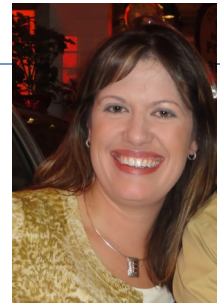


President's Message from Julie Lang



Welcome to the 2011-2012 league year!

I am thrilled, honored, and humbled to serve as your president this year as we celebrate our 95th anniversary.

Get ready to get FIRED UP about Junior League as we learn about our past legacy in Racine, dedicate our time to fulfilling our mission, and develop relationships. This year I look forward to sharing the passion I have developed for this League because of the amazing history of JLR's impact on our community and the women involved in this fabulous organization.

Our legacy includes:

- * supporting the Taylor Orphanage in our early years
- * starting the first pre-school story time in the 1930's
- * in the 1960's we were very active in Children's Theatre, Arts and Music
- * supported the Urban Aesthetics project in the 1970's with a three year \$30,000 commitment working on the Blake House
- * owned the Horizon Hall Home in the 1970's.....a resident home for troubled teen girls
- * supported a great art project in Racine in 1999 - Kaleidoscope - the project served over 10,000 children during a 3 week period.

Each of you brings something special to our League and this year I want to encourage each member and prospective member to embrace our League and put in what you want to get out of it.....after all this League is about each and every one of you! YOU have contributed, and will continue to contribute to the legacy and mission how exciting that we each have the power within us to make a difference....whether big or small! I challenge each of you to grow as an individual and learn something new this year through the continuous training that is such an integral part of our mission.

Some key words for our year of going UP..... Be bold, have fun, think big and imagine great things..... It is okay to make mistakes, ask for help, and grow by doing something different or learning something new..... Join me as part of an awesome community.....the Junior League of Racine as we get FIRED UP to celebrate 95 years of women building better communities in Racine.

I can't wait to get started on a tremendous year of throwing our hands up in the air and having fun while working toward lasting change!

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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.

EDITORS

NOTE

Rapport Lite

I hope you enjoy this 'lite' edition of the Rapport. As the Communications Committee comes together this year you will see the look and feel of the Rapport evolve. If something is not here that you want to see, let us know.

All Rapport submissions should be e-mailed to:
jl.racine.rapport@gmail.com

CALENDAR

OF EVENTS

Dates to Remember

- September 7 General Membership Meeting
- September 26..... Family Fun Night at Georgie Porgies
- October 1..... Party on the Pavement
Boutique Shipping Event
- October 5..... General Membership Meeting
- October 19..... Sustainer Dinner
- November 29 Barnes & Noble Book Fair



League Board

2011–2012

President	Julie Lang
President Elect	Dawn Patzke
Corresponding Secretary	Carolyn Powers
Recording Secretary	Carol Kinsley
Executive Treasurer	Deb Weyers
Sustaining Advisor	Sheila Bugalecki

Committee

Chairs

Community Research	Dori Panthofer
Community Impact	Dawn Knutsen
Program	Ann Toniolo
Membership Development	Kim VanDyke
Communications	Gwendolyn Villarreal
Fund Development	Simone Fletcher
Nominating Placement	Jill Gentile
Sustainers	Sheila Bugalecki Connie Shannon



Program

The program committee is busy at work trying to find fun and exciting locations for our 95th Anniversary year General Membership Meetings. We hope you enjoy the locations we have found for this year. If you have any questions, please call (262-681-5609) or email Ann Toniolo (atoniolo@wi.rr.com). Our first General Membership meeting is being held @ The Johnson Bank Building downtown. Here are the details for the meeting.

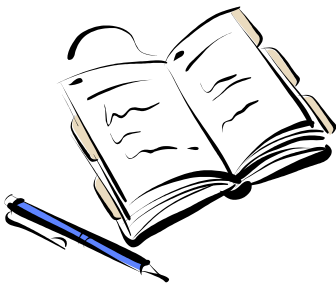
Wednesday, September 7, 2011— 6:00 PM Social, 6:30 PM Meeting

Junior League of Racine meeting
The Johnson Building
555 Main Street
Racine, WI 53403

Please enter building through south door on Sam Johnson Parkway and turn right to Training Room B.

Community Impact

Community Impact is already busy preparing some exciting opportunities for all of us this year! Our first committee meeting in August was a brainstorming session where we decided to research the viability of a food pantry/nutrition & cooking education program for teen mothers in Racine. We will let you know what we find out! We are really thrilled about some of the ideas we are "cooking up" for volunteers this year. We encourage all of you to keep your eyes open for some new and different things this year that will help us make the lives of those in our community even better. We are committed specifically to the areas of teen pregnancy, nutrition, childhood obesity and self-esteem. Looking forward to an amazing year!



Membership Development

Membership Development, led by Kim VanDyke, is happily planning to welcome fantastic women to League this year! We are busy preparing information folders, planning activities and developing our calendar so we can assist our potential new members in signing UP for Junior League. You can assist our efforts by forwarding names and contact information of prospective members to Beth Rudie via email: rudiebeth@gmail.com. We'll take it from there! Contact any of our committee members listed below if we can help you lead someone to League this year.

Kim VanDyke
Nori Mikaelian

Colleen Andersen
Beth Rudie

Community Research

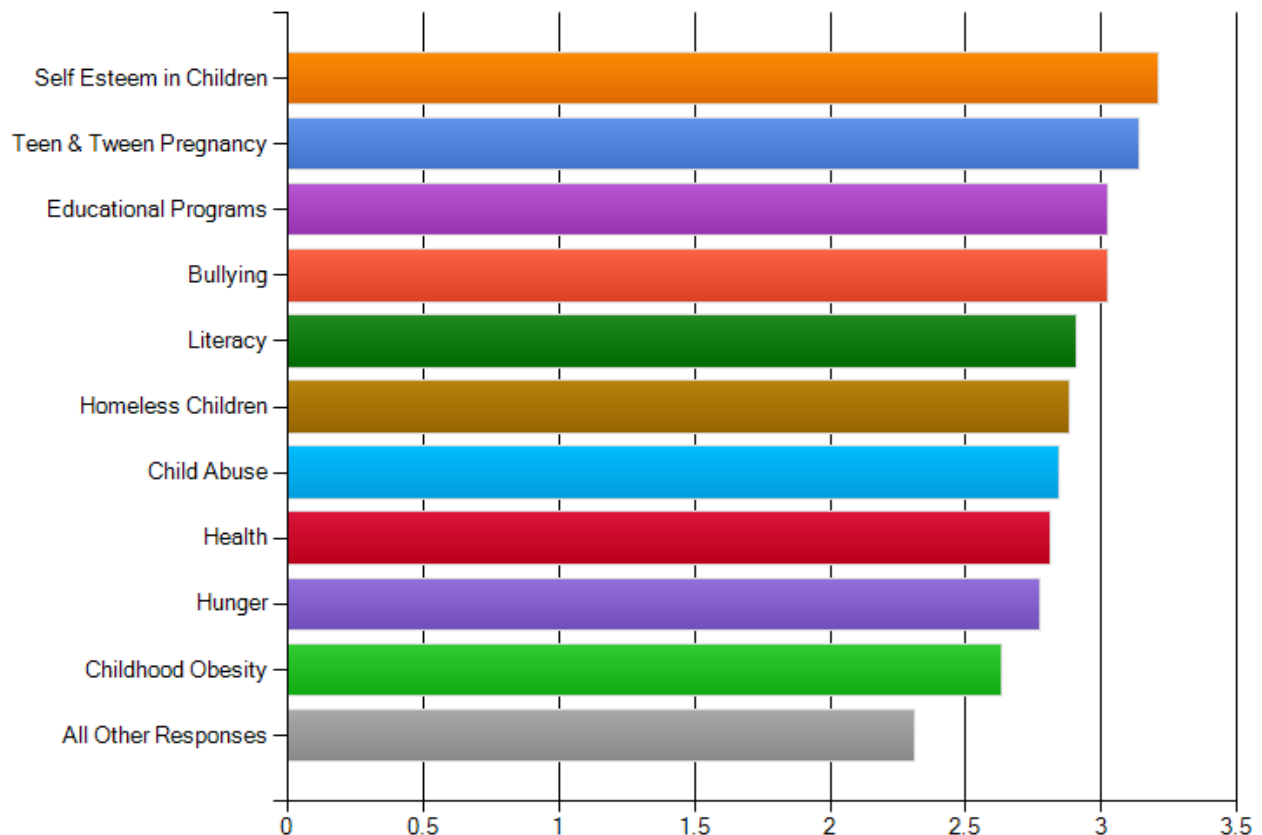
T – E – A – M Together, Everyone Accomplishes More!

Community Research Committee (CRC) is pleased to announce that Marilyn Pelky accepted our invitation to join the team as the 2011-12 CRC Sustaining Advisor. In addition to being a dedicated member of JLR, Marilyn served as the Volunteer Center of Racine County's Executive Director since its inception, September 1st, 2000 and retired from this position on June 1st, 2011.

CRC is collaborating with the Community Impact Committee (CIC) chaired by Dawn Knutson. Ann Toniolo, the Program Committee Chair, participated in a planning session with CRC and CIC to unite our focus. Carolyn Powers is the Board Liaison for both CRC & CIC. Our goal is for our committees to operate as team that offers a strategic and cohesive implementation of projects which appeal to our membership, help the children in our community and provide training opportunities for our members.

CRC will continue collaborative efforts on issues pertaining to teen pregnancy. The spring 2011 survey results (see chart below) will be used to expand our research that will identify projects which target areas of primary interest by the JLR membership.

As they relate to projects that JLR may work on in the future, please rank the following broad topics knowing that more focused issues may exist. Consider how you feel about the topics, what excites you, and what you would like to see JLR focus on in the future.



Fund Development

Fund Development wants to break something!

On September 26th, let's all get together to "BREAK THE RECORD" at Georgie Porgie's on Washington Avenue from 5 to 9 pm. We will be ROCKIN' another Family Fun Night where 10% of all sales during that time go to JLR. There will be face painters there and fun games for the kids. There will even be a HULA HOOP contest between the JLR president and a few select JLR members...(let us know if you have hula skills.) The member with the most friend referrals to our fun filled night will win a GROOVY prize...



Party with JLR at Party on the Pavement at the Attic

JLR will be featuring boutique shopping at the former Attic store on October 1, 2011 during the annual Party on the Pavement Event. The store will have 10 to 15 vendors filling the room with a percentage of their profits going back to our organization. We are seeking referrals of your friends that have something unique and wonderful to sell. No catalog sales please. Booth fees are \$25 plus a gift basket for raffling. Please contact Simone at snazijugglers@netzero.net or 632-3929.

Save the Date!

The Barnes & Noble Book Fair will be held on November 29th. Mark the date on your calendar today.



Junior League of Racine Endowment Fund

By Deb Weyers, Executive Treasurer

More news to celebrate as we begin 95 years! Our June 30, 2011 JLR Endowment Fund balance was \$110,006.70 which was up from \$103,274.32 in December 2010! JLR has not withdrawn the \$3000 yet for our 2011-2012, but will do that in December! Thank you to the many donors who have made its growth a reality! Please continue to consider the JLR Endowment Fund as you make your charitable giving decisions. Donations may be made at www.juniorleagueraacine.org or by check payable to: Racine Community Foundation, Inc. and mailed to: Racine Community Foundation c/o Junior League of Racine, 245 Main Street, Suite. L2, Racine, WI 53403.

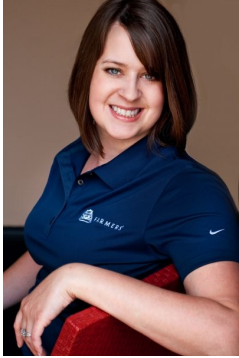
Nominating Placement

Hi! We are the Nominating Placement Team. One of our roles is to serve as Advisors for EVERY member of Junior League. Each of us have a team of Advisees (aka--we divide the Members of Junior League evenly among the four of us--thus we each have a team of JLR Members). It is our job to get to know you, our Advisees; ensure your year in Junior League is fulfilling and developmental; as well as, to help you to determine where your next placement will be in 2012-2013.



Linda Chizek.
3rd active year in JL

My first two years were spent in Fund Development which I really enjoyed. I was born in Racine, left for 20 years and returned 7 years ago. I own a small manufacturing company and do some financial software consulting as well. Dave and I (ok - just Dave) are 4 years into renovating a 45-foot sailboat and plan to get it in the water next summer. I guess I will be learning how to sail real soon! I hope everyone enjoys this year and I look forward to working with all of you.



Jenn Hoaglund
3rd Active Year in League

I've been in League since 2008 and have been active on Fund Development the entire time. Although I've enjoyed my time raising funds for our organization, I felt it was due time for a new role. I am delighted to be part of Nominating Placement this year. I look forward to working closely with my team of members to ensure their satisfaction in League, personal development and advancement into Leadership positions within our organization and our community! I can't wait to meet and get to know my team, meeting new people is what makes me tick. Cheers to the start of a GREAT 95th Year!



Cymi Jung
5th Active year in League

I do lean manufacturing training at Harley-Davidson, and though I work there-I have never been on a motorcycle, but I am getting the itch to ride. In what little free time I have, I enjoy playing tennis and softball, watching the NCAA basketball tournament and any Badger sports. Fall is my favorite time of year for crisp nights, bonfires, and football. I enjoy reading and doing crossword puzzles and playing on my Ipad. I love to cook, but am horrid at baking and one of my most favorite things to do is make Thanksgiving dinner. I was born and raised in Racine and got my undergraduate degree in Political Science from UW-Madison, where I was active in my sorority. I love to travel and would like to do it more. This is my 5th year in Junior League and I love all the different women I have gotten to meet over the past half decade!



Jill Gentile
8th Active Year in League

Wow! Can't believe how long I have been in League. I can tell you it's been a GREAT experience. One of the things I really enjoy is learning about the needs in the community. Although I have lived in Racine nearly all my life, JLR has taught me so much about what's going on in our town. Additionally, I have met some wonderful women I would have never met except through League. I look forward to working with my Advisee team, in this the 95th year, to make it the best it can be for everyone!

The League Year's Theme is UP!

By Connie Shannon and Sheila Bugalecki

UP! This is the enthusiastic theme chosen by this year's President – Julie Lang. Her Presidential address to League was included in the June issue of the Rapport and below is a quick excerpt to get you thinking about this year:

This year..... as we shake things up, look up, lift up, grow up, and light up remember these few simple things.... We are all women working towards our mission..... It is okay to ask questions, to ask for help, to make a mistake..... We need to remember to listen to each other, to the community, and to our hearts!

There is momentum building in League. We recently completed a survey that indicates our passion lies with young women in our community. Building off the work Community Research did over the past two years there is no doubt that we are going to leap forward with great ideas and projects that will have a significant impact in our community. Plus, we are celebrating our 95th anniversary! The committee working on this has great plans in store for our membership including a family themed event for the fall and special events for the wine tasting. It seems like many committees have met over the summer and are going to hit the ground running. If this isn't enough, I've heard about wonderful collaboration between committees which will undoubtedly build the strength of our membership and in turn what we are able to accomplish with respect to projects, member growth and fundraising. The chairwomen in place this year are magnificent women who have passion for League and our community and I am certain great things are in store for our organization.

This year the Sustaining Advisor to the Board position will be shared by two Sustainers. Connie Shannon will coordinate the Sustaining events such as the fall and spring dinners, the community meal and any other fun events throughout the year. Sheila Bugalecki will provide support to the Board by attending Board and Leadership Team meetings.

Below is a list of important contacts for your reference as the year progresses.

Julie Lang, President	JLR.Pres@gmail.com
Dawn Patzke, President-Elect	JLR.Preselect@gmail.com
Deb Weyers, Executive Treasurer	JLR.ExecTreasurer@gmail.com
Carolynn Powers, Corresponding Secretary	JLR.CorrespondingSecretary@gmail.com
Carol Kinsley, Recording Secretary	JLR.RecordingSecretary@gmail.com

I would like to welcome to the ranks our newest sustainers!

- * Molly Buhler with 7 years of active service, most recently chairing Community Impact
- * Carrie Johnson with 9 years of active service, most recently on Program
- * Autumn Latimore with 10 years of active service, most recently on Community Research
- * Liz Powell with 12 years of active service, most recently chairing Community Research
- * Connie Shannon with 11 years of active service, most recently on Community Research
- * Nola Starling-Ratliff with 7 years of active service, most recently on Community Research

Darice Griffin hosted a lovely evening at DeKoven on August 22nd. We strolled through the gardens enjoying the scents and sights of the flowers and the conversations with one another. We reconvened inside to visit some more and then dined on a light supper of fruit, salad and the most delicious chicken salad and lemon squares I have ever had! It was a wonderful evening and reminded me how great the friendships in League are to each of us. A big thank you to Darice for coordinating this event!

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The Fall Sustainer Dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 19th at Taylor Hall at the DeKoven Center. The social will be at 5:00 PM with dinner following at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$20.00 per person with two entrée choices. An official invitation will follow, but I wanted to get the news out so you can mark your calendars. It would be super to see as many Sustainers at the dinner as possible! I encourage you to attend and ask that you call a friend or two to join you. The mix of women in the past few years has been wonderful and it would be excellent to have even more dynamic women join us (that would be YOU!). Here's a checklist of things to do as soon as possible...

1. Mark your calendar for October 19th for the Sustainer Dinner
2. Call your friends in the bridge or book club and invite them
3. Call a friend you have been meaning to catch-up with and invite them too
3. Call a friend to carpool to dinner
4. Join us for the festivities at Taylor Hall

At the end of last year we achieved our goal by reaching \$100,000 in our Endowment Fund! Great news and hearty thanks to all who contributed for without your dedication we would not have reached our target! As the fund continues to grow Junior League will continue to be impacted with dollars towards operational expenses, which would mean that ALL funds raised would go back into the community. What an amazing idea! We are certainly headed UP! with respect to the fund.

In closing, we wanted to leave you our contact information.

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evening home phone 456-7359

Sheila
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daytime work phone 260-3550
evening home phone 878-4763

On a very sad note our thoughts and prayers are with Joan Barry and Barbara Barry Fries and their families during this very difficult time.

We look forward to serving as the Sustaining Advisors to the Board and hearing from all of you!