, Kathryn Kleeman, Cori Stuart and Tracy Sulwer! We all met each other for the first time in August at Super Saturday, when they were introduced to their A/P advisor, had pictures taken for the yearbook and learned a little about each Junior League council and the Next To New Sale. Everyone has a new perspective and great qualities to bring to League for the upcoming year and beyond. As the year progresses, they will learn more about each council, participate in volunteer activities, get to know active members and work on and complete their provisional project. Please make it a point to introduce yourself at general meetings, the Next To New Sale and other volunteer and social gatherings. We will continue to accept new members up until January 2008, so if you know of anyone who might be interested in joining League, please contact Amanda Eichholz at aeich78@insightbb.com.

Get to know our Provisionals!

Melissa Bedford



Tracy Sulwer



Cori Stuart

No Photo Available

Cheryl Lanier

No Photo Available

1. Are you from the Springfield, IL area originally? If not, where else have you lived?

Melissa: No, I am not from the Springfield area. I have lived in several states. Arizona, Hawaii, and Kentucky are just a few.

Tracy: I am originally from around Decatur and my parents still live in the house that I grew up in. I haven't lived in too many different places. I returned to central Illinois to be close to my family and have lived in Springfield for approximately three years.

Cori: Born and raised here in Springfield.

Cheryl: I was born in Charleston, SC the last of five Air Force brats. I moved a lot and ended up in a small Illinois town south of here when I was eight. I am proud to say I graduated a Witt Speedgirl.

2. Tell us about your pets.

Melissa: I have two cats. My male, Cosmo, is three years old. He looks like a Siamese, but his fur is long (a Balinese). Cosmo has blue eyes, and he is very shy. My female, Ginger, is four months old. She has a long coat, and she has tabby markings. Ginger's eyes are a deep topaz, and she is fearless.

Tracy: My only pet is a chihuahua named Paco. He is very spoiled and loves attention (sometimes too much). However, I wouldn't give him up for anything.

Cori: I have two pet box turtles Spencer and Sushi.

Cheryl: I had two pets until yesterday [September 18]. My dog Otis was accidentally run over (by me) in the driveway and suffered injuries that required him to be put down. My children and I are still recovering. My other dog Ory is a five month old Shar Pei/Pug mix. He is very cute but has large paws to fill.

3. What is your nickname?

Melissa: I have several. Missy is not one of them.

Tracy: My family and childhood friends call me Tray, others refer to me as Trace. I'm sure even others refer to me as something else that I don't want to know.

Cori: Cori. It's part of my middle name.

Cheryl: My co-workers call me McGruff.

4. Favorite junk food?

Melissa: I like various types of sweets.

Tracy: So many to choose from, but probably any cookie or dough.

Cori: Twizzlers.

Cheryl: By far, my favorite food of all time, which happens to be junk, is Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

5. If you were trapped on a tropical island, and could only have one CD and one book, what would they be?

Melissa: I would like to have a CD with a selection of different types of music. Let's see, I am trapped on an island that has a solar powered CD player, but little else. Hmm, I believe a large book focusing on tropical and basic survival skills would be the best choice. You know, how to make clothing from grass, catch fresh water from leaves, conjure chocolate from thin air, etcetera, etcetera.

Tracy: I would prefer a CD that I have created with multiple artists because the type of music I listen to depends on my mood at the time. But, if that isn't a choice, I would probably choose Blue October "Foiled". I don't read books over and over, but I do enjoy biographies. So, I would have to say any biography that would last me a while.

Cori: More than likely some sort of classical compilation CD and a historical fiction novel.

Cheryl: Are margaritas included? Either way, I would have to be able to listen to "Plans" from Death Cab for Cutie and must be able to read Museums and Women from John Updike.

JLS helps families touched by autism

As you prepare for Next to New, keep in mind how much of a difference the money we raise can make. The following is a letter we recently received from the Autism Society of America Central Illinois Chapter, thanking us for a grant we provided last year.

Dear Junior League of Springfield Members,

The Autism Society of America Central Illinois Chapter is pleased to inform you that we have supported four local families with the generous gift of \$2,000 you awarded us. Four individuals with autism, their parents, siblings, family, friends, therapists and educators have completed an eight-week home based support project that specifically targeted acquisition of new skills, increased awareness of individual strengths and weaknesses, increased number of trained therapists/respite workers, increased educational opportunities across life environments, improved basic life skills, reduction of family stress levels and the development of ongoing individual goals and objectives.

Your contribution of \$2,000 was specifically used to help pay for the training and use of therapists/respite workers in the home. Families received 8-10 hours in direct therapy/support each week, costing up to \$560 per family. Because of your generous gift, we were able to assist four local families who otherwise would have gone without. All four families rated the ASACIC home-based support project very effective and highly valuable. The difference a project such as this can make in the life of someone with autism and their friends and family is immeasurable.

Thank you for supporting these families and ASACIC's effort to improve the lives of all who are touched by autism. With continued support from organizations such as the Junior League of Springfield, we can make a difference in the lives of many local families facing the challenges of autism.

Sincerely,

Lyn Becker, ASACIC

Professional Board Member

Next-To-New

The 56th Annual Next-To-New sale is fast approaching. Have you dropped off your required donations? Your last chance to drop off items for the sale will be on **Saturday, October 20th** from 8am-12pm at the Mini-Warehouses of Springfield on Taintor Road. This is the longest drop off to accommodate those who still need to contribute their donations. When dropping off donations, please remember to have them separated into types of items and pricing categories. If you need stickers for pricing, please contact Julie Tucker, Next-To-New Chair, at jtucker@bankofspringfield.com.

Remember: the only items that will be accepted the day of set up will be large items. You must provide your own transportation for large items.



Junior League of Springfield, Inc.



For Children of All Ages

Saturday, November 3rd

At

The Fraternal Order of Eagles

2700 E. Ash Street

\$2 Early Entrance fee: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 am

Free Entrance: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Get to know your League members a little more

1. Name/profession/number of children

Amanda Eichholz/Regional Development Manager, Big Brothers Big Sisters/1 daughter--Hannah
Dee Dee Shaffer/former teacher; nanny/currently in the process of adopting a baby boy from Ethiopia
Megan Holt/Safe Routes to School Coordinator/ IDOT/ No kids, just 2 dogs.
Brandy Moore/Marketing Director/ no kids



Amanda Eichholz

2. Years in League

Amanda: Three years
Dee Dee: One year
Megan: This is my second.
Brandy: Less than one year



Dee Dee Shaffer

3. Favorite Hobby

Amanda: Reading
Dee Dee: Cooking though I wish I could say jogging.
Megan: Reading a great book or cooking/baking.
Brandy: Cooking



Megan Holt

4. Which item would you run back and save if your house caught on fire (NOT including children/spouse/pets)?

Amanda: My wedding photo albums
Dee Dee: Our dossier (adoption paperwork)
Megan: My computer, since most of my pictures are in it.
Brandy: Photographs



Brandy Moore

5. What did you want to be when you grew up and why?

Amanda: A pediatrician because I wanted to be a doctor and I like kids.
Dee Dee: I always knew I wanted to be a teacher because I LOVED playing school as a child.
Megan: I was going to be a princess, because it seemed very fun and glamorous, but unfortunately I didn't get the job!
Brandy: A performer of some sort and I wanted to help people because I'm really outgoing and I love to meet new people, plus I have no fear of audiences

6. Can you name a famous person you'd like to meet dead or alive? And why that particular person?

Amanda: This question is too deep for me to think about on a Monday evening
Dee Dee: If I was single I'd want to meet Peyton Manning. He's athletic and seems like such a gentleman. My husband has okayed this response because he likes when I show interest in football ;)
Megan: I would like to meet Susan B. Anthony because she was so influential in the shaping of American history and the status of women in the US.
Brandy: Oprah because I know I could learn a lot from her being so business savvy and intelligent, I would talk her ear off and absorb every moment with her

7. What is one thing you wish you could change about the world?

Amanda: I wish there were no abused or neglected or abandoned children
Dee Dee: Rid the world of cancer
Megan: I wish that more people knew that they could really make a difference in the world.
Brandy: Inspire people to live healthy, especially children, and I plan on doing my part to accomplish this

8. What is your fondest JLS memory?

Amanda: Working on the Kiddie Cocktail Ball and seeing the final project come together and the great turnout we had from the community
Dee Dee: Establishing friendships
Megan: The League-wide training in May 07 was fun and very motivational.
Brandy: Working at the Personalities Paint event for the Arts Council

9. Do you have a motto song, or a song that would completely describe you/your life?

Amanda: What A Wonderful World because right now things are great in my life--new baby girl, wonderful husband, close family and great friends.
Dee Dee: Anyway by Martina McBride
Megan: "I Will Survive" is my motto!
Brandy: I was a long time to learn this and such a hard struggle, but finally I believe one should...live for today with no regrets

Volunteer Service Awards Program

The Volunteer Service Awards (VSA) program is a great opportunity for League members across the Association who dedicate at least 100 hours of service on League projects in a 12-month consecutive period to receive national recognition. All League members — Provisionals, Actives and Sustainers — in good standing are eligible to participate in the program, assuming their League has opted to participate.

The VSA program has four different award levels. League members who contribute 100-249 volunteer hours on League projects in a 12-month period are eligible for a Bronze Award. There is also a Silver Award, for 250-499 hours worked in a 12-month period, and a Gold Award for those extraordinary individuals who contribute 500 volunteer hours or more in a 12-month period. Each Awards package consists of a special President's Volunteer Service Award lapel pin, a personalized certificate suitable for framing, and congratulatory notes from the President and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

League members who have volunteered more than 4,000 hours of volunteer service on League activities during their tenure with the Junior League are eligible to receive the President's "Call to Service Award" — a special "lifetime achievement" awards package.

League members can track their volunteer hours in a special, easy-to-use, online service log contained in the VSA Program website that has been created for this initiative (the website is accessible directly by going to <http://vsa.ajli.org>, or through the Volunteer Service Awards page in the Members Area of the AJLI website). Detailed screen-by-screen explanations of the VSA website can be found in a separate training document (one version to train members, and another to train the VSA Administrators). Each League's designated VSA Administrator will periodically review and "certify" those hours, then place her League's award order at the end of the award year. AJLI arranges (and pays) for the Points of Light Foundation (POLF) in Washington, D.C. to ship awards to the respective Leagues for final distribution. Many of the participating Leagues distribute the Volunteer Service Awards in conjunction with special League-year-end celebrations or functions.

For more information about the VSA program, log in to www.ajli.org and select Awards Programs from the left side of the page.

JLS members hard at work painting the Phoenix Center



Pictured to the right: Tricia Hopkins-

Price and Karen Kloppe

Pictured to the far right: Kathy Dehen.

Pictured below: Barb Rowe

Pictured below and to the right: Kate Cohorst.



Get out there and volunteer!!

In response to our membership survey last spring, JLS has increased the focus on hands-on volunteering in the Springfield community. As part of that process, you voted to scale back your fundraising requirements and institute a new requirement to volunteer at least five hours a year at JLS sponsored projects or Done-in-a-Day events (work on fundraisers like Next to New or Kitchen Tour do not count).

To help achieve this goal, the community council and special events committee members are already hard at work lining up a wide variety of exciting new volunteer opportunities for the rest of the year. Some will be on weekends, some on weeknights, and others during weekdays, so we should have something to match everyone's schedules and interests.


As soon as each member completes their five hours, they will receive a certificate of recognition, but more hours are always welcome. There will be an award at the end of the year for the member who volunteers the most hours for JLS projects. We will also be tracking our overall number of volunteer hours as the year goes on so you can see what an impact League is having on the community. This chart will be updated at each general meeting.

Each volunteer hour has an estimated value of \$18.77, according to the latest figures from Independent Sector, a national coalition of charities and non-profit organizations. That means each member who completes the requirement will have donated the equivalent of nearly \$100 to our community through JLS!


Please see Community VP Kate Cohorst for more information,
or send her an email at Katiecanoe@aol.com.

Junior League of Springfield

October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Board Meeting	5	6
7	8	9 General Meeting @ The Inn at 835	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Last NTN Drop-off 8-12
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 DIAD St. John's Breadline 9:30-2:00	29	30	31 Projects and Grants Apps Due 	Happy Halloween		

November 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 NTN Set Up	3 Next-to-New Sale!
4	5	6	7 Board Meeting	8	9	10
11	12	13 General Meeting	14	15	16 ODI Convention Louisville, KY	17 ODI Convention Louisville, KY
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