



LEAGUE LETTER

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The Boutique is back open for business!



In February, the Boutique re-opened and will be open every Saturday from 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Shopping has never been safer. We are following all safety and social distancing guidelines to ensure a safe and fun shopping experience.

Come join us!

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ABOUT JLSL

OUR MISSION

Junior League of St. Louis (JLSL) 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.

OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Junior League welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations, and communities.

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JLSL “AT A GLANCE”

2019–2020 MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW 500+ Active & Sustainer Members

714+ Community Service hours at St. Louis non-profits

Total amount donated through Trivia Night, Cinnamon Rolls, Annual Giving, the boutique & other fundraisers

Trivia Night – 2019
\$660.00

Trivia Night – 2020
\$4,865.00

Home Design – 2019
\$1,215.00

9 & Dine – 2019
\$5,300.00

Angel Dues – 2019
\$2,854.00

Boutique Sales – 2019
\$24,510.63

Cinnamon Rolls Sales – 2019
\$45,192.00



LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

KATIE DUFFIN
President

Dear Members,

As we all stand together in this moment, at roughly the one-year anniversary of when the WHO announced that COVID-19 was a global pandemic, I want to first pause and honor our members and communities who have all been personally impacted by this disease.

The world being on pause also provided an environment to bring heightened awareness and recognition of the inequities which exist in our society. I am proud to say that the Junior League of St. Louis has committed to continuing to be an Anti-Racist organization, and reaffirmed our continued support for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Not only did the Junior League of St. Louis Board of Governance unanimously adopt an external statement supporting DEI, but we are

also deepening the work of building the cultural competency of all our members through training and experiences. I am pleased to announce that we have engaged Vicki Clark, a well-known Leadership & DEI Consultant, as a long-term resource for our league. Vicki will be partnering with us through May of 2022 –to provide training for our members.

A core strength of the Junior League of St. Louis is our diversity of thought and life experiences. I believe we will continue to be an example of when you bring diverse voices to the table– you get results better for all. Fundamentally, the League is made stronger by the diversity of its' members. This environment is what inspires me to be a member of the Junior League of St. Louis and feel truly fortunate to steward this organization at this time.

Like all your families, this has been a challenging

year for my family as well. We have experienced a lot of life changes – and are grappling with our own fair share of “zoom” meeting exhaustion! We are so happy and thankful for spring to be here, as it seems that there is some light at the end of the tunnel, and we will emerge into our “new normal” soon. As it relates to the JLSL, we are in process of reviewing our path to re-open safely and will communicate that plan out in the coming weeks.

Since our founding in 1914, the Junior League of St. Louis has been committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving our communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Throughout our history, the JLSL has answered the call of our communities – to listen, partner and serve.

While this year has presented us with unprecedented and unforeseen challenges – it is times such as these which highlight the strength, adaptability and resiliency of our communities, partners, and members. It is times such as these which ignite our passion to partner with our communities to create new and innovative programs which serve their needs.

The Junior League of St. Louis has again answered the call in our communities, by deepening and strengthening our community partnerships - as we have with the Nottingham School & Affinia Health Care. By truly listening and partnering – we are an organization who stands side-by-side in all of life's joys, challenges, and opportunities in the communities which we live and serve. Using this approach, we held a successful Strong, Women and Families drive and walk-up event in September and adapted our partnership with Nottingham School to provide Uniforms, Coats, Clothing, Food, Personal Care & Protective Equipment for the students. As we look into the back half of the year, we are looking forward to expanding our Strong Women & Families resource fair – with a mini-event in May along with increased Day 366 focused efforts. I am proud of our organization and our ability to adapt and serve our communities during this challenging time.

Even though this is not your typical JLSL league year, our Management Group has been busy:

- Community Impact – In addition to the efforts mentioned above, the team is working in collaboration with the Community Programs Board Committee to establish our path forward with Day366 and Issue Area 2
- Communications has continued to work diligently to provide increased transparency to membership – which has been so critical during this mostly virtual year.
- Membership has worked hard to engage our members, virtually as well as welcomed one of the most diverse New Member classes in our history – representing 65 New Members from 45 zip codes.
- Training has provided membership support and diverse, virtual training options to help us all navigate our new world.
- Fund Development successfully held a virtual Trivia Night, for the second time in JLSL history – while working to enhance our Cinnamon Roll & Boutique processes to support this virtual world. We are also excited to host our first in-person event in some time - the Top Golf Fundraiser in April. Please note that this event is being held in full compliance with county COVID-19 guidelines, and Top-Golf's own internal safety guidelines.
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion has engaged to continue the effort of embedding DEI in our organization and is working on a membership wide survey which will be sent in the coming weeks.
- Our newest team on the Management Group - Operational Excellence – is working to support membership in making it easier to volunteer and serve by establishing a central repository of critical league processes.

Thank you all for your membership and commitment to the Junior League of St. Louis. We appreciate each of our members, and the unique value they bring to the table. Please know that I am always available to chat, or to answer any question you may have. You can reach me via email at president@jlsll.org or call/text 314.220.8531.

Yours in service,

Katie Duffin

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

GET TO KNOW JLSL LEADERSHIP

CRYSTAL ALLEN DALLAS

Main Goal for 2020-2021: Support the mission and vision of the Junior League of St. Louis while working with my fellow board members to ensure strategic action around our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion efforts. We are also looking for opportunities to connect with and provide meaningful member experiences.

Years in the League: 11 years

Hometown: Birmingham, AL

KATHRYN ALTVATER

Main Goal for 2020-2021: For Board work is still to be determined. Had Covid dissipated, I would've been acting primarily as the Nightingales Manager (first), and the Board (second). As it stands, though, that position and committee are "on hold". Currently I offer general knowledge of past JLSL experiences.

Years in the League: I have been an Active member of JLSL since 1982. That's 39 years!

Hometown: Born & raised in St. Louis

KATHERINE BEHRENS

Main Goal for 2020-2021: My main goal would be to impart on our group the care that is required to elevate each other up, during these challenging times. We achieve great things by coming together in support of our fellow women.

Years in the League: I have been in the league 5 years, meaning I'm a 4th year active.

Hometown: I'm from what's affectionally referred to as "America's Hometown" Hannibal, MO.

CARA BEST

Main Goal for 2020-2021: Ensure compliance related to my role as Treasurer and to always think strategically about the JLSL.

Years in JLSL: 8 years

Hometown: Crestwood, MO

DANIELLE CHI

Main Goal for 2020-2021: Foster membership engagement and membership connections in this challenging year.

Years in the League: 8 years

Hometown: Pottsville, PA

KATIE DUFFIN

Main Goal for 2020-2021: My main goal for 2020-2021 is to care from our membership, meet them where they are & ensure that the Junior League of St. Louis remains an empowering place for all women who value our mission for the next 106 years.

Years in the League: 9

Hometown: St. Louis

MERRILEE MCFARLAND

Main Goal for 2020-2021: To continue to develop ways for the JLSL members to grow in their leadership.

Years in the League: 5 years in the League

Hometown: Columbia Falls, Montana

KIM RAYFORD

Main Goal for 2020-2021: I am the leader of the Community Programs Committee. My main goal is to select, execute, and establish Issue Area 2.

Years in the League: 3

Hometown: St. Louis, MO

SUSAN SCHENBERG

Main Goal for 2020-2021: As the Sustainer member of the BOG, my duty is not only to represent our Sustainers but to honor their voice on issues related to the JLSL.

Years in the League: 19

Hometown: Chicago, Illinois

MANAGEMENT GROUP

GET TO KNOW JLSL LEADERSHIP

JEN ATKINS

Main Goal for 2020-2021: To connect and engage JLSL members so they feel a part of the JLSL community.

Years in the League: I joined the JLSL in 2015 to volunteer and meet new people.

Hometown: Collinsville, IL (Home of the World's Largest Catsup Bottle)

JESSICA HERMAN

Main Goal for 2020-2021: Seek out local, university, or online events that our members can tap into to enhance their career and leadership skills as well as balance and simply their personal lives and feel engaged.

Years in the League: Joined in 2108 so 2 years

Hometown: born and raised in Saint Louis (and I'm proud)

KAITLYN IVANCIC

Main Goal for 2020-2021: Ensure smooth and effective internal and external communication on behalf of the League. Lead the Communications teams initiative to spread the word of who we are, what we do and why we do it throughout the St. Louis community.

Years in the League: 4

Hometown: Tampa, FL

LILY MAHONEY

Main Goal for 2020-2021: 1. Increase corporate sponsorships (non-member donations)

2. Maintain fundraising goals despite covid

Years in the League: I joined the Memphis league as a provisional in 2012 and transferred to STL Jan 2018, so this is my 8th active year

Hometown: I am from St. Louis (grew up in Webster)

LIZ MARITZ

Main Goal for 2020-2021: Help establish OPEX as a team that makes valuable contributions to the league.

Years in the League: 11

Hometown: I spent most of my childhood in Logansport, a hog farming town in Indiana, but St. Louis has been home since 1998.

ELLEN NOEL

Main Goal for 2020-2021: This year my main goal as the Nominating Director is to slate women who have the strength and leadership to help continue the mission of the JLSL.

Years in the League: 7

Hometown: St. Louis, MO (McCluer North High School)

NANCY STILES

Main Goal for 2020-2021: Not sure what I can offer as far as main goal for the year as secretary

Years in the League: I've been in the League for 5 years

Hometown: I grew up in St. Louis

KATHRYN WICKENHAUSER

Main Goal for 2020-2021: Host and spotlight DEI educational events, foster a sense of belonging for every member, work towards seamlessly embedding DEI in our League's operation and execution

Years in the League: 7 (Four as a member of Junior League of Louisville, three at JLSL)

Hometown: Chesterfield, MO

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

GIANNA NAWROCKI
Provisional Member

What inspired you to become a member of the Junior League?

I moved to St. Louis in August of 2018. Prior to COVID-19, I traveled many times a month for work, so I didn't have an opportunity to get to know St. Louis and to meet new people. I was missing feeling connected to the community and meeting new people. Once my travel decreased due to COVID-19, I wanted to use the opportunity to get involved and meet new people.

So far, what is your favorite memory with JLSL?

Over the summer, some members of my small group were able to get together for a safe, outdoor lunch at Billy G's! I also loved buying cinnamon rolls and cooking them for my family this Christmas and the virtual trivia night in January!

How has the JLSL impacted your life?

It has given me something to dedicate time to that isn't work. I've met some new people, and I've become more confident to step up and join a group if I'm interested. I've also learned a lot about St. Louis.

What is your favorite thing to do in Saint Louis?

I love all of the parks, especially Forest Park, which was my sanctuary over the past year. I also love all of the local restaurants and different types of food!

If you could master a skill that you don't currently possess, what would it be?

I would love to become better at graphic design, especially photoshop or Adobe design. I'd also like to fluently speak another language!

What area of Saint Louis metro do you live in?

My husband and I just bought a home in Ballwin near Castlewood State Park



Where is your hometown?

I grew up in the suburbs of Chicago (Plainfield)

Job Title & Place of Employment

Government Affairs Associate at the American Association of Orthodontists

If you could ask Sustainers any question about being in the JLSL, what would it be?

Is there anything you wish you would've gotten involved with that you didn't? How has the JLSL changed since you joined, and what has stayed the same?

**WELCOME TO THE
JUNIOR LEAGUE GIANNA!**

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CRYSTAL SCHAEFFER-FLYNN
Active Member

What inspired you to become a member of the Junior League?

I have always had a passion for volunteering since I was a little girl. I always was involved in service related activities – from Girl Scouts in elementary school to joining a service sorority in college. After I entered the work force I wanted to find opportunities to give back to my community and meet new people. I had recently moved to Spokane, WA and wanted to network with other like-minded woman. My former boss introduced me to the Junior League and I feel in love with the organization. When I moved back to St. Louis, I wanted to continue being involved in the Junior League not only to meet people but to reconnect with a city that I loved.

So far, what is your favorite memory with JLSL?

My very first Strong Women and Families event. I was blown away by the event. The number of vendors in attendance, the activities and services provided, and the number of people we helped to serve. I remember one attendee in particular came up to me after the event in tears – she was so grateful to have the opportunity to get a wellness screening for her children.

What is the best advice you've received from a JLSL member?

"Take risks – they are worth the rewards." Sometimes you need to take a risk in order to grow – as a league or as an individual.

How has the JLSL impacted your life?

I have made some incredible friends and connections through Junior League. I have had the ability to strengthen my leadership skills and overcome some real challenges. I have also continued to find ways to give back to my community and introduce my son to volunteering (Sam has tagged along to a number of Junior League events/meetings/etc ☺).



What is your favorite thing to do in Saint Louis?

I love going to Forrest Park. It's one of my favorite place in the world. I love the Zoo, the Muny, the Art Museum, and just walking the park on a breezy fall day. There is nothing better.

If you could master a skill that you don't currently possess, what would it be?

I love music – but I cannot sing or play an instrument very well at all. I would love to learn to play the guitar or piano. Funny thing my husband can, but has yet to teach me.

Job Title & Place of Employment

Web Strategist, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

What is your current JLSL placement?

Communications – Membership

What positions have you previously held in JLSL?

Community Development Member (Done in a Day), Community Development Director, Nominating, Communications

What advice would you give to someone who is on the fence about joining the JLSL?

Try it out. Commit to attending at least one volunteer event, social and membership meeting. Test the waters to see what area of the league works for you.

If you could ask Sustainers any question about being in the JLSL, what would it be?

If they had the opportunity to go back in time to when they were an active member – what is one thing they would change about the league?

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

BETH ANN RIECHMAN

Sustainer

What inspired you to become a member of the Junior League?

I was asked to be in the league 35 years ago when I was in my early 20s but I didn't have time because I was working too many hours. So I waited till I was 27 years old and joined. I had many friends who were older than me who had devoted themselves to a life of service and I knew I wanted to do the same.

So far, what is your favorite memory with JLSL?

My absolute favorite memory in the JLSL is Nottingham School. We have been so fortunate to have Foster Care Coalition and Adoption (another JLSL partner) donate thousands of dresses over the last 5 years. We have gathered thousands of items for Nottingham School which now has started 5 more prom closets since we started this current one five years ago. Now we have expanded during Covid 19 and have a food pantry, collected outerwear, PPE and personal hygiene items. We have involved the neighborhood (St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association) and (Candy Cane Lane) where we have raised nearly \$14,000 just for this project alone.

How has the JLSL impacted your life?

How has the JLSL impacted you. I started here 31 years ago but moved away for 20 years but came back 5 years ago. This is my home league where I learned from the best of the best. The sustainers (at that time were not sustainers) trained me and other young new members to be dedicated, show up have follow thru on every project and everything you say and do, never over commit and under deliver and be kind to everyone you never know their personal circumstances.

What is your current JLSL placement?

My current placement is: Sustainer Co Chair, Coordinator of New Members and First Year Actives, Co Chair of Nottingham School/Glass Slipper Project, on the SWF Committee.



What positions have you previously held in JLSL?

I have held almost every position in the league except for treasurer or President and I am fine with that. LOL This above keeps me busy enough. I have been in 5 leagues and the JLSL twice.

What advice would you give to someone who is on the fence about joining the JLSL?

My advice in the league is to never over commit unless you have the time and you get out of life and the JLSL what you put into it. So go 100%.

What inspires you to stay involved with JLSL?

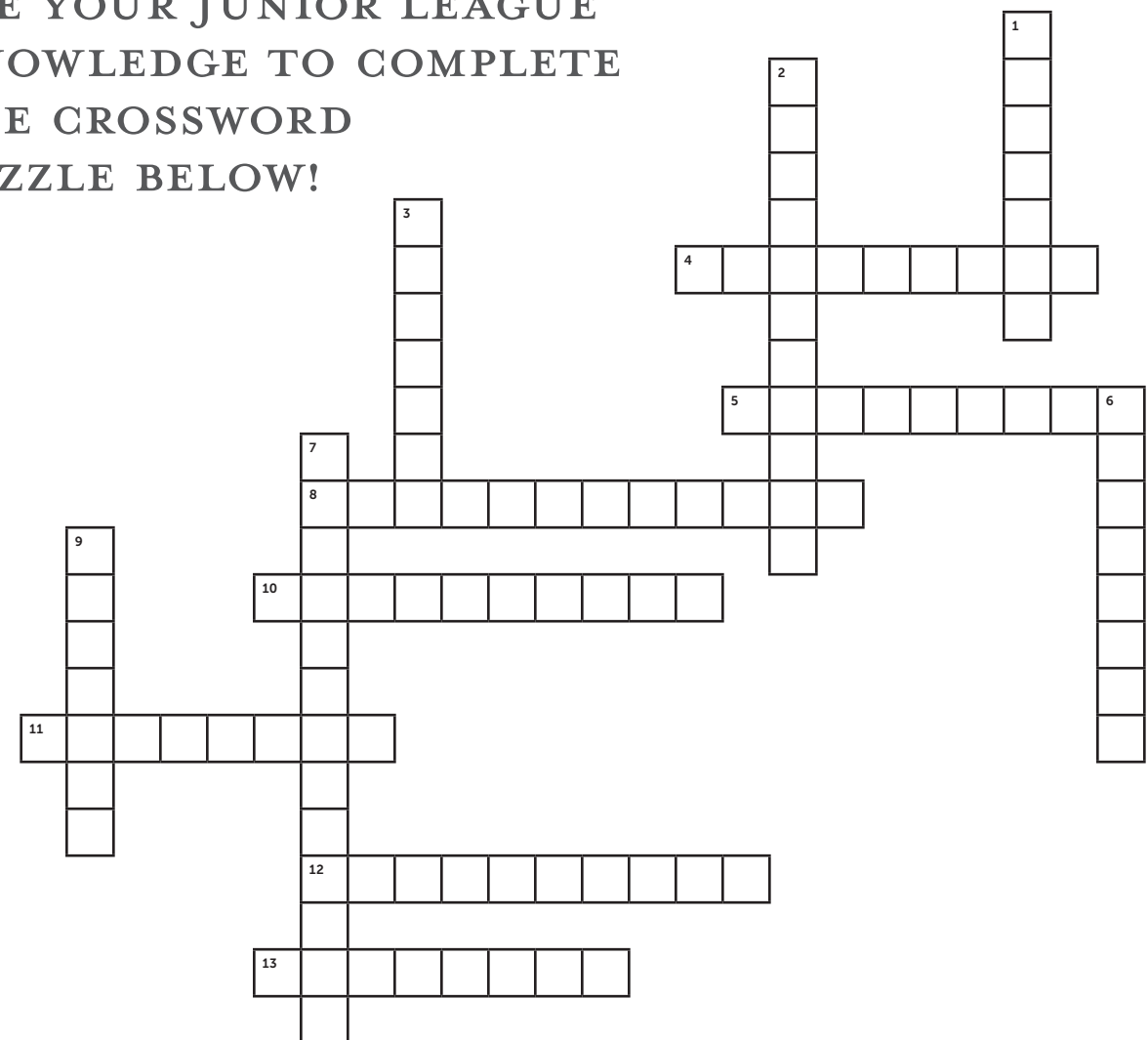
When I was first joining the JLSL asked me to be in LTT which is Leadership Training Track. They taught us provisionals to be lifers. We will always be in the league and be dedicated to it and its members. My best friends in life are in leagues around the country. I never want to let my friends down so working hard with and for them is my main goal.

What advice would you give to Provisional and Active members?

My advice to provisionals and actives is our community and city needs you. Be dedicated, caring and committed to the JLSL and the mission.

JLSL CROSSWORD

USE YOUR JUNIOR LEAGUE KNOWLEDGE TO COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE BELOW!



Across

- 4 There are Junior League organizations in four _____.
- 5 The JLSL is governed by a Board of Governance that provides vision and _____ direction.
- 8 The two JLSL choral groups are called League Larks & _____.
- 10 In 2016, Day 366 was voted on by _____ to become JLSL's current issue-based community impact project.
- 11 The first Junior League was founded in New York City in 1901 by Mary _____.
- 12 The Management Group oversees the day-to-day _____ of JLSL.
- 13 In 2012, JLSL first launched "Developing Strong Women" which is now called "Strong Women & _____ Health & Resource Fair"

Down

- 1 In 2006, Kids in the _____ (an AJLI initiative) was first adopted in Saint Louis.
- 2 Women building better _____.
- 3 The Nominating Committee is responsible for _____ the Board of Governance, the Management Group and the Advisor Committee.
- 6 "Saint Louis Days, Saint Louis Nights" is the official _____ of the Junior League of Saint Louis.
- 7 AJLI is an acronym for Association of Junior Leagues _____, Inc.
- 9 The Junior League of Saint Louis was founded in 1914 by Mrs. Harry _____.

Answers can be found on page 28.

COOKING WITH THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SAINT LOUIS

FROM THE JLSL COOKBOOK,
SAINT LOUIS DAYS, SAINT LOUIS NIGHTS

The following recipes have been featured in the weekly JLSL e-blasts and are from the *Saint Louis Days*, *Saint Louis Nights* cookbook, which is available for purchase at www.jlsl.org or in the boutique.



CHICKEN BREASTS IN WINE

Yield: 6 servings

- 6 whole chicken breasts, skinned, boned, and cut in halves
- 2 beaten eggs
- 1 cup seasoned bread crumbs
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 cup white wine
- 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
- Dip chicken in eggs, then breadcrumbs
- Place coated chicken in large skillet with oil and brown both sides lightly
- Place chicken in a 9 x 13 inch glass baking pan
- Top with cheese, wine, and mushrooms
- Bake Uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes
- Serve!



FRESH GREEN BEANS WITH HORSERADISH SAUCE

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

- 1 pound fresh green beans, trimmed
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon horseradish
- Salt and pepper
- Steam green beans until crisp-tender; drain
- Toss beans with butter, lemon juice, salt, and pepper
- Mix sour cream and horseradish in a small bowl
- Arrange beans on heated platter
- Spoon horseradish sauce over beans and serve



CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

Yield: 6 servings

- 1 8-oz package of semi-sweet chocolate
- 2 eggs
- 2 to 3 tablespoons hot strong black coffee
- 3/4 cup boiling milk
- 1 teaspoon rum or orange liqueur
- 1 cup whipping cream
- Shredded chocolate or other garnish of choice
- Put all ingredients in blender for 1 - 2 minutes at high speed until mixed
- Pour mixture into a 9 inch ring mold or other mold of choice
- Chill for 8 hours
- Top with whipped cream, shredded chocolate or other garnish
- A rich, chocolately dessert that's simple to prepare!



NIGHT-BEFORE FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE

Yield: 8 to 10 servings

- 1 10-ounce loaf of long thin french bread, 18 inches
- 8 eggs
- 3 cups milk
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 2 tablespoons butter, cut into 5 pats
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Syrup
- Grease 13 x 9 inch baking dish
- Cut bread into 18 1-inch wide slices
- Arrange slices in 1 layer, in bottom of pan
- Beat eggs, milk, sugar, salt, and vanilla in a large bowl
- When thoroughly mixed, pour over bread in pan. Bread will float on top of liquid
- Cut each pat of butter into 4 pieces
- Dot each piece of bread with a piece of butter. Sprinkle with cinnamon
- Cover and refrigerate overnight or up to 36 hours
- Place dish, uncovered, in cold oven
- Turn oven temp to 350 degrees (325 if glass dish) and bake 45 to 50 minutes, or until bread is puffy and light brown
- Remove from oven and allow to set 5 minutes
- Bread will rise to top with a layer of custard on the bottom
- Serve with maple, raspberry, strawberry, or coconut syrup!

PROVISIONAL CLASS 2020-2021

THE CHALLENGES OF JOINING A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION DURING A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

The New Member class has been hard at work organizing the Kids in the Kitchen segment of the May Strong Women and Families event! All 60 + New Members have selected to be part of one of the following Kids in the Kitchen Committees: Nutrition, Exercise, Cooking, Media/PR/Logos/Event Signage, Communications, or SWF Liaison Committee. Each committee is comprised of 1-2 New Members that volunteered to be Committee Leads, New Member Committee Members, and a Membership Team Advisor.

Our New Members are preparing activities for an in-person event and are ready to pivot to a virtual session, if needed. We are so proud of their hard work, unique ideas, and flexibility throughout this process and cannot wait to see their ideas put into action. We are excited about the collaboration that is taking place within each committee and within the entire New Member Class that is fostering lasting connections and allowing the New Members to see first-hand what it means to make an impact in the community as a member of the JLSL.



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
ST. LOUIS**



Spring recruitment sessions have concluded but recruitment information sessions will be occurring again this summer before you know it!

If you have a friend, family member or colleague interested in joining the Junior League of Saint Louis, invite them to an informational meeting!

(Meeting times will be announced at a later date.)

The deadline to join the 2021-22 New Class is August 1, 2021.

www.jlsl.org/contact/how-to-join



WELCOME TO SAINT LOUIS!

INBOUND TRANSFERS TO JLSL DURING THE 2020-2021 LEAGUE YEAR

There have been eight inbound transfers that we have welcomed to the league so far in the 2020-2021 league year. The next time you see the ladies on a Zoom call or in-person, please be sure to make them feel welcome to the Junior League of Saint Louis!

JULIE ZIELINSKI
Tulsa, OK

LAURA BINNEBOESE
Austin, TX

JACQUELYN PARKER
Fort Myers, FL

JESSICA KIRSCH
York, PA

GRACE DANIELLO
Emerald Coast, FL

KATELIN BEROSKY
Memphis, TN

MICHEAL ANDERSON
Lehigh Valley, PA

LIZ SHEARRER
Nashville, TN

SUSTAINERS

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY BY COORDINATING A DONATION DRIVE FOR NOTTINGHAM CAJT SCHOOL



There hasn't been much to do for sustainers due to the pandemic. They did have a holiday zoom call to be able to see everyone's faces and catch up. Beth Ann Riechman and Karen Davis have been heading up the Nottingham CAJT School partnership and coordinating the HUGE donation drive and dental clinic all during this crazy pandemic and social distance times. The donation drive started in October 2020 and ran until February 19, 2021, where there was a socially distanced event held at Nottingham school. The event was a huge success! Some of the items we were able to provide at the drive were as follows: winter coats, hats, gloves, socks, t-shirts, masks, LOTS of hand sanitizer, hygiene wipes, underwear, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, body wash, and also brand new school uniforms for those that needed them. After the drive, some of the students brought the JL volunteers handmade cards to thank them for helping out so much!

Nottingham serves 125 students as a job training high school for students with developmental delays. The work that the sustainers have done as well as the money donated has been instrumental in making the donation drive and dental clinic a success. The partnership with Nottingham has been going on for over 20 years now.

LET'S GET SOCIAL, WHILE SOCIALLY DISTANCED

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT DURING COVID

In a continued effort to provide members with opportunities to become more engaged in the JLSL we encourage our members to form affinity groups to offer an additional way to meet members, network and have fun.

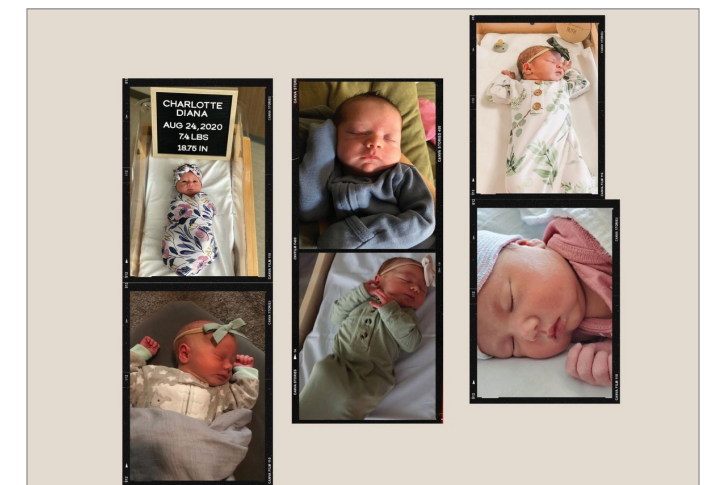
- **JLSL Book Club**
Join the Facebook group.
Virtual meet-ups are forming now.
- **JLSL Exercise & Outdoor Group**
Join the Facebook group.
Several members are participating in a Tough Mudder Competition in early May. More details are posted in the group on Facebook or you can connect with Carrie Crompton (carriecrompton88@aol.com) for more information.
- **JLSL Arts and Crafts Club**
Join the Facebook group
- **JLSL Bunco Groups**
Contact jlslbunco@gmail.com to be added to the substitute list or to become a regular if space becomes available
- **JLSL Mommy & Me**
Join the Facebook group
- **JLSL On Tap: Happy Hour Interest Group**
Join the Facebook group
- **JLSL Sewing and Knitting Club**
Join the Facebook group
- **JLSL Theatre Club**
Join the Facebook group
- **Show Me St. Louis** (currently events are on hold)
Led by Sustainers and usually held on the 3rd Thursday of the month

These are optional and will offer additional fun social opportunities within JLSL! For more information, contact Affinitygroups@jls.org.

HELPING HANDS IS HERE FOR YOU

MEMBERS HELPING OTHER MEMBERS

We all have a time in our life where we could use an "extra hand." This initiative helps our JLSL members with celebrations, milestones, or in a time of need. This past year has been especially difficult for so many – we have helped our members navigate job loss, sickness, isolation and in-memoriam. That being said, we also have had a lot to celebrate! So far this year there have been at least 10 babies that have been welcomed by our membership. This committee can help with everything from organizing meal trains, assist with employment opportunities, and send cards and messages of support on behalf of Membership. Connect with the Helping Hands Committee at helpinghands@jls.org.



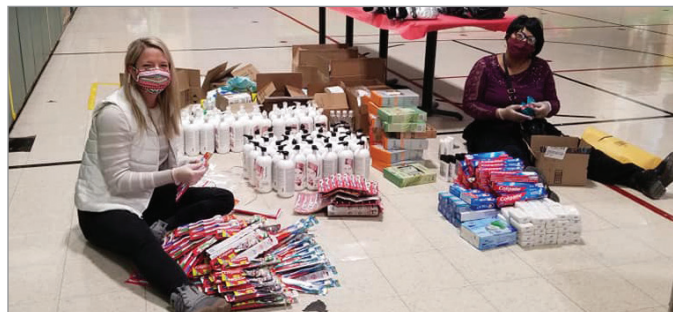
NOTTINGHAM CAJT HIGH SCHOOL

A LONGSTANDING JLSL COMMUNITY PARTNER



Nottingham Expanded Partnership:

During these challenging times, the Junior League of St. Louis has been actively engaging with our Community Partners to collaborate on how we may best enhance our connections – as neighbors, allies, and friends. Through our 20-year relationship with our community partner Nottingham CAJT High School, we have formed a wonderful connection with the staff and partners there. During these conversations with our partners at the school, we heard courageous stories of students and educators advocating for continued learning – while grappling with the realities of COVID-19. This led us to make a commitment to the Nottingham CAJT School to expand our partnership, by leading a student necessities drive during this school year, in addition to our Glass Slipper Prom event. Committee Co-Chairs Beth Ann Reichman and Karen Davis lead the Nottingham / Glass Slipper Committee.



Our History:

For the last 20 years, under the leadership of Christine Lineback, the JLSL has been engaged with the Nottingham CAJT School with our Glass Slipper Prom event. This event provides the students with a full Prom experience.

While we were unable to have the Prom event last year, due to COVID – we are actively partnering with the school to determine possibilities for a safe, May 2021 event.

The Student Necessities Drive:

Friday, February 19, 2021, our JLSL volunteers put on a HUGE necessities drive for the students of Nottingham CAJT School. With generous donations from our community partners, the JLSL members, and the community, we were able to provide the students with PPE to help facilitate in-

person learning, personal care items, and warm winter items.

The donation drive started in October 2020 and ran until the drive in February, where there was a socially distanced event held in the school gymnasium. Students could walk through each section and fill up bags with items that they wanted to take home. Some of the items we were able to



provide at the drive were as follows: winter coats, hats, gloves, socks, t-shirts, masks, LOTS of hand sanitizer, hygiene wipes, underwear, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, body wash, and brand-new school uniforms for those that needed them. All leftover donations will stay with Nottingham School in their pantry for future use.

After the event, teachers brought the JLSL volunteers handmade cards from the students thanking them for the wonderful donations they received and helping out so much throughout the years.

About Nottingham CAJT High School

The Nottingham School across from Francis Park is a job training high school for students with developmental delays, with the ages of students

ranging from 13-21 from all across St. Louis City and County. They help over 125 students learn life skills to work after they graduate in our community.

Recognition:

National School of Character (2016)
Promising Practices in Character Education Award Recipient (2019)

We would not have had a successful drive without the amazing staff and teachers at Nottingham CAJT High School and their collaboration with us. Thank you to their team for working diligently with us these past months to get this event set up, for allowing us to come into the school and working with us at the drive, and for making the volunteers feel extremely welcome. We see the dedication they have to their students and it makes us feel that dedication and drive to



help in whatever way we can. They are the real heroes in our great community.

Community Partners:

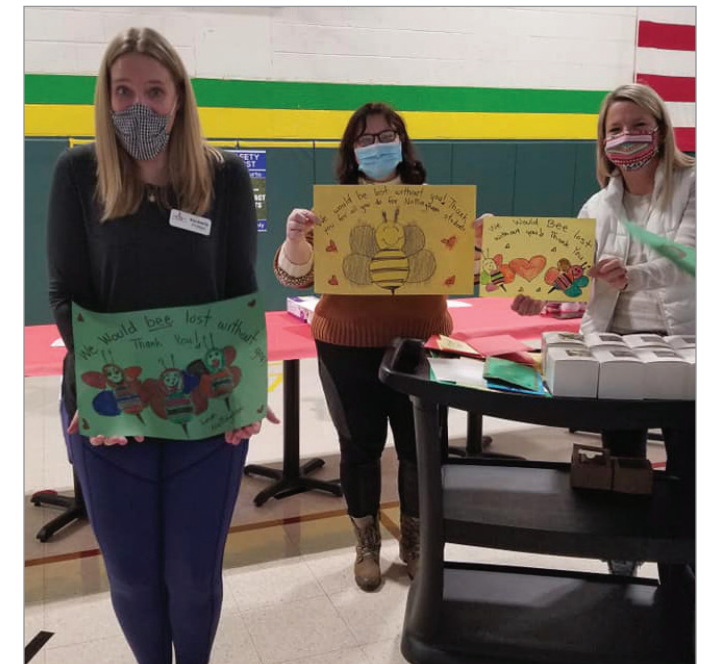
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to our wonderful community partners for making this drive possible. Urban League STL, Affinia Healthcare, Connections to Success, Target (Kirkwood and St. Louis Hills locations), Row House (Sunset hills location), St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association (SLHNA), and Candy Cane Lane STL.

Affinia Dental Clinic:

We also held a joint event with Affinia Healthcare on March 2, 2021, and assisted facilitating a dental clinic. We checked in students and got them ready to go onto the mobile dental clinic brought by Affinia. Will also gave out additional goodie bags for students.

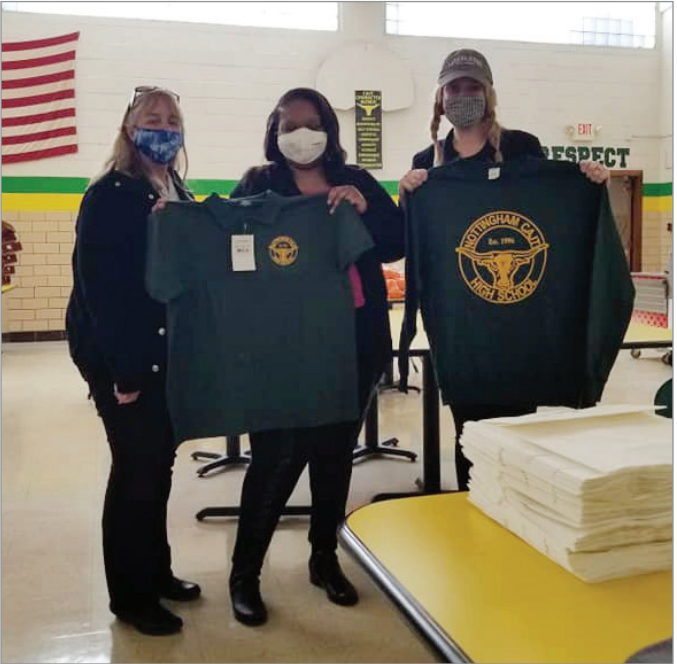
Future Plans:

We are also actively partnering with the school to determine possibilities for a safe, May 2021 Glass Slipper Prom event. This event provides the students with a full Prom experience.



NOTTINGHAM CAJT HIGH SCHOOL

AFFINIA DENTAL CLINIC



Day 366

DAY 366 2.0 — DETERMINING THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION FOR THE DAY 366 INITIATIVE

During the JLSL 2020-21 year, the Day 366 team has been hyper-focused on Day 366 2.0. In the fourth year of our initiative, we are looking inward, outward and forward to determine the best course of action for the Day 366 initiative. Currently, we are putting together an action plan for the JLSL 2021-22 year, as well as focusing on Day 366 to be a co-headline initiative at the Saturday, May 8,

2021 Strong Women & Families mini-event. We will be sharing this event with the New Member team who is delivering a revamped and redesigned Kids in the Kitchen project. We are excited to work with the New Member and Strong Women & Families teams to deliver strong outreach and resources to those who need it most. For any questions or more information, please contact us at day366@jlsl.org.

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FUND DEVELOPMENT

FUNDRAISING DURING A GLOBAL PANDEMIC



Since the COVID 19 pandemic hit the St. Louis area, The Fund Development Team has not slowed down during a global pandemic. They regularly adjust their events with each new challenge that was presented to them. On the horizon the Fund Development Team will be hosting an event at TopGolf, boosting boutique sales with a Virtual Craft Mart, and participating in Give STL Day.

In January, the Fund Development team held their 11th Annual Trivia Night... virtually. The 2021 theme was *Trivia With the Stars* and raised \$5,091.72. Congratulations to Michelle Forgach, taking the top prize!

From March 12-19th, the Junior League of St. Louis will be hosting the *Spring Virtual Craft Mart*. Be on the lookout for good deals, unique finds, and hand-made items that will be available on jlsl.org.



Join us on April 17th at Top Golf for a night of dinner, drinks, and golf. Bring your friends and family, don't worry prior golf experience is not required. Proceeds will go back to the Junior League of St. Louis. Check out the early bird specials before April 1st on www.jlsl.org/support/top-golf-event/

On May 6th we will be participating in *Give STL Day* and need your help! Give STL day is a giving movement, allowing the community to show their support while providing us with an additional platform to educate others on the JLSL mission.

THE BOUTIQUE IS BACK OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

FACING CHALLENGES AND GETTING CREATIVE IN THE AGE OF COVID

Since the COVID 19 pandemic hit the St. Louis area last March, small businesses have been impacted more than almost any other industry. This past year has presented unique challenges especially to the Junior League Boutique, with the store having to close intermittently throughout the year, especially over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The Boutique is one of the League's biggest fundraisers, making this time especially difficult. Despite the challenges, however, the Junior League Boutique has adapted to the times and has big plans in the works. The latest good news is that the boutique will be reopening on Saturdays from 10-4 pm, which will enable the staff to achieve this year's goals and fulfill orders.

As Ashley Cheatham, the Junior League Boutique Manager remarks, "The biggest challenge with the pandemic, other than not being open, has been the inability of the people on my team to complete goals and prepare for next year. There were some great things starting to happen with our staff and the shift lead program." Another goal for the boutique was to transition the shop to more locally sourced items that support minority business owners. Ashley and the boutique team wanted to reflect the mission of the Junior League in supporting women and especially women in the community who are small business owners and makers. Now that the boutique is reopened this goal will move closer to becoming a reality.

The JLSL Boutique also launched the wildly popular Cinnamon Roll Candle, inspired by the



Junior League's famous Cinnamon Rolls. As Ashley recalls, "We started doing vendor markets in the winter of 2019, taking the boutique to the people to raise awareness and sell cinnamon rolls. I had a booth next to Jennifer, who owns Post Pouring Co. We started talking and I found out she made branded candles for other businesses in the area. The idea of a JLSL branded cinnamon roll candle just popped into my brain and I couldn't let it go" Ashley ordered 40 candles, posted the information on the League Facebook page, and all forty candles were sold out in a matter of days. She ordered 30 more and sold almost all of them in a day. Ashley is thrilled with the popularity of the candle as she comments, "I have placed another order so we will be stocked when we open. I really hope that it takes off and will be a consistent item for the boutique like the cookbook and the cinnamon rolls. We will also be stocking some other scents from Post Pouring Co. under her label."

Now that the boutique has reopened, the committee has other big plans for this year. They are looking at Saturday pop up vendors to sell in the boutique. The boutique also held a Virtual Craft Fair which featured local artists and ran from March 12-19th. They are also looking at creating an online store, which will enable people to shop virtually if they're not able to make it to the Kirkwood location. Despite the challenges this year, the Junior League Boutique is still going strong and has ambitious plans for this year and next, remaining an integral part of the League.

CINNAMON ROLLS

A CONTEMPORARY TWIST



One of our most significant (and most popular) funding sources at the Junior League of St. Louis is the sale of our Cinnamon Rolls. Our rolls are handmade with love by JLSL members and available for purchase at several retailers in the St. Louis area. They are also always in stock at our Headquarters and Boutique in Kirkwood.

The Cinnamon Roll Committee is keeping our classic fundraiser going with a contemporary twist. The committee is teaming up with various organizations to deliver pre-ordered frozen cinnamon rolls directly to the organizer. Our cinnamon rolls are delicious, fully cooked buns that come frozen in a tin of 12. All you have to do is pop them into the oven (or microwave), and you have a breakfast that is guaranteed to bring a smile.

The contemporary twist to our JLSL tradition helps to keep the gooey crispy magic going during unforeseen times. The contemporary twist is also a massive win for the entire community and an excellent way for organizations to continue their support of JLSL.



Our Cinnamon Rolls are always available for purchase at the Boutique. You can also purchase JLSL Cinnamon Rolls at any of these locations:

Freddie's Market
Straub's Clayton
Straub's Town & Country
Straub's Webster Groves
Straub's Central West End
The Art of Entertaining
The Woman's Exchange
The Smokehouse Market
Baumann's Fine Meats

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFORMATION ROLLOUT UPDATE

THE KEY TO A STRONG LEAGUE



During the 2019-2020 League year, the Junior League of St. Louis began a three-year initiative to transform our membership model to be more member-centric and create a more meaningful experience for every member.

Last year, the Membership Transformation Rollout (MTR) Team focused on updating our placement catalog and configuring the Placement Matching Tool, which matches members to League placements using their input on the time they have to commit to the League as well as their skills and competencies. We used the Placement Matching Tool for the first time in the spring of 2020 for general placement.

This League year, the MTR Team has been focused on continued refinement of the placement catalog, specifically utilizing the data gained from placement last year. We are also working with a small group of members who are “piloting” the new membership model.

Next year, which is the final year of the initiative, the new model will be rolled out to the entire League membership.

What does this new membership model mean for members?

- Rather than having a yearly syllabus of boxes to check, members will be able to commit each year to a self-selected number of hours for their placement. This allows for flexibility throughout a member’s JLSL career.
- Outside of their placement, everything else members engage in is entirely optional.
- With this new model, members will be able to choose the volunteer opportunities they WANT to do.

General placement is scheduled to run from April 5 through April 16. During the two-week placement process, members will have the opportunity to sign-up for a one-on-one interview with a Placement Interviewer for an in-depth discussion of members’ League careers, and help find the right placements. The aim is to finalize and communicate placements in early to mid-May.

The MTR Team and League leadership is excited about this new membership model, and we hope members will be as well. If you have any questions, please reach out to the MTR Team at transformation@jlsll.org.

NOMINATING SLATE PACKET

As the end of the league year approaches, it is once again time for the annual Voting Meeting GMM. This year, the Voting Meeting & Placement Fair will be hosted virtually on Tuesday, March 30th, 2021. You should have already received a slate packet in the mail for informational purposes. However, if you did not receive it, the packet is included on the next few pages as well.



MEMORANDUM

TO: All JLSL Members

FROM: JLSL Nominating Committee

SUBJECT: Voting Meeting Information

Dear Members,

Due to continuing COVID-19 safety policies, the Junior League St. Louis Board of Governance, in coordination with the Nominating Committee, will again be conducting our voting process electronically – very similarly to the process followed last year. As such, please see the most important dates below:

- Voting Meeting & Placement Fair – will be hosted virtually on Tuesday March 30th, 2021
 - ◊ Please refer to Digital Cheetah for more information
- Absentee ballots will be available on Saturday March 19th
 - ◊ Please coordinate with Katie Duffin president@jlsll.org or Natasha Harris, opsmanager@jlsll.org if you require an absentee ballot
- Placement begins on Monday April 5th and concludes Friday April 16th, 2020

Please review the attached Slate for the upcoming league year in order to be and informed voter. The slate is provided to Provisionals and Sustainers for information only. Only active members may vote.

As always, we thank you for being a valued member of the Junior League of St. Louis.

Yours in Service,

The Junior League of St. Louis Nominating Committee

JLSL VOTING MEETING INFORMATION



March 30, 2021
Virtual Voting

MEMORANDUM
TO: All JLSL Actives, Provisionals and Sustainers
FROM: Ellen Noel , JLSL Nominating Committee Chair

Voting Options

Option 1:
Where: Virtually (link will be provided)
When: Wednesday March 30, 2021 6^30pm.
How: Digital Cheetah

Option 2:
Where: Junior League of St. Louis Board Room
When: From March 19 through March 30, 2021
Please schedule time with Operations Manager, Natasha Harris at opsmanager@jlsl.org
How: By absentee ballot

PLEASE REVIEW THIS PACKET IN ORDER TO BE AN INFORMED VOTER.
VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING.

*This packet is given to Provisionals and Sustainers for information only.
ONLY ACTIVE MEMBERS MAY VOTE.*

Junior League of St. Louis Bylaws Governing Voting Procedures:

ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF GOVERNANCE
Section 6. ELECTION AND TERMS
The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of one candidate for each office. Additional nominations with the consent of the nominee may be made in writing by 25 Active members. They shall be received by the Nominating Chair at least two (2) weeks prior to the membership meeting or special membership meeting at which the vote is taken and shall be emailed or mailed to each Active member at least seven (7) days prior to such meeting. This information may be sent electronically to those members who have indicated a preference for this method of communication from the JLSL. It will be sent via the US Postal Service to all other members. They shall be presented with the slate at the membership meeting or special membership meeting at which the vote is taken.

The Governors shall be elected to the Board of Governance by the JLSL to serve (2) two-year staggered terms. Subject to foregoing provisions, the Board of Governance shall determine the number of At-Large Governor positions to be filled in any year.

No person shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms on the Nominating Committee.

A Governor serving more than half of an unexpired term shall be considered to have served a term. A Governor serving half or less of an unexpired term shall not be considered to have served a term.

All Governors shall serve their respective terms, or until their respective successors have been elected and qualified. All Governor terms shall begin on June 1 of the year in which they were elected unless accepting a vacated position on the Board of Governance, in which case the candidate will complete the remaining term.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS OF THE JLSL
Section 3. MEMBERS & VOTING
The Board of Governance and the Nominating Committee shall be elected by ballot at a membership meeting or special membership meeting, by a majority of those voting.

The Nominating Committee shall email or mail a slate to each member of the League, at least three (3) weeks before the membership meeting or special membership meeting at which the slate is voted upon. This information may be sent electronically to those members who have indicated a preference for this method of communication from the JLSL. It will be sent via the US postal service to all other members. Although only Active members can vote, the slate will also be sent to all Provisionals/New Members and Sustaining members for informational purposes. Additional nominations, with the consent of the nominee, may be made in writing by at least 25 Active members. They shall be received by the Nominating Chair at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting at which the slate is voted upon and shall be emailed or mailed to each Active member at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. They shall be presented with the slate at the meeting.

Any Active member in good standing is entitled to one (1) vote, either in person or by absentee voting.

A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those voting shall be sufficient to adopt any project, position statement or special money raising activity which requires total membership participation. Any measure not provided for in the Bylaws may be adopted by a majority of those voting.

Votes may be cast by absentee ballots on any proposal or election provided; however, such absentee ballots shall be available only to those who are unable to be present to vote. Such ballots shall be obtained from the League office not earlier than 10 days before the date of the meeting. Ballots must be signed and immediately put in the absentee ballot box. If a proposal or a slate is amended or altered in any manner during the meeting or after the absentee ballots are received, all absentee ballots shall be null and void and then shall be considered advisory only.

Voting link will be provided
Please bring this reference information with you to the voting meeting.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING, ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE
IN THE BOARD ROOM PRIOR TO THE ELECTION BEGINNING SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2021.

2021-2022 BOARD OF GOVERNANCE SLATE

Your vote on the following will indicate acceptance or non-acceptance of the slate as presented here. For this slate to pass, a majority vote is required of those voting.



SECRETARY
Emily Kalla
2021-2022



TREASURER
Ally Melvin
2021-2022



AT-LARGE
Sunny Bellows
2021-2022

CONTINUING BOARD OF GOVERNANCE MEMBERS FOR 2019-20



PRESIDENT
Katie Duffin
2021-2022



PRESIDENT-ELECT
Lisa Barry-Jenkins
2021-2022



AT-LARGE
Crystal Allen-Dallas
2021-2022



AT-LARGE
Marrilee McFarland
2021-2022



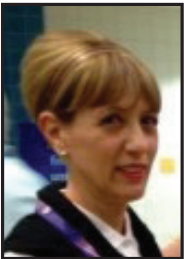
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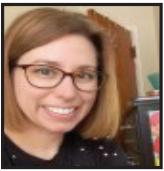
AT-LARGE
Raina McNutt
2021-2022



SUSTAINER
Susan Schenberg
2021-2022

2021-2022 NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE

Operational Guidelines
Nominating Committee/Nominating and Slating Guidelines
Nominating Committee Chair and Chair-Elect
The Chair-Elect shall be a two (2)-year position serving the first year as Chair-Elect and the subsequent year as Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Board of Governance shall be responsible for slating the Nominating Chair-Elect.



NOMINATING CHAIR
Maggie Donnelly
2021-2022



NOMINATING CHAIR-ELECT
Cara Bast

CHOOSE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR PAST TEAM LEAD CANDIDATES



Jen Atkins
JLSL Silver



Lily Mahoney
JLSL Gold



Allie Chang Ray
JLSL Platinum



Amy Mayfield
JLSL Platinum

CHOOSE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR CANDIDATES



Jessica Hejna
JLSL Gold



Paula Korman
JLSL Gold



Ashley Eberhard
JLSL Silver



Valerie Hibray
JLSI 1st year active

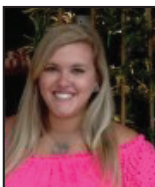
CHOOSE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR CANDIDATES



Gina Shelton
JLSL Silver



Krista Peyton
JLSL Silver



Alex Nuccio
JLSL Silver



Shaunessy Carr
JLSL Silver

NOMINATING SLATE FOR 2021-2022

PAST DIRECTORS



Amy Mayfield is in her 24th active year as a member of the Junior League of St. Louis. Born and raised in New Jersey she moved here right after college. She has been married for 28 years to Scott, a native of St. Louis. Amy and Scott have raised two daughters in Kirkwood. Amy is a past President of the League. She also served as the Vice President of Community Programs and the Vice President of Internal Operations. Amy was the Provisional chair, the nominating committee chair (her committee was tasked with picking a President), and the chair of the St. Louis Family Theatre. Her experience in the League is vast. In her spare time she loves to play tennis and enjoys traveling - especially to visit her daughters at their respective colleges - The United States Military Academy at West Point and the University of South Carolina. Amy has been away from the League for a few years and would enjoy the opportunity to reacquaint herself with the League and it's members.



Jen Atkins is from Collinsville, Illinois and joined the Junior League of St. Louis in 2015 shortly after she moved across the river. Presently, Jen serves as Membership Director and enjoys creating engagement opportunities for all members as well as recruiting and leading new league members through their first active year. Prior to her current role, Jen served on the Community Impact Committee, Day 366, as well as on the Membership Team where she planned events such as a wine tasting and handwriting class. She enjoys volunteering at the Strong Women and Families event and Food Outreach. Outside of Junior League, Jen is a CPA in the Corporate Tax Department at Centene Corporation. She enjoys the challenge of working at a growing, fast paced organization. Jen also enjoys spending time with her husband, Seth, their two-year-old son, Henry, and their snuggly black lab, Rosie. You can often find the entire family going for long walks or playing at a nearby park. Jen has loved her time in the league and is honored to be considered for the nominating committee.



Lilly Mahoney joined the Junior League in Memphis, TN in 2012, and transferred to St. Louis upon returning home in Dec 2017. She has served in various roles, most recently as the Fund Development Director. Outside of the Junior League, Lily is a mom to two boys: Russell (4) and Bennett (2), she serves on her High School Alumni Council, and is involved with her local sorority alumnae chapter. She also recently launched her own professional organizing business, Making Space with Lily LLC.



Allie Ray
No bio information was submitted to the Nominating Committee for the 2021-2022 Nominating Committee Slate.

ACTIVE MEMBERS



Jessica Hejna has been a member of the St. Louis Junior League since 2010. She joined the Junior League to continue her commitment to the community she lives in. She has served in a variety of roles during her tenure here at the League including: New member recruitment chair, cinnamon roll manager, cleaning shift manager, new member steering committee, done in a day chair, and nominating. She has been an active member and all three teams within the League. Jessica is excited for the opportunity to serve again on the nominating committee and be involved in the future growth and development of the Junior League of St. Louis.



Paula Korman joined the Junior League of St. Louis in 2012 as an opportunity to continue to develop her leadership skills. She has served in a variety of roles over the years which include: 100th Anniversary Committee, Finance Board Committee, Community Impact Director, Community Programs Board Committee, DE&I Committee, Nominating Committee, Grants Board Committee Chair, Personnel Committee, Training Committee and Board of Governors. Paula works for Manna Pro Products an animal nutrition company in Chester-field leading their M&A, Integration Management Office, and developing their Project Management Strategy. Her "why I JLSL" is the amazing network of women she has been introduced to and the opportunity to give back to the community.



Ashley Eberhardt moved to St. Louis from her home state of Georgia in 2012 and joined the Junior League of St. Louis in 2018 in search of like-minded women who enjoy giving back to their community. She is a graduate of Young Harris College, LaGrange College (both United Methodist affiliated colleges in Georgia) and completed all coursework for her MFA at Savannah College of Art and Design. She is a graphic designer having worked on a wide range of projects with an even wider range of clients including small and large businesses, non-profits, religious organizations, elected officials, government agencies and publishers. She is also a member of Alpha Omicron Pi, was an active member in leadership positions while in college and has served on the Alumni Advisory Council for her collegiate chapter. Ashley has been on the Fund Development, Membership and Communications teams in the Junior League of Saint Louis. Last year, she was a Provisional Advisor and was on track to earn her personalized JLSL apron for serving more time than required in the cinnamon roll kitchen until JLSL suspended all in-person meetings/shifts in March. When she is not working, she spends her free time lifting weights at the gym or if the weather is nice, you will probably find her playing golf with her husband. Ashley, her husband Tommy and their two West Highland Terriers, Lily & Loki, live in Tommy's hometown of Saint Peters.



Valerie Hibray is a 1st year Active in JLSL. Currently, she's serving as a Coordinator on the Membership Engagement and Retention committee. Valerie grew up in Wildwood, MO and graduated from Lafayette HS in 2010. She completed her undergraduate studies at Truman State University in Political Science/Pre-law in 2014. She studied abroad in Saarland, Germany from 2011-2012 at Saarland University. Presently Valerie attends STLCC Meramec working towards earning her Certificate of Proficiency in Paralegal Studies. She presently works for Bank of America as an Elite Mortgage Loan Coordinator. Valerie lives in Maplewood, MO with her boyfriend and two cats, Sneakers and Pinky. She absolutely loves to travel internationally and if it's safe to resume travel next year, she would love to go to the Azores. Thank you for considering me for this role.



Gina Shelton is a Florida native who moved to St. Louis full-time in 2013 after graduating from Missouri State University with a BS in Public Relations. After graduation, she began her career in the event planning industry and has since gained experience coordinating all types of events including, non-profit fundraisers, weddings, corporate events and more! She currently works for Nix Conference & Meeting Management, where she often travels to manage tradeshows and conferences around the country. Outside of business hours, Gina loves spending time with her husband, Sam and their dog, Rue. They are all thrilled to be welcoming a baby girl to the family this May! Gina joined the Junior League to strengthen her ties to the St. Louis community and share her serving heart with others. Since joining she has served on both the Membership & Training and Fund Development teams, as well as spending a year as a Provisional Advisor. Gina is thankful for the opportunities for engagement and the community the League provides and is honored to be nominated to serve in this capacity.



Krista Peyton is a St. Louis Native. She is a graduate of Syracuse College of Law and the Maxwell School of Government at Syracuse University. She currently serves as General Counsel and Contracting Officer for the St. Louis Housing Authority. She is proud to provide advice and counsel to an entity devoted to providing affordable housing for thousands of families, seniors and veterans. Her commitment to her community and willingness to roll up her sleeves inspired her to join the Junior League in 2017. Krista is most comfortable serving behind the scenes and her passion is community service. Since joining the Junior League she has been a member of the Community Impact Team and a lead for Day 366. In addition to the Junior League she has volunteered with the St. Louis Lawyers Against Hunger and served lunch at the St. Patrick's Center, volunteered with the Mound City Bar Association and assisted with the Urban League Food, Toiletries & PPE Material Distribution and volunteered with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and made pillow case dresses for African youth. Krista is delighted about the opportunity to serve on the Nominating Committee. She is dedicated to tapping into and exploring the skills and talent base of Junior League membership to identify visionary, skillful and dedicated leadership.



Alexandra Nuccio is excited to be a candidate for the Nominating Committee. Alex is originally from the suburbs of Chicago and joined JLSL in 2018, shortly after moving to St. Louis following her graduation from Mizzou. She has enjoyed the opportunity to get involved in the local community and has served on our Membership & Training committee as well as the Fund Development team, where she helped with the Home Design Tour and co-chaired the Nine and Dine golf tournament in 2019. Outside of Junior League, she works in Insurance & Risk Management and loves to cook, read, and spend time with friends. Alex lives in Richmond Heights with her boyfriend, Matt, and their cat, Fred. She looks forward to the future of the Junior League of Saint Louis and hopes to be part of this group to select and support our strong leaders.



Shaunessy Carr

No bio information was submitted to the Nominating Committee for the 2021-2022 Nominating Committee Slate.



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ST. LOUIS

UPCOMING EVENTS

VIRTUAL PLACEMENT FAIR & VOTING MEETING GMM

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 6:30 PM

SOCIAL DISTANCING VOLUNTEER DAY: FOOD ROOF WITH URBAN HARVEST STL

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 from 9:00 AM - 12:00PM

TOP GOLF SOCIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

SOCIAL DISTANCING VOLUNTEER DAY: FRESH STARTS WITH URBAN HARVEST STL

Thursday, April 22, 2021 from 9:00 AM - 12:00PM

STRONG WOMEN & FAMILIES MINI-EVENT

Saturday, May 08, 2021 from 9:00 AM - 12:00PM

ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS CEREMONY GMM

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 6:30 PM

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