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Celebrating 95 Years of Women Building Better Communities

**JUNIOR LEAGUE
OF RACINE**

PROUDLY HOSTS:

Boutique Shopping Day at Party on the Pavement

246 Main Street
in Downtown Racine

one day only

October 1st 10am - 7pm



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Our Mission

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

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CALENDAR

OF EVENTS

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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Dates to Remember

September 30.....	Boutique Preview Event
October 1.....	Party on the Pavement Boutique Shopping Event
October 3.....	Community Research Committee Meeting
October 5.....	General Membership Meeting Radisson Hotel
October 10.....	Community Impact Committee Meeting
October 15.....	95th Anniversary Family Event Jerry Smith's Pumpkin Farm
October 19.....	Sustainer Dinner
October 24.....	Nominating Placement Committee Meeting
November 2.....	General Membership Meeting Images by Camela
November 7.....	Community Impact Committee Meeting
November 14.....	Nominating Placement Committee Meeting
November 14.....	Community Research Committee Meeting
November 29.....	Barnes & Noble Book Fair



President's Message from Julie Lang

Up, up and away..... I am on my way to Baltimore for the AJLI Fall Leadership conference as I type this on the airplane. The theme of AJLI's Conferences this year is transformation. I am so so excited about the transformation that is happening all around us.

The Association of Junior Leagues International is a fabulous organization that provides each local League with a plethora of tools and resources to help us be the best that we can be. At Annual Conference in May, they spoke a great deal about the transformation that Junior Leagues have seen over the decades since the beginning in the early 1900's and the more recent transformation of adapting an organization of women to modern times and the demands of each emerging generation.

In both my professional and Junior League career there has been constant chatter about the emerging Generation Y..... Millennial, net generation, echo boomers, or generation next. This generation describes the young adults that were born between the 1980's and 2000's. This generation has an entire set of characteristics different than any of those that came before. These individuals have a unique perspective on life.....just as every other generation does. There is a lot of buzz about this generation because they are they largest generation since the infamous baby boomers and the Millennials expect the following general principles to be true:

- they expect to be heard
- they are incredibly technologically savvy and depend on technology as a main source of communication
- they value genuine people and want to have fun
- they are used to things going their way
- they have the "just do it" attitude and they want everything they do to be meaningful

I will be attending a workshop at this conference about how the women of this generation will influence Junior Leagues and our general culture. The Millennial generation will transform our society as they become predominant members of our workforce, non-profits, and communities. It is exciting to hear their ideas and creativity. There have been several books written on this topic..... But the most important piece I would like to leave with you: if you are a member of Generation Y.....welcome and please share your ideas of what future transformation might look like for JLR....you are our future. If you are from a different generation..... Embrace your unique insight and characteristics and stay involved with us to ensure we maintain our history and principles.

In the same breath of excitement, it is also a bit uneasy to deal with change. But..... I challenge you to look at change as a positive.....and think about transformation and where it might lead us. The possibilities are endless.

Equally important, is how we respect every one around us..... Following the basic "Golden Rule," and learning from those that have come before us. Although times are different, basic principles are still the same, and the active members and sustainers that are part of other generations such as the Veterans, the Baby Boomers, and Generation X have valuable information and principles to share as well.

These ladies have many experiences to guide their insight and perspectives. I have found them, especially past presidents, to be incredibly helpful as I embarked and continue on the journey of serving as President. Some times we might feel someone is old fashioned or stubborn.....but there is a reason. And I would encourage each of us to take a moment this year as we celebrate 95 years to spend some time with someone from a different generation and try to learn something from them. We each have lessons to learn and insight to share.

Let's come together as members of the Junior League of Racine to bring transformation to the community that we live in and love. Let's come together to commemorate the transformation that has happened over the past 95 years. Let's come together as women who can share experiences, lessons, and relationships with one another so that we all might have a small transformation within ourselves.

I look forward to sharing more with you about what I learn at this conference and bringing back all that AJLI has to offer to Racine.

Let your ideas and committees go up, up, and away too....and take JLR to a new transformation.

Program



October General Membership Meeting details:

Wednesday, October 5 - 6:00 PM Social, 6:30 PM Meeting

Radisson Racine Harborwalk Hotel
223 Gaslight Circle

After meeting social is at The Chancery (that is attached to the Radisson)

Please park in the paid lot and remember to bring \$1.50 in quarters to access the lot. We will be meeting in the Zephyr Room of the hotel. We will have a variety of breakout sessions, which you will be able to choose 2 to attend. Following are some of the breakout session topics.

- the history of Junior League of Racine
- RAM on the road
- public speaking
- technology tips

Upcoming General Membership Meeting locations:

- November 2nd GMM will be held at Images by Camilla at 510 College Ave (by the Shogun Restaurant). Our speaker will be Sue Hollow from Peace Learning Circles.

"Peace Learning Circles, Inc. (PLC) is a non-profit educational organization that teaches pro-social relationship skills and ways to resolve conflict without physical or emotional violence, inclusion, teamwork, values, empathy and respect for every person. More than 8000 students and adults have participated in our program from 26 schools in Kenosha, Racine, and Walworth counties since we started in May, 2006."

- December 7th GMM is our Holiday Social and will be held at Jessica Lynott's home (4101 Quarry Springs Drive, Racine). Everyone will be asked to bring either an appetizer, dessert or bottle of wine. Watch for your invitation to see what you can bring to help us celebrate the holidays and the 95th Anniversary of Junior League of Racine. We look forward to our sustainers joining us for this fun event.
- January 4th GMM will be held at Racine's Festival Hall at 5 5th Street Racine.

Please call Ann Toniolo (262-681-5609) with any questions you might have.

Fund Development

By Popular Demand!

The Junior League Boutique, 246 Main Street, will be open the **NIGHT BEFORE** the big Party on the Pavement. Please join us from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm for your intimate shopping pleasure. Invite your friends too, as this evening of shopping is by word of mouth only and not to be kept a secret. Snacks and beverages will be served. Mark your calendar today for Friday, September 30th.

On *Saturday, October 1st*, we will be having a Boutique Shopping Day at Party on the Pavement. This event is open to the public from 10:00am to 7:00pm and some wonderful people will be there selling their boutique items.





Membership Development

We are on our way UP!

Please join Membership Development in welcoming our new members, *Pamela Cartwright and Jenny Underhill!* We are so pleased! We have a handful of outstanding women who are considering membership as well, and we continue to reach out to more of our friends and contacts. We are always excited to see interested women at our meetings!

October 5 is our 2nd BRING A FRIEND to a GMM. We will happily greet your friend with a folder and a warm welcome. Contact Beth Rudie with your referrals any time by emailing rudiebeth@gmail.com. *Members who bring a friend or send a referral to Beth will be entered into a drawing for a special prize! * Please watch the e-blasts, and invite your guest to any JLR event, including Party on the Pavement Boutique, the pumpkin farm family outing, etc.

Your committee includes Kim VanDyke (chair), Beth Rudie, Nori Mikaelian, Colleen Andersen, Debbie Weyers (board liaison) and Linda Christ (sustaining advisor).

Community Impact

The Community Impact Committee is committed that we sponsor volunteer opportunities this year that only truly fit our mission, and that we don't take on projects simply because we have "always" done them.



For that reason, we decided to take a look at the "whole picture" of our volunteer work at our September committee meeting. We chose to distinguish volunteer opportunities as "Endorsed" or "Supported." The League Endorsed opportunities will be those that are mission-focused and ask for a specific time commitment from the membership. The League Supported volunteer opportunities are just that--opportunities that are not obligatory, but may have membership participation based on individual commitments.

We also decided that we are going to personally invite members to participate outside meeting settings via phone and email invites. We want to encourage wider participation by the whole League at our Endorsed events. Our full schedule of opportunities will come out in November, as we are still working on our calendar and firming up ideas for a "big project" to be announced later this year. We plan to continue Endorsed activities with Cops 'n' Kids, Community Meals, Kids Café Christmas Party and some new and different organizations in the spring for our Done in a Day projects.

It was decided that Beth Gilmore will be heading up Special Aids Grants and Carolyn Powers and Emily Asani will be taking on Scholarships.

95th Anniversary Committee

The Junior League of Racine is celebrating its 95th anniversary with a Family Fun event at Jerry Smith's Pumpkin Farm. It will be held on Saturday, October 15th from 4-7 PM. The cost is \$10 per person, which includes a hayride, admission to the haunted house and the maze, a cookie, a pumpkin, a gourd and some Indian corn. We have also rented out the Party Barn, which is where the "Chili Dump" will be. This is also included in the \$10 fee. There will be chili, all the fixin's, beverages, and glow in the dark tattoos for the kids! All Junior League members and their family and friends are welcome!!

We are encouraging people to purchase tickets in advance so we can get an estimate on how much chili to make. Please send all checks made payable to 'The Junior League of Racine' to Deb Weyers at PO Box 894, Racine WI 53401. Tickets can also be purchased online through the Junior League website at www.juniorleagueracine.org. If you don't purchase them in advance, don't worry, we will sell tickets at the Party Barn the day of the event!

If you have any questions or are interested in making chili for the "Chili Dump" please contact Beth Rudie at 262-498-0645 or rudiebeth@gmail.com

Please check out the pumpkin farm at www.smithpumpkinfarm.com.

AJLI Webinar Wednesday is now live!

Registration for AJLI's very first Webinar Wednesday is now live! The webinar will feature Heather McLeod Grant, author of *Forces for Good, The Six Practices of High-Impact Nonprofits*, and a senior consultant with the Monitor Institute, where her practice focuses on network approaches to social change and on scaling social innovations. AJLI had the good fortune of working with Heather and her team at Monitor in the initial stages of our strategic planning process.

Heather's Webinar Wednesday will take place on Wednesday, October 5th at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

To register for Heather's presentation, [click here](#).

For a list of upcoming Webinar Wednesdays, [click here](#).

About Webinar Wednesdays

Webinar Wednesdays are one of many methods to help Junior League women develop as community and civic leaders. These sessions, typically one-hour in duration, *are designed to appeal to every Junior League member*, regardless of age or current engagement in her community, as an easy way to increase her knowledge of and interest in community and civic leadership.

Webinar Wednesdays will begin in October 2011 and run through May 2012, and will be offered on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 1 pm (Eastern Time Zone).

Community Research

Onward and Upward...



Onward... The Ballot for funding Teen Pregnancy brochures to connect pregnant teens with programs available in Racine County was presented to the membership via e-mail notification in accordance with the League By Laws. The vote will take place on November 2nd, 2011 at the General Membership Meeting.

During a committee meeting on September 6th, from the research done over the past couple of years, CRC identified a gap in services to prevent pregnancy. Carole Johnson from the Johnson Foundation at Wingspread spoke at the September General Membership. Carole's presentation was very timely because she informed JLR about initiatives to implement the Carrera Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program in Racine.

Carolynn Powers, JLR Corresponding Secretary and Board Liaison for CRC and Lisa Friedrich, CRC member, plan to join the Carrera Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program planning team. Carrera uses a holistic approach proven to be effective at greatly reducing teen pregnancies and births. It is a comprehensive youth development program for economically disadvantaged teens that enter the program at ages 11-15 and usually participate for three years, sometimes longer.

For more information about the Carrera Program, you may visit the web site:

<http://www.childrensaidsociety.org/carrera-pregnancy-prevention>

Upward... Community Research Committee (CRC) held the first bi-annual meeting on Tuesday, September 20th with the Community Advisory Council. Ann Rolling from Children's Service Society of Wisconsin, Susan Gould from United Way of Racine County, Debra Karp from UW Parkside and Richard Marciniak from Racine Family Literacy, provided valuable information which inspired research into beginning a portable program focused on reaching preschool children between 2 and 5 years old.



The initial concept is to offer a multi-sensory program to both teach and entertain preschool children. Currently, very few programs and/or resources are dedicated to reaching this age group. Providing programs before children enter the schools may increase future academic success.

According to the 2011 Spring JLR Membership Survey, our members would like more volunteer opportunities. An early childhood program may offer a plethora of volunteer opportunities for active and sustaining members during the day, after school and/or work.

The JLR legacy of Story Time at the Racine Public Library is incredible. It inspired reading programs all over the country. CRC envisions that by going back to the basics, we can help our children move onward and upward!

Sustaining Energy

By Connie Shannon and Sheila Bugalecki

The first edition of the *Rapport* was sent out last month and did it look fabulous! I hope you were able to get a glimpse of what is happening in League as we kick off our 95th year. The Communications Committee is on a roll getting the first issue out in record time. The Community Impact and Community Research Committees have been meeting and are focusing on teen pregnancy and how JLR can make a big impact in Racine through healthy eating and ways to increase self esteem. The Program Committee has almost all of the general membership meeting locations finalized with relevant speakers and training opportunities throughout the year. The Fund Development Committee already has dates and locations set for our major fundraisers. Nominating Placement is working on a team approach to insure all of our members are in touch with their advisors and are getting the most out of League this year. To top it off, Membership Development has recruited new women to our organization! Wow! We are sure looking Up!

Gift Wrap at Barnes & Noble, Tuesday November 29th 9AM - 9PM

As in years past JLR will host a gift wrap station on our day at Barnes & Noble. You can volunteer for an hour or four hours, by yourself or with a friend.

Additional dates for you to mark on your calendars:

October 1	Party on the Pavement Boutique Shopping Event	At the former Attic
October 19	Sustainer Dinner	DeKoven
November 29	Barnes & Noble Day	Barnes & Noble

Your generous donations to the Endowment Fund have helped us get past the \$100,000 goal and reach \$110,000! Please consider supporting throughout the year as a way to give a gift to someone who is difficult to shop for or already has everything.

If you have any JLR questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Advisory Planning Committee



Calling all Sustainers.....

We need your help!!!

Dawn Patzke, Jill Gentile and Dawn Knutson would love your help. We are working on the Referrals that have been submitted and we sure could use your valuable knowledge!

Please call Dawn Patzke 262-939-5020 if interested in helping.

Next Meeting is October 11 at 6:30 PM.

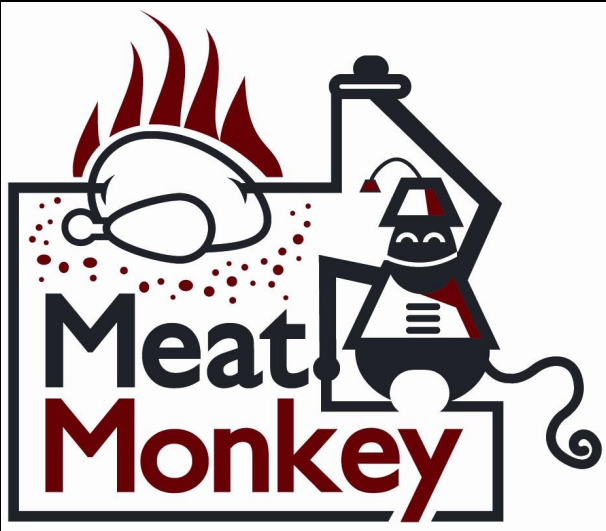
**September General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 2011 @6:30 p.m.
The Johnson Bank Building**

- I. Call to Order & Welcome — Julie Lang**
 - a. Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Julie Lang.
 - b. This year's theme is "Up".
 - c. This is the 95th year of the founding of JLR
 - d. Along with guest speaker Carole Johnson, there are three additional guests at tonight's meeting – Heather Lojeski, Angela Schott & Jenny Underhill.
- II. Guest Speaker - Carole Johnson, Director of Community Programs, The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread**
 - a. Showed the world premiere of "Healthy Babies Racine" video.
 - b. Spoke on the infant mortality crisis in Racine
 - c. Addition information can be found at the Johnson Foundation Website – johnsonfdn.org
- III. Officer's Reports:**
 - a. **President Elect - Dawn Patzke (in character as Ms. Florence Ingram Gilson)** —Presented brief early history of JLR, including photos of early documents. Copies of early documents to be posted to JLR website.
 - b. **President - Julie Lang**—Members were randomly split into 3 teams and played a jeopardy-style game with JL information. Julie also explained her goal of keeping GMM's within 1 ½ hours long and utilizing the "seat sheet" to convey information.
 - c. **Recording Secretary - Carol Kinsley** No report
 - d. **Corresponding Secretary - Carolynn Powers**—Remember to give the corresponding secretary all address change information.
 - e. **Executive Treasurer - Deb Weyers**—Presented the monthly Treasurer's report. We have a financially healthy league. Committee chairs will be given budget information monthly.
 - f. **Sustaining Advisors - Connie Shannon & Sheila Bugalecki** — **Julie Lang reporting** -- the Sustaining members have many resources and should be contacted for help and information.
- IV. Leadership Team Reports:**
 - a. **Nominating Placement - Jill Gentile**—members split into groups based on the color glow bracelets hanging from their nametags. Each group was introduced to their placement advisor who will be there for support in the upcoming league year.
 - b. **Community Impact - Dawn Knutson** —Listed current Volunteer opportunities:
 1. Cops & Kids birthday treats - monthly
 2. Community Meals on November 12
 3. Party on the Pavement October 1Watch eblasts for information on special aids grants
 - c. **Community Research - Dori Panthofer** —They are collaborating with Community Impact to find projects for league which fit with our mission and survey results.
 - d. **Communications - Gwendolyn Villareal** —The deadline for Rapport submissions in the 20th of the month. Per Julie, the member area of the website should be changing in a week or two.
 - e. **Fund Development - Simone Fletcher** —
 1. There will be a fundraiser on September 26 from 5 – 9 pm at Georgie Porgies.
 2. Encouraging everyone to sign up at iGive.com, an online shopping site.
 3. Planning a boutique shopping event during Party on the Pavement at the Attic location. Needs volunteers and donations of packaged cookies.
 4. Want donations of old mirrors and names of artists who can decorate them; mirrors to be auctioned at the Wine Tasting.

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 - f. **Membership Development - Kim VanDyke** – Have 1 new member, Pamela Cartwright. Goal is to have 8 new members. Give names of other potential members to Kim. Members who gave Kim names were put in a raffle for a prize.
 - g. **Anniversary - Beth Rudie** – There will be a family event on October 15 at Jerry Smith's Pumpkin Farm from 4 -7. \$10 per person includes activities and chili. Friends and family can attend.
 - h. **Program - Ann Toniolo** – Locations are being finalized for Spring meetings. Following tonight's meeting, we will be going to Envi. October meeting will be at the Radisson.
- V. Unfinished Business** - Thanks to everyone who brought baby items for the buy & bring to benefit Foundations of Life.
- VI. New Business** - None
- VII. Proud Money** – Total of \$29 donated to JLR Endowment Fund
- a. Dori Panthofer's daughter is in 8th grade math
 - b. Dawn Patzke's son is at UW-Green Bay
 - c. Jessica Lynott is proud to see all the new mom's in attendance
 - d. Beth Rudie's daughter is doing well at Horlick High
 - e. Carolynn Powers is proud of Julie Lang's leadership
 - f. Dawn Knutson also wanted to recognize President Julie Lang
- VIII. Joys and Concerns**
- a. It's Courtney's birthday
 - b. There will be a blood drive on September 22 at Multiproducts.
- IX. Adjourn at 8:49 p.m.**

Next meeting Wednesday, October 5 at the Radisson Harbourwalk.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Recording Secretary





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