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Patricia Irwin
President of JLCD

Belonging to The Junior League of Clearwater-Dunedin is a privilege to me for a myriad of reasons,

BUT A SPECIFIC ONE STANDS OUT:

The opportunity to develop and grow by getting out of my own comfort zone to understand the needs of others. Making friends and building leadership skills help with this process, as well! To quote a former Junior League of Houston member and former First Lady, Barbara Bush, "Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others."

PATRICIA IRWIN

Beginning a new year reminds us of all we have accomplished before through our members (Provisionals, Actives and Sustainers) constantly giving of their time, talent and treasure!

PAST PROJECTS

- **Play Parc (UPARC), now: The Arc Tampa Bay**
- **Clearwater Free Clinic Happening**
- **Sunshine Playground at The Long Center**
- **Rick Pitino High Point Success Center**
- **CS Emergency Housing**
- **Heritage Park, now: Pinellas County Heritage Village**
- **Dunedin Fine Arts Center**
- **David Mason Children's Art Center**

art project with Community Pride R Club, Heritage Village Fall Festival, and The Arc of Tampa Bay's Festival of Trees. In December, activities included holiday decorating inside the Plant Sumner House at Heritage Village and holding a Santa Breakfast with the Community Pride R Club. The Legacy Committee continues to provide opportunities for JLCD members to work with our past partners for the future welfare of our community.

Our Fund Development Committee is continually engaged in raising money through partnering with stores in our community for Shop n Shares, as well as continually researching new funding opportunities and partnerships. Needless to say, The Junior League of Clearwater-Dunedin is busy raising funds for the current and future needs of our community.

I personally am thankful to all our members who tirelessly give and have given to our community past and present, whereby making our community a better place to live!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Patricia Irwin
President, 2015-2017

We had an amazing 53rd Art Harvest in November, which is our primary fundraiser and enables us to give money to other community projects in our area! We are sunseting our current community focus, helping teens aging out of the foster care system, and are in the beginning stages of implementing our new community focus on food insecurity and poverty in North Pinellas. Included in our new community focus may be an exciting fundraiser component called The Little Black Dress Initiative; stay tuned for more information!

This fall, our Legacy Committee participated in the "Welcome Fall"



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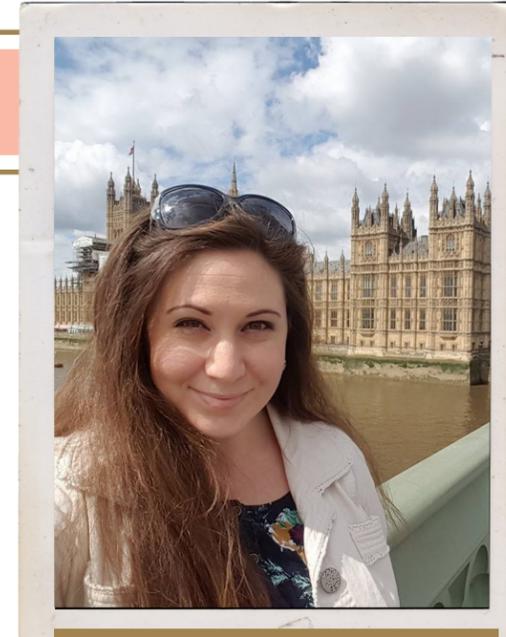
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That's why we're proud to support those helping make our community a better place.



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Stephanie Chill
Editor of JLCD

STEPHANIE CHILL

Every connection we make is a bridge to a new opportunity, whether that is a new friendship or philanthropic objective. Bridges can be accessed from either side, so while we are finding opportunities as a League, we also are creating new connections and opportunities for all those we encounter.

We are involved with JLCD at an exciting and pivotal time. Aware that the needs of a community change over time, we will begin a pilot project focusing on health, hunger, and poverty in North Pinellas County. From the thorough research to the detailed plans for addressing an immediate need through a pilot project, the work completed by the Community Research Committee is phenomenal, and their positive energy is contagious.

With Community Research putting one foot forward to future objectives, the Legacy Committee keeps one foot grounded in the past. Through a plethora of events in partnership with our past projects, the Legacy Committee ensures that we don't forget our beginning. The Art Harvest Committee builds on the 53-year annual event to keep JLCD alive in the minds of our community members today, and the Membership Connections committee helps us stay in touch with each other outside General Membership Meetings.

In this issue of Sea Oats, you will read about many of the fabulous activities that the JLCD organizes to create bridges in our commu-

nity. From the "Sweet '16" New Member Class to the 53rd Annual Art Harvest to longtime supporters, every person and program is what makes the JLCD a successful resource for members of North Pinellas County. Whether it is passing out candy, serving food to an artist, serving in a leadership position, or even writing an article, every act you do with the League leaves an impression. We may not always see the results, but hopefully our positivity will help those we encounter to build their own bridges. You never know when you might be meeting a future member!

I am excited to ring in 2017 with JLCD meetings and projects already scheduled on my calendar.

**I LOOK FORWARD
TO ALL THE BRIDGES
WE WILL BUILD
TOGETHER!**

Stephanie Chill
Stephanie Chill
Editor, 2016-2017

CONNECT- IVITY DREW ME TO JLCD, AS IT DOES FOR SO MANY OF MY FELLOW MEMBERS

The ability to connect with women who are also driven and passionate; to connect with our community – its past, present, and future; to connect with those who are in need; these are the opportunities that JLCD provides for its members.

OUR League IN ACTION

By: Erin Hamilton-Mullin

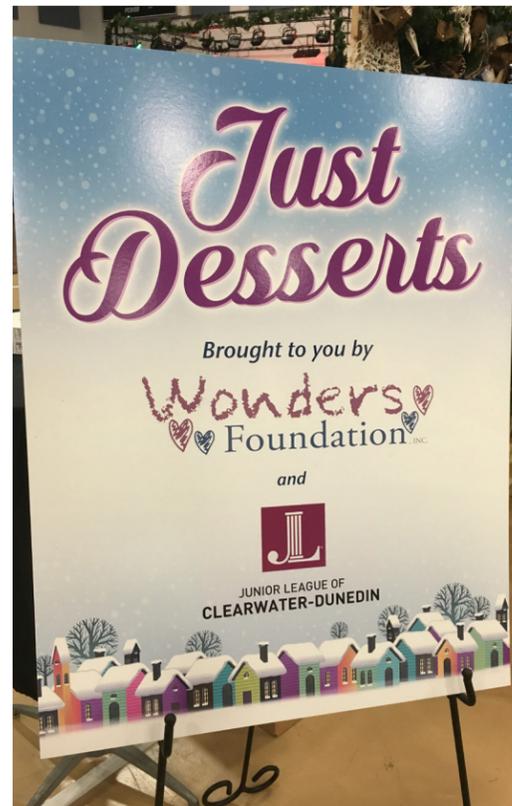
Community Legacy Committee provides our members a chance to maintain contact with past projects. The League has a diverse history that spans protecting local history, helping undeserved populations and ensuring children are protected. JLCD has been fortunate that many past projects are still operational in the area, and that these organizations are open to us completing Done-In-A-Day (DIAD) style projects with them on an annual basis.

For members, it is amazing to see how these projects have grown and worked to sustain themselves. In the past year we have volunteered with Heritage Village, R Club Community Pride Center and The Arc Tampa Bay. Event planning is underway for DIADs with Clearwater Free Clinic, Dunedin Fine Arts Center and the High Point YMCA.

Member involvement has been fantastic and there is continued interest to grow

even more, possibly offering bi-monthly events. And best of all, our Legacy projects have embraced the League's involvement. Especially for newer members, being able to know we have made a difference and continue to be there for that partner has made them feel a deeper connection to the League.

— Community Legacy "JUST DESSERTS," THE ARC'S FESTIVAL OF TREES



— ANGELS



BIRTHDAY PARTY WITH "READY FOR LIFE"



THANKSGIVING BASKET DELIVERY

— Community Legacy HOLIDAY DECORATING AT HERITAGE VILLAGE



OUR FOCUS

Food insecurity falls well in line with the focus the Junior Leagues of Florida State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) has committed to for the next several years: advocating for better access to quality healthcare and awareness and prevention programs to improve mental and physical health; and increasing access to plentiful, fresh, healthy food for all Floridians, so that no child goes hungry.

With the focus identified, this year the Committee was tasked with diving deeper into the issue to determine how JLCD could tackle an issue like hunger. Although huge in scope – nearly 48 million Americans are food insecure – the ways in which our members could make a true impact seemed limited. After all, JLCD exists not only to improve our community and promote voluntarism, but also to develop the potential of women. As such, we have to choose multi-prong projects that can provide our members not only with a number of Done-In-A-Days (DIAD), but also allow JLCD to build on our strengths in advocacy, relationship building, training and more. We want to be able to make a real difference in the community.

At the April 2016, “GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING”, the Community Research Committee presented the membership with the direction of a new League community impact focus: food insecurity. Based on membership input and findings from the Committee’s two years of research, this new direction – which comes as we sunset our focus on teens aging out of foster care – will address a growing problem in our community.

OUR RESEARCH

As we researched and spoke with experts from organizations like the Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB), AJLI, University of South Florida (USF), Feed the Children, Feeding America and more, we learned that in order to truly make an impact, we could not simply put a Band-Aid on hunger by providing meals or one-off food projects, no matter how noble. We need to address the root of food insecurity in North Pinellas County: poverty.

Although many of us know about the issues faced in South Pinellas and had anecdotal evidence of similar poverty in North Pinellas, we were shocked to learn the breadth of the problem.

Consider these sobering statistics:

- More than 10,000 children under the age of 18 – 19% – live in poverty in North Pinellas.
- 16.6% of families – 4,784 total – in Pinellas County lived in poverty as of 2013, with that number increasing by 1% per year.
- 38% of children living in poverty are under 6 years old; 33% are between the ages of 6-11.

1 Developing a Pilot Program

The research is ongoing, but as we continue to build out the full scope of how JLCD might effectively tackle poverty, it is time to put some of what we know into action with a “Pack-A-Snack” pilot.

Pack-A-Snack is designed to help address the problem of chronic hunger among elementary age children in our public schools. Social workers within Title I schools identify children on free or reduced lunch who meet the criteria of being chronically hungry – the subset of children on free or reduced lunch that have no idea if they will

have adequate food when they are not in school. Pack-A-Snack provides a nutritious group of nonperishable snacks to eligible students over the weekends during the academic year.

JLCD selected Tarpon Springs Elementary School (TSES) as our first Pack-A-Snack partner. At JWB’s recommendation to start small, JLCD will “adopt” up to 20 TSES students in need of Pack-A-Snacks. If successful, we hope to expand our involvement in the program to other eligible students and possibly other schools.

2 Why Tarpon Springs Elementary?

Located in East Tarpon Springs (34689), TSES is the northernmost Title I school in Pinellas County. A D-rated school with 644 students, 56% of which are minorities with 9% who are English Language Learners (ELL). It is classified as a “100% Economically Disadvantaged School.” Only 37 percent of third- and fourth-graders are reading at grade level, a critical predictive marker.

DIADs will begin in early 2017, with opportunities for League members to purchase and/or pack the Pack-A-Snacks that will be delivered weekly to TSES. Guidance counselors from the school discreetly distribute the Pack-A-Snacks to students to respect students’ privacy.

3 Advocacy: Little Black Dress Initiative

The Pack-A-Snack program is a great way to ease into a new community focus, building community partners in a new area and allowing our members to become more familiar with the issue. But as it will only serve as temporary relief for a few students and cannot sustain our membership, it is only a small step forward.

Another component lies in public advocacy, which JLCD will initially take on with a pilot of the “Little Black Dress Initiative” (LBDI) the week of January 23-27, 2017. Initially launched by the Junior League of London in 2014, LBDI is a poverty awareness and fundraising campaign that underscores the Junior League of Clearwater-Dunedin’s commitment to building public awareness around hunger and poverty in our community.

UNCOVERING THE POVERTY CRISIS IN NORTH PINELLAS

To coincide with Poverty Awareness Month in January, members who volunteer for LBDI will wear one black dress for five days to illustrate the effects poverty can have on a woman's access to resources, confidence and opportunities. If a black dress doesn't fit the participant's lifestyle, she may wear some variation of a black ensemble throughout the initiative.

Participants will:

- Receive a LBDI button to wear each of the five days.
- Attend an information session the week before the campaign.
- Spread the word about the campaign through social media, using #JLCDwearsLBD and the provided branded social media messages.
- Be provided with branded cards for participants to hand out to promote poverty awareness and local statistics affecting our community.
- Provide an opportunity for friends, family, and companies to financially support participating member's participation in the Little Black Dress Initiative and the League's efforts in food insecurity and poverty awareness.

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Going Forward

As research continues, more ideas and opportunities will be shared with members, and we will be asking for membership input and Board and Management approval. For example, JLCD is uniquely positioned to leverage our current

Community Advisory Board to host a Community Roundtable that will convene all the players and organizations in North Pinellas to have a conversation about food insecurity and poverty. DIADs can be used to support issue-based community

outcomes. Eventually, leadership and committees will take on this community impact focus and interweave it throughout our League's strategic vision and operations.

Poverty is a massive issue, and we still need to define our outcomes. What is our League really trying to accomplish? JLCD will be most effective if we do our due diligence in research, planning and scalability – starting with a laser-like focus on specifics and expanding as we evolve.

LET'S BE HONEST,

saying "JLCD is going to end poverty in North Pinellas" seems far-fetched.

Unlikely. Impossible.
But then again, maybe not...

After all, we have 500 talented and driven members, and frankly, if poverty can be solved, Junior League women will probably be the ones to do it.

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THE AMAZING 53rd ANNUAL ART HARVEST

THIS YEAR OUR LEAGUE MEMBERS VOLUNTEERED COUNTLESS HOURS AND SECURED A RECORD BREAKING NUMBER OF MEDIA SPONSOR DONATIONS.

By: Wendy Longley

Art Harvest was featured in magazines, on I-Heart, Cox and Beasley radio in addition to our digital presence on Facebook and Pandora. We achieved over 1.5 million impressions in our community and saw record attendance, which was bolstered by perfect weather.

The \$2.00 suggested donation at the entrance was perfectly executed with League members spreading the word about who we are and what we do. Many visitors were delighted to learn more about the charitable foundation of Art Harvest. Though it seems a small measure, the addition of the suggested donation added over \$10,000 to the bottom line! Plus, with the good stewardship of the Committee, we were able to cut costs significantly.

Funds raised at Art Harvest are reinvested in the JLCD community through programs, projects and training. More than

\$1.5 million in grants and funding have benefited local organizations, including: Heritage Village, The Arc Tampa Bay, Dunedin Fine Arts Center, Clearwater Free Clinic, The Rick Pitino High Point Success Center and RCS Emergency Housing Support Center. The on-going success of Art Harvest gives JLCD the ability to not only strengthen current projects, but also to continue support past projects and invest in new needs of the community.

This year, almost half of the artists were attending for the first time. They were extremely happy with the whole weekend overall, and especially their sales results, with some even hitting record numbers! For the first time ever, the Artist Appreciation Dinner (held on Saturday evening at the Dunedin Community Center) was hosted by the Junior League's New Member Class. They created a beachy atmosphere in

the hall to match the Art Harvest theme set by featured artist Linda Heath. Artists were offered a smorgasbord of delicious local food and sat at tables decked with palm fronds, seashells, little umbrellas, and Hawaiian leis. Over 100 artists attended the dinner and award ceremony. The room was filled with excitement as the awards ceremony began. The whole ceremony was recorded live and posted on Facebook simultaneously for those who could not be in attendance. It is still available to view on the Art Harvest Facebook page.

Next year's show will continue to build on this success, and we expect to see many familiar faces in 2017. A special thanks goes out to the Sponsors, Patrons, and all Junior League members and volunteers that helped make the 53rd annual Art Harvest the best one yet! We could not have done it without you.



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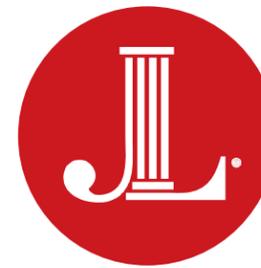
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getting **to** know

LONG TIME SUPPORTER

Steve Cole

By: Stephanie Chill



been a member of The Florida Bar for 41 years and is certified by the Bar as a Civil Trial expert. He is a member of the Macfarlane, Ferguson & McMullen law firm.

Steve has several connections to the Junior League. He grew up in Orlando, where his mother was an active member of the Junior League; Steve's daughter-in-law, Kim Cole, is a Sustainer; and of course, he is married (for 47 years!) to our wonderful Becky. Becky was an active member for 8 years before becoming a sustainer, and has served as our Office Manager for almost 28 years. She joined the Clearwater League in 1978, before the merger with the Junior Service League of Dunedin and the establishment of the JLCD as we know it today.

It was Becky who inspired Steve's great interest in the League and its mission to train women in developing their leadership skills. Supporting Becky, and being involved with JLCD was something Steve found to be second nature. One of his favorite memories is of participating in the production of the Follies back in the early 1990s. The Follies were significant fundraisers featuring performances by League members, spouses and friends. In Steve's case, an especially fun memory was performing in drag

(with several other "volunteer" husbands) as "Birds of a Feather" in a number from La Cage aux Folles.

Steve supports volunteer work and believes it is a vital part of our social responsibility and that we are all called to serve those less fortunate. Outside of supporting the women in his life with their JL involvement and charitable goals, Steve has been a leader and supporter of local organizations such as Boy Scouts of America, American Red Cross, Kiwanis, and RCS. Steve and Becky are both active members at the First United Methodist Church of Clearwater, where Steve enjoys being a student in the Sunday School class led by Becky.

Apart from work and charitable activities, Steve and Becky enjoy the blessings of family, especially having their sons and grandchildren close by in the Tampa Bay area. For recreation, travel is at the top of their list, starting with travels throughout Europe in the time they spent living in Germany when Steve was on active duty in the Army. In recent years they have enjoyed cruising and travelling to the Mediterranean, the Baltic, Alaska, Hawaii, and even down under to New Zealand and Australia.

The Junior League of Clearwater-Dunedin provides many opportunities to socialize and meet new people throughout the year. Active members get to know each other more during volunteer opportunities, meetings and socials. Some of our events, such as the Holiday Party and Annual Dinner, are open to sustainers and other supporters from the community. I have met many wonderful individuals through these events, but there are always some familiar faces I have not yet officially met.

Before our conversation, Steve Cole was one of those familiar faces I had seen at events and leading the blessing at the Annual Dinner, but with whom I had never spoken. Steve, I have learned, is a longtime supporter of Junior League and many other philanthropic endeavors. Steve has

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Krysten McMillan

Hometown: Omaha, NE
Provisional Year: JLCD 2016

• WHY DID YOU JOIN JUNIOR LEAGUE?

My husband and I (both originally from Nebraska), moved here from Texas in March of 2016. I had been approached in TX about joining the Fort Worth or Dallas leagues and had not really been interested at the time. When we moved to Florida, I had no one that I knew here. I joined to have a group of like-minded women in my community who were very service oriented but still loved to have fun. The women I have met so far have been intelligent, witty, sweet, and down-to-earth. I was pretty nervous going to the recruitment social, but I was instantly put to ease with the women that I met and felt very welcome.

• WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE JL MEMORY?

It is a tie between the High Point YMCA Fall Festival and the Birthday/Thanksgiving party for Ready for Life. At the Fall Festival I enjoyed the interaction with all the provisional and active league members and the adorable kids playing the carnival games. To witness all of the joy on all the kids' faces was priceless. Even though they left happy with bags full of candy, I felt like I was the one who lucked out meeting them all. The birthday party for the Ready for Life program showed me how something I had taken for granted as a kid (a birthday cake with my name on it) can mean so much to a kid/teen. I felt all of the love and gratitude in the room and I certainly loved all the hugs!

• WHAT DO YOU DO OUTSIDE THE LEAGUE?

Training for a fitness/ bodybuilding competition, getting out to do anything active outside, going to concerts/ comedy shows, getting involved with mission work/ volunteering at church, snuggling with my Shih Tzu, Gizmo, and watching NE football...go Huskers :)

Member SPOTLIGHTS



Alison Carmichael

Hometown: Ashton-under-lyne, U.K.
Provisional Year: JLCD 2014

• WHY DID YOU JOIN JUNIOR LEAGUE?

I had just moved here full time and a good friend recommended it as a way to meet other ladies. I'd never even heard of the Junior League, but I'm glad I took the time to google it, as it hasn't disappointed so far!

• WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE JL MEMORY?

I love volunteering at Martinis and Matisse and seeing how the other half live! But on a day-to-day basis, it's been wonderful getting to know the other folks on my committee (Membership Development- they rock!) and working together to bring something out of nothing in developing the new member projects. We were all there once, but it's great to see where they're all headed!

• WHAT DO YOU DO OUTSIDE THE LEAGUE?

Through the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization, I'm a 'big sister' to the most amazing little girl and am trying to get her involved in volunteer activities. I run, slowly, and enjoy sampling a craft beer at the end. Basically, so long as I am outdoors I am happy!



Keri Melshenker

Hometown: Washingtonville, NY
Provisional Year: Junior League of Norfolk-Virginia Beach 2014

• WHY DID YOU JOIN THE LEAGUE?

I joined the Junior League to make friends with women in my community that understand the importance of community service.

• WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE JL MEMORY?

My volunteer journey with the Art Harvest Committee. I remember walking into my first meeting a bit nervous, overwhelmed with the information that was being tossed around yet at home in the chaos. Cristi Cruz-LeFebvre, a co-chair at the time, helped me find my footing and before I knew it I was a part of the team. In a few short months, we pulled off one of the largest fine juried art shows in the southeast US, raised money to be invested in the JLCD mission, and created a bond with that group of women that has grown ever since.

• WHAT DO YOU DO OUTSIDE THE LEAGUE?

Outside of my volunteer work with JLCD and my job as the Executive Director of the Skyway Marina District in St. Petersburg, you can find me riding my bike around Dune-din, enjoying a glass of wine at Stirlings with my husband, and attending local events with friends.



Diane Goho

Hometown: Larchmont, NY
Provisional Year: JLCD 1997

• WHY DID YOU JOIN THE LEAGUE? My husband and I moved to Florida from Providence, Rhode Island, where I was completing graduate school and he was finishing up a residency program. We eventually settled in Palm Harbor, and not knowing anyone here, I joined the League to meet people.

• WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE JL MEMORY?

A memorable time for me was when I was the JLCD President, but some of my favorite memories come from Art Harvest. I chaired Art Harvest twice, met numerous wonderful people, and worked with a great group of JLCD members, many of whom are still close friends. All the time and work you spend on Art Harvest helps build strong friendships.

• WHAT DO YOU DO OUTSIDE THE LEAGUE?

Many of my other volunteer opportunities have come from connections within JLCD. I am very involved with The Arc Tampa Bay, RCS Grace House, and was a founding member of Randoms Acts of Flowers, an organization founded with some other Sustainers as well. It was very informative to see all that goes into starting up a new non-profit. For fun, I travel a lot with my family. We've been to some exciting places, like Argentina and many European countries. I also enjoy working out and spending time with friends, including getting together once a month with other Sustainers.

SWEET 16

By: Christiana Ajmo

The Junior League of Clearwater-Dunedin prides itself on aiding our community while enjoying the bonds of friendship. In order to help our League grow and continue pushing towards its goals, the League opens itself up to a new member class every year. The women in this year's 2016 new member class are so enthusiastic about volunteering and learning the values of being a Junior League member that they have earned the name "Sweet 16." The class is made up of 38 dedicated women all working towards the title of active membership. The ladies have been assigned to four different projects such as the Fall Festival at the High Point YMCA, the Artist's Dinner for Art Harvest, a fundraising Kickball Tournament for the League, and a hospitality committee.

The Fall Festival at High Point YMCA was a complete success again this year! The members contributed to the festival by planning and playing carnival games with the children. Each game was an opportunity for the children to go trick-or-treating. The children were dressed and ready for Halloween, but they weren't the only ones. Belle from Beauty and the Beast made an appearance for the kiddos, played by our very own Sarah Calabrese, an Active member on the New Member Committee. The face painting station was a huge hit this year with the

most popular designs being emojis.

The Artist Appreciation Dinner was also a huge success! Since this was the first year the dinner was hosted by the Provisional Class, it was unknown how it would be received and if it could be pulled off. It turned out great! There was a variety of dishes for dinner and the decor was festive and tropical. It was a delightful evening with lots of mingling for artists and members alike. Everyone is looking forward to next year's event!

Additional New Member projects still to come this year are Hospitality and the Kickball Tournament. The Hospitality Committee will provide food for the New Member meetings in January through April, and plan the end of the year New Member party. The Kickball Tournament will occur on Saturday, February 25th and will raise money for the JLCD. Both the end of the year New Member party and the Kickball Tournament are still in the works, but we know that our dedicated new member class will not disappoint!

Orientation for the Winter New Member Class was held the morning of January 7. The afternoon consisted of a Road Rally, visiting past projects and other sites significant to JLCD.

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If you or someone you know... is interested in joining, email Recruitment@JLCD.org with your contact information

Growper to Guits

After the holidays, we all find ourselves trying to eat a little healthier after all the sweets and treats we indulged in from October to December. Just because the meal is healthy and nutritious doesn't mean it has to lack flavor! Leave the guilt behind and step into the New Year with these delicious dishes.



BUFFALO TURKEY CHEESEBURGER w/ bleu cheese broccoli slaw

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 ½ cups of broccoli slaw ¼ cup skinny bleu cheese dressing 1.25 lbs 93% lean ground turkey 2/3 cup grated carrots ¼ cup seasoned whole wheat bread crumbs 1 clove garlic, grated | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 tbsp red onion, grated ¼ cup Franks Hot Sauce Salt and Pepper to taste Oil Spray 5 slices reduced fat cheddar cheese 5 whole wheat burger buns |
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In a medium bowl combine broccoli slaw and skinny blue cheese dressing. Set aside.

In a large bowl, combine ground turkey, carrots, breadcrumbs, garlic, onion, hot sauce, salt and pepper. Makes 5 equal patties, 5.5 oz each. Heat a large skillet on high heat. When hot, lightly spray the oil. Add burgers to the pan and reduce the heat to medium-low.

Cook on one side until browned 4-5 minutes, then flip. Cook another 4 minutes or until burgers are cooked all the way through (keep heat medium-low to prevent burning); top with cheese and place on a toasted burger buns topped with broccoli slaw. (If grilling, clean grill well before cooking and spray with oil spray to prevent sticking.)



BAKED ZUCCHINI FRITTERS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 lb large Zucchini, grated 1 small red onion, grated ½ cup whole wheat flour ½ tsp. of salt | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ¼ tsp. of pepper 1 splash of milk 1 egg |
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Heat oven to 425°F. With a grater, grate zucchini and onion. Place grated zucchini and onion in paper towel or kitchen towel and squeeze out liquid. Add to a bowl and combine whole wheat flour, salt, pepper, milk and egg, mix well.

Drop small to medium-sized rounds on a lightly greased baking sheet or lined with Silpat. Bake for 16-20 minutes, depending on the size of your fritters. Then flip and bake for another 10 minutes until golden brown on each side. Enjoy with garlic mayonnaise or preferred sauce.

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Aerie Lane Social



New Members, Caitlin Schmidt and Lauren Brigman admire each other's White Elephant gifts at Jingle & Mingle.



Cheryl Hurst & Vanessa Saetham at the Warren's Holiday Shopping Fundraiser for JLCD.



New Member Hospitality Team celebrate a successful conclusion to Jingle & Mingle, the New Member Holiday Party.



Members (L to R) Amber Brice, Kirsten Stiff Walker, Stephanie Chill, Gina Brice and Keri Melshenker hanging together.



Warren's Holiday Shopping Fundraiser for JLCD.



Members (L to R) Angela Massol, Keri Melshenker, Elsa Incaudo, and Sarah Kessler at ODI with Vicki Clark.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

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- **AMBER ESTLUND** on her award of her Doctoral Degree in Literary Studies.



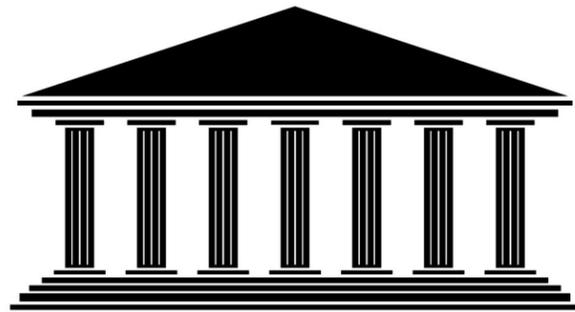
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THE SCOT SHOP

By: Christiana Ajmo

The Scot Shop is the Junior League of Clearwater-Dunedin's very own year-round fundraiser. It not only provides revenues to the League, but also donations of clothing and household items to local agencies. The Scot Shop has been in existence since 1949 and has been managed by our very own Rosanne Farling for the past seven years. She and her staff go through each donated item with the help of member volunteers to ensure that the Scot Shop has quality products. This helps set it apart from several other resale stores, and thus has made it a staple in the Dunedin Community.

The Scot Shop is similar to a small department store in your neighborhood. It has women's, men's, and children's apparel, as well as household furnishings. One can also find great accessories such as jewelry, handbags, hats, scarves, and wallets. There are book shelves filled with a variety of books including fiction, non-fiction, cooking, and more. The shelves also contain movies, cds, and current magazines. The Scot Shop even has a variety of beautiful wedding gowns to choose from. Seasonal items are also available for every holiday on the calendar. The Scot Shop also has seasonal sales to ensure that the merchandise is constantly changing.

When asked, Rosanne states that her favorite aspect of the Scot Shop is that the revenue goes to great charities supporting local foster children and families in need. She states that the Scot Shop continues to impress the community with great merchandise selections from everyday items to designer wear. Donations from generous members and community individuals are an integral part of the fabulous selections and Scot Shop operations. The more donations the shop receives, the more the shop remains fresh with new merchandise, and the more the community benefits.

The busiest time to receive donations is when homes are being cleaned during spring cleaning, however there is a lack of donations over the summer due to all the activities that a fun summer in Florida brings. Roseanne invites members and the community to donate equally throughout the year, so that we can continue to use revenues to support our community. In addition to donations, Roseanne is grateful for all the Junior League volunteers. All these factors make the Scot Shop a great success.



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