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Happy New League Year, everyone! While our community continues to endure through this ongoing pandemic, the fall is still the most wonderful time of the year in my opinion. Football, gumbo, kids going back to school, and a new Provisional class! What's not to love?

In this issue, we had so much fun featuring our new incoming class of Provisional members and learning about the amazing women who are coming into the League. Welcome, Provisionals! The fall is jam-packed with plenty of League events—Super Safety September, the Pumpkin Patch at Provenance neighborhood, and the always entertaining Red River Revel. Be sure to read our Letter from the VP of Fund Development so that you can plan how to meet all of your League commitments through the many different projects planned by the JLSB this year. The fall issue also celebrates a fun-loving mother-daughter team in our League Legacies article. Oh, and are you getting tired of the same five recipes you know how to cook? Treat yourself to some new dishes by flipping through your JLSB cookbooks. The fall issue, as well as every issue of the *Parishscope* this year, will feature the League's cookbooks with ideas of new recipes that will turn your boring menu into something special!

On a personal note, I am so excited to serve as your Editor of the *Parishscope* this year. It is a placement in which I've always wanted to serve. I know that I will learn so much about the JLSB by reporting on all the many goals achieved by this League's bright and talented membership. I look forward to working with you!



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LETTER FROM THE President



Welcome to the 2021-2022 League year! As things continue to look different than "normal," we are adjusting, trying our best to keep everyone safe, all while still serving the Shreveport-Bossier community that means so much to all of us. I would just like to start by saying thank you again for trusting me to lead this amazing group for the next year. I have learned so much, made so many friends, and had many opportunities to serve this community because of my experience in the Junior League, and it is my priority to give each of our members that same experience.

We are well underway with the planning and execution of our projects. Many of you have already had committee meetings and begun your work. Special thanks to Abbie Aiello for jumping right in and providing our Health Literacy Summer Camp committee with wonderful leadership, and the kids at the Boys and Girls Club with important health and safety information. In the first week of this three-week program, participants learned about fitness and received a free yoga mat after their exercise class. The second week, kids learned about dental health from our very own JLSB Member, Dr. Morgan Lang, and they all went home with toothbrush charts, a tooth container for those times the tooth fairy is expected to visit, and other Lang Orthodontics swag. In the last week, students heard from educators as well as Superintendent Lamar Goree regarding back-to-

Important Dates
TO REMEMBER

SUPER SAFETY SEPTEMBER
SEPTEMBER 2021

JLSB PUMPKIN PATCH OCTOBER 2021

RED RIVER REVEL OCTOBER 2 – 10, 2021

For more information about upcoming events, log in to jlsb.org and access the Member Calendar.

school health, relationships with School Resource Officers, and other important school topics. They received backpack labels and erasers at this session. Thank you to everyone who helped put on Health Literacy Summer Camp, to the Boys and Girls Club for allowing us to have this program, to the children who participated, and to our wonderful speakers. This is such an important program, and we can mark this year's program as a success.

The Red Apron Pantry continues to do its work monthly. Currently, we are operating in a very COVID-cautious way in that the boxes are distributed prepackaged to each family. We are excited to go back to a true "client's choice" pantry just as soon as it is safe to do so with COVID.

The Red River Revel is still on for October 2–10, and we will need many people to work shifts, as the Revel will be open for lunchtime again this year. That's a lot of shifts where you will have the opportunity to work with your friends "slinging Pepsis." I have had Sustainers express interest in working these shifts occasionally. If that is you, please just let us know and we will get you a shift!

Speaking of shifts, the Pumpkin Patch will be back this year, and that committee has some very exciting ideas to make the Patch even better than before! The Patch runs essentially the month of October, so please make time to work a shift or two. This fundraiser was huge for us last year because it was one of the few things we could do on a "normal" scale without risk to our volunteers or customers, and we are excited to make it even bigger and better. If you know a business that would be interested in sponsoring, please have them contact either myself or the Pumpkin Patch committee directly.

This doesn't begin to scratch the surface of what we have going on in the League right now externally, but it gives you an idea of how hard our members are working to get things back up and running.

What about internally? Well, the Board and I are so excited to hold our first General Membership Meeting on September 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Red River Brewpub in a large private back room where we will have the ability to spread out substantially, but can still see one another in person. Those who are comfortable staying are welcome to order dinner and socialize just after the meeting.

Additionally, we recently held our Provisional Retreat, and are so excited to welcome over thirty new Provisionals. Provisionals got a lot of information about the structure of the JLSB, heard from myself and other board members, received swag from our sponsors, and got to meet and mingle with each other and their new advisors.

I want to note that we will always do everything we can to abide by state and local guidelines and regulations related to COVID. We are working very hard to make sure we continue to give our members the experiences that they miss like seeing one another, networking, and simply

catching up, while also being cognizant of our members' well-founded COVID-related concerns.

Thanks to each of you for your dedication to our League and our community. None of this would be possible without each of our volunteers, and I am grateful every day for you. Cheers to developing our potential together!

Sarah Giglio 2021-2022 President



It is a privilege and an honor to serve as the Sustainer at Large on the 2021-2022 JLSB Board of Directors. I am always energized by the excitement of a new League year, and given current events, this year is full of both opportunities and challenges that I am certain the JLSB will embrace. At the first Board meeting, I was truly amazed by the exceptional group of ladies who are leading our League this year. We are poised to accomplish great things with our talented, smart, and hardworking leadership team. I often share with others that the Junior League allowed me to utilize my professional background while serving the League, but it also gave me the opportunity to grow and learn in areas that were way outside my comfort zone! I credit the JLSB for allowing me to grow and learn, succeed and fail in a truly supportive environment. With this bright new class of Provisional Members, new bonds of friendship are forming. The officers, chairmen, and Active Members have been busy planning for this year that promises meaningful ways to serve and engage in our community. I am thrilled to be a part of this amazing organization that promotes voluntarism, develops the potential of women, and improves communities!

I am joined on the JLSB Board by Molly McInnis, who serves as Sustainer Advisor. Serving on the Board, it is our

responsibility to provide representation for our largest sector of our membership, the Sustainers! We are also tasked with serving as advisors to the Board utilizing our skills refined while previously serving on the JLSB Board as Active Members. With the year well underway, there are opportunities for our Sustainers to engage in several meaningful ways. First, you can open your home for Group Meetings in November. This is a wonderful opportunity to host a small group and really reconnect with Active Members of the League. We would also love for you to take a few minutes to nominate a Sustainer of the Year. The nomination form and guidelines can be found on the website at jlsb.org. As additional Sustainer opportunities arise, Molly and I will keep you informed of those events.

As the Sustainer at Large, it is my goal to make certain you have accurate and current information on all League activities and that we continue to share with the membership the voices we offer of experience and support. Please contact me via email at melaniefpeacock@yahoo.com or cell phone at (318) 518-5334 anytime this year with ideas or suggestions for Sustainer activities.

Melanie Peacock Sustainer at Large



The 1933 Society is our annual campaign to provide our generous supporters a more structured way to donate to the League by joining at one of three levels of the 1933 Society—League Leader, League Advocate, or League Partner.

For almost nine decades, the Junior League of Shreve-port-Bossier has been a positive force for change in our community. Our League's largest contribution is in improving our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. This year we face unique challenges as we continue this important work in the midst of a global pandemic. While a number of our Fund Development events have been cancelled or postponed, our service to the community does not stop.

There is no doubt that the invaluable training received by our members is what has strengthened the existing talents and developed the new skills needed to meet these challenges head on. Our training is what sets us apart from other organizations and ensures that your investment will not just benefit our League this year, but will make a lasting impact on our community for many years to come.

We hope that you will consider joining the 1933 Society for the 2021-2022 League year by November 30, 2021. **Funding through the 1933 Society will be critical to sustaining our mission in the 2021-2022 League year.**

To join the 1933 Society, go to jlsb.org and click Support.

LEAGUE LEADER - \$1,000

Your gift of \$1,000 funds our entire **Summer Health Literacy Program** OR provides three full days of **Artist for a Day** programming at the **Red River Revel**.

- Name recognition in JLSB publications and at JLSB fundraisers for 2021-22 year, including Designer Bag Bingo and King Cake Classic
- Invitation to 1933 Society Celebration (including an entry into an exclusive Sid Potts jewelry raffle)
- JLSB Cookbook Trio—Revel, A Cook's Tour, and Mardi Gras to Mistletoe
- Four (4) VIP tickets to Designer Bag Bingo (each ticket includes reserved seating, dinner, drink tickets, and dauber)
- If a Sustainer, admission for up to four (4) people to Annual Dinner Meeting
- If an Active League member, includes one (1) Fund Development Shift Buyout

LEAGUE ADVOCATE - \$500

Your gift of \$500 feeds over 10 families for six months through our **Red Apron Pantry** OR educates over 10 middle-school-aged youth in our **Safe Sitter program**.

- Name recognition in JLSB publications and at JLSB fundraisers for 2021-22 year, including Designer Bag Bingo and King Cake Classic
- Invitation to 1933 Society Celebration (including an entry into an exclusive Sid Potts jewelry raffle)
- JLSB Cookbook Trio—Revel, A Cook's Tour, and Mardi Gras to Mistletoe
- Two (2) VIP tickets to Designer Bag Bingo (each ticket includes reserved seating, dinner, drink tickets, and dauber)
- If a Sustainer, admission for up to two (2) people to Annual Dinner Meeting
- If an Active League member, includes one (1) Fund Development Shift Buyout

LEAGUE PARTNER - \$250

Your gift of \$250 supports one month of **MAGIC** (Mentoring Ambitious Girls to Inspire Change)
OR over 25 children being exposed to important, life-saving health and safety information at **Super Safety September**.

- Name recognition in JLSB publications and at JLSB fundraisers for 2021-22 year, including Designer Bag Bingo and King Cake Classic
- Invitation to 1933 Society Celebration (including an entry into an exclusive Sid Potts jewelry raffle)
- One (1) VIP ticket to Designer Bag Bingo (ticket includes reserved seating, dinner, drink tickets, and dauber)
- If a Sustainer, admission for one (1) person to Annual Dinner Meeting
- If an Active League member, you can choose a Designer Bag Bingo ticket or receive one (1) Fund Development Shift Buyout

Please note: Items included at each level will be available at the 1933 Society Celebration, or afterward at the League office; special arrangements for delivery may be made. Any "ticket" included will not be in the form of a paper ticket, but on a list of special quests at the door of event.

Please also note that all of these events are currently scheduled to occur as "normal"; however, the JLSB Board of Directors will remain vigilant regarding COVID-19 concerns and will abide by all state, local, and federal regulations in that regard. We thank you for your flexibility!



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COVID-19 ON LEAGUE MEMBERS



Welcome to the COVID-19 corner! I am sure many of you are wondering how COVID-19 will continue to impact events and activities put on by the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier. As you will remember, we were able to do all of our events and placements, with some modifications, last year. I am so proud of each and every one of our members, head volunteers, and board members for getting creative with each event and figuring out a way to continue our community impact without interruption.

So what is the plan for this year? We are going to do our best to get back to our "normal" operations this year. The plan currently is to do our best to move back to inperson GMMs beginning in September. In-person board meetings have resumed. The Health Literacy Initiative Summer Camp was held successfully over the summer

months, and our Super Safety Saturday event will again be virtually held as Super Safety September. Additionally, the Pumpkin Patch in Provenance neighborhood will move forward. This event was particularly successful last year, as it was outside and allowed for social distancing. The League was so pleased to offer the Pumpkin Patch to the community and give people a chance to do something social in a safe setting.

However, as we learned last year, we will have to be flexible and work within whatever state, local, and federal regulations are in place at the time of the events. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Stay safe and healthy, and we will get through this together!

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)



The Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier financially supports other local non-profit organizations through Community Assistance Program (CAP) grants. When creating our budget, the Board of Directors sets aside money from gains in our net assets to fund these grants. Throughout the year, the Board of Directors reviews CAP grant applications and, to qualified applicants, awards up to \$3,000 per applicant until the budget for CAP grants is exhausted.

The purpose of the CAP grant program is to provide monetary grants for short-term critical needs of non-profits in the Shreveport-Bossier area, whose work addresses a critical human need. To determine whether to award a CAP grant, the Board of Directors considers the following criteria:

- The Agency's proposed project supports the mission/ focus of the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier, Inc.
- 2. The Agency addresses critical human needs
- 3. The Agency faces the possibility of a disruption to a program or services
- 4. The Agency has prospects for continued funding
- 5. The Agency has an unforeseen need not covered by its budget or present financial resources
- 6. The Agency's clients will be significantly impacted by this grant
- 7. There must be a volunteer opponent within the Agency
- 8. The project must benefit the community at large rather than an individual

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must submit a proper application, which includes a statement of its purpose; a list of its current board of directors and its committees; the current and prior year's budget sheet and statement of revenues and expenditures; its most recent IRS form 990; a copy of its 501(c)(3) IRS authorization permit; and if applicable, three bids to support the amount requested. The Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier will not award CAP grants for current JLSB projects; requests from individuals; funding for religious or political activities; scholarships, tuitions, or seminars; staff travel expenses; contributions to

capital drives; fundraising donations or expenses; salaries; research; or to any agency that has received a CAP grant within the prior 36 months.

If you know of a non-profit organization that meets these qualifications and would benefit from a CAP grant, please share the application with them, found on our website at https://www.jlsb.org/scholarships/ or https://www.jlsb.org/wp-content/uploads/CAP Grant App 2013.pdf.





SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 – 6 p.m.

RED RIVER BREWPUB

OCTOBER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 – NOON, 6 p.m.

PROVENANCE CLUBHOUSE

NOVEMBER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 – 9 a.m., Noon, 6 p.m.

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

IN SUSTAINER HOMES

DECEMBER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 – 6 p.m.

HOLIDAY PARTY

AT KENDRA SCOTT



JANUARY

JANUARY 10 - 21
INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH ADVISORS

FEBRUARY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 – NOON, 6 p.m.

PETROLEUM CLUB

MARCH

TUESDAY, MARCH 8 – NOON, 6 p.m.

DOUBLE CREDIT MEETING

CHRISTUS HIGHI AND

APRIL

TUESDAY, APRIL 12 – 9 a.m., Noon, 6 p.m.

JLSB HEADQUARTERS

MAY

TUESDAY, MAY 10 - 6 p.m.

END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION

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HEALTH LITERACY INITIATIVE





The Health Literacy Initiative Summer Camp committee takes place once a week during the month of July at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. The goal of this placement is to help educate children about how to choose healthy habits to carry over into their home lives and help contribute to positive change in their home and community.

The committee worked with 20-30 elementary-aged boys and girls each week exploring and learning about different topics in safety and health. This was followed by a fun craft or activity that reinforced the topic and a snack.

Our topics this year included fitness, dental hygiene, and healthy eating. The students participated in an alphabet-style high-intensity interval training workout class (also known as "ABC HIIT") led by Megan McDaniel; discussed dental health with Dr. Morgan Lang and were visited by a special guest, the Tooth Fairy; and discussed healthy eating with a member of the Caddo Parish School Board. To end the summer program, all of the students who attended the summer camp were given a backpack and supplies to help them prepare for a new school year.

The Health Literacy Initiative Summer Camp is a highly rewarding placement. The children are engaged, excited with each weeks' activity, and always welcomed us with big smiles as we walked in each week. We will miss them and wish them luck in the upcoming school year!









PUMPKIN ACA



It's hard to believe it, but another fall season is upon us. That means the Junior League Pumpkin Patch at Provenance is on the way. 2020 was full of surprises, but 2021 is going to be full of fun! Pumpkin Patch Committee members are working hard to make this year's Pumpkin Patch a successful and enjoyable experience for kids of all ages.

The Patch will run from September 27 thru October 29. A full 18-wheeler of pumpkins will be arriving with approximately 3,000 pumpkins just waiting to make your fall "gourd-eous." Some of your old favorites will be back, including photography mini sessions, children's activities on Saturday mornings, the pet costume contest, and of course, PICKING YOUR PUMPKINS! New additions to the pumpkin festivities this year are "Picnic in the Patch" with various food trucks to enjoy and "Punching in the Patch" hosted by the Junior League's own Emory Rachal, who currently serves on the Pumpkin Patch Committee.

If you're looking for more fun activities with the kids, come craft with Artist for a Day again this year! Also, Junior League

Cookbooks will be sold all month long at the Patch. There are plenty of yummy fall recipes to try out for your football tailgate or just for fun at home.

So come out, get the pick of the Patch, and have a Happy Fall, Y'all!













PROVISIONAL



We're back! The Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier 2021-2022 Provisional class started its year off with a bang at the annual Provisional retreat held on August 14, 2021 at the BHP Billiton YMCA. We are excited to welcome 31 women into the Provisional class! We have an outstanding class this year with a variety of members from as far away as California to New Jersey; from teachers to doctors; from bookworms to dancing machines; as well as a couple of 40 Under Forty honorees! This year, we were fortunate enough to be able to meet in person after over a year of powering through the COVID-19 pandemic. Social distancing was practiced, and all the ladies' beautiful faces were adorned with masks; however, this did not stop us from having an amazing experience.

The retreat kicked off with a word from the JLSB President Sarah Giglio. She gave a phenomenal synopsis on the impact the League makes on the community and what the League means to her. She was followed by President-Elect Margaret McDonald, Executive VP Michelle Wallace, Nominating Chair Courtney McBee, and PR&D Chair Carolyn Murphy who all shared about their experiences and benefits of joining the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier.

During the retreat, the Provisionals learned about the League's mission and vision, history of the Association of Junior Leagues International, history of the Junior League



of Shreveport-Bossier, and the commitment obligations for their Provisional year. Other topics covered included information about community placements, such as Super Safety Saturday, MAGIC: Mentoring Ambitious Girls to Inspire Change, and Red Apron Pantry. They also learned about our various Fund Development projects, including the Pumpkin Patch at Provenance and Designer Bag Bingo. They learned about strategic governance and were given a brief insight into how the board and management team work together to carry out the League's mission and vision and to help the organization at its best. We also discussed the importance of remembering their "why?" throughout their Provisional year and into their Active year as motivation to continue growing and serving. Many of the ladies expressed a strong interest in giving back to the Shreveport-Bossier community, creating lifelong friendships, and building their professional and personal skills through the League including leadership, fundraising, networking, and public speaking.

"United through Service" is this year's theme for the Provisional class. Regardless of our backgrounds, occupations, and other differences, the one thing that unites us all is the desire to serve those in need within our community. The members of the Provisional leadership team are: Provisional Co-Chair Elizabeth Martin and Provisional Advisors Angela Myles, Jessica Martin, Nicole Odom, and Angie Hemken. They, along with the JLSB Board members and Management team, have all modeled the idea of unity from the start of the retreat planning process all the way to the final clean up at the conclusion of the event. Membership VP Jennifer Hart contributed amazing support throughout the preparation of the retreat, going above and beyond to provide lunch and other needs to make the retreat a success. Provisional headshots were provided by Active member Jennifer Bradford. The incoming ladies of the Provisional class were given the opportunity to engage in unification through participating in a fun and exciting "build a tower" team-building exercise facilitated by retreat speaker and former Sustainer Ms. Erica Thomas. The ladies also got to further discover and appreciate the unique characteristics about their classmates through a guessing game.













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Dr. Erin Walker is currently an Active member of the Junior League!

2021-2022 Provisional Members



Emily Batte
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Career/Occupation:
Interior Designer for Ochsner/LSU
Hobbies/Interests: Painting, water
skiing, traveling, and enjoying time
with friends and family



Krystal Nicole Critton
Hometown: Shreveport, LA
Career/Occupation:
Elementary Teacher
Hobbies/Interests: Traveling,
volunteering, cooking, and spending
time with family and friends



Catherine Bozeman
Hometown: Shreveport, LA
Career/Occupation:
Attorney at Sinclair Law Firm
Hobbies/Interests: A good book
in one hand and coffee in the other,
hiking, running, biking, spending
time with family, and serving with my
church



Brittany Durr
Hometown: Ruston, LA
Career/Occupation:
School-based counselor at
Volunteers of America
Hobbies/Interests: Shopping,
watching movies, gardening, and animals! I hope to one day have a farm!



Olivia Broussard
Hometown: Bossier City, LA
Career/Occupation:
Banking
Hobbies/Interests: Cooking, walk-

ing, and traveling



Quaya S. Ervin
Hometown: Oklahoma City, OK
Career/Occupation:
Secretary for Bossier Parish
School Board
Hobbies/Interests: Gardening,
painting, dancing, working out,
decorating, baking, traveling, learning
a new language, and watching movies
with my family



Arielle C. Clark
Hometown: New Orleans, LA
Career/Occupation:
Human Resources/
Payroll Professional
Hobbies/Interests: Spending time
with my husband and our dog, a good
brunch with friends, reading, traveling, binge watching the latest shows,
and volunteering



Lauren Flynn
Hometown: Dallas, TX
Career/Occupation:
Orthodontist
Hobbies/Interests: Playing the flute and piano, running, working out, and I just recently started playing tennis



Cayce Cloud
Hometown: Memphis, TN
Career/Occupation:
Orthodontist
Hobbies/Interests: Traveling, snow skiing, and spending time with family and friends



Emerie Eck Gentry
Hometown: Shreveport, LA
Career/Occupation:
Event Planner/Public Relations/
Marketing - Chaos Coordinator
Hobbies/Interests: Going to
events, shopping, volunteering,
and spending time with friends
and family

2021-2022 Provisional Members



Kayla Michelle Georgewill
Hometown: Trenton, NJ
Career/Occupation:
Facility Administrator,
Fresenius Medical Care
Hobbies/Interests: Hosting family
and friends, reading, traveling, learning history, and community service/
outreach



Elizabeth John
Hometown: Natchitoches, LA
Career/Occupation:
ER Nurse
Hobbies/Interests: Spending time
with family and playing with my two
dogs!



Jennifer Hamer
Hometown: Shreveport, LA
Career/Occupation:
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Hobbies/Interests: Gardening,
reading, mountain biking, and dancing



Cassandra Leigh Key
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Career/Occupation:
Executive Director
Hobbies/Interests: LSU Football,
gardening, sewing, and church



Kalyn Haney
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Career/Occupation:
Federal Employee
Hobbies/Interests: Skiing, mountain biking, and scuba diving



Hannah Mayer
Hometown: Irvine, CA
Career/Occupation:
Human Resources Manager
Hobbies/Interests: Reading, cooking, and spending time with family



Tamika Hayden
Hometown: Shreveport, LA
Career/Occupation:
Finance Manager
Hobbies/Interests: Music and dancing



Angie McCain
Hometown: New Orleans, LA
Career/Occupation:
Sr. Loan Administrative Assistant



Destiny Jamison
Hometown: Gurdon, AR
Career/Occupation:
Educator
Hobbies/Interests: Breaking bread
with friends and family while exploring local restaurants, planning vacations, and traveling whether by car,
plane, or boat



Brenda D. Mosley
Hometown: Bossier City, LA
Career/Occupation:
Case Manager
Hobbies/Interests: Reading,
shopping, traveling, and cooking

2021-2022 Provisional



Dr. Angela Nichols-Young Hometown: Monroe, LA Career/Occupation: Executive Director of Student Support Services at SUSLA and Executive Director/Owner of Healthy Services Hobbies/Interests: Dancing, traveling, reading, and cooking



Brittany D. Sanders Hometown: Shreveport, LA Career/Occupation: Mental Health Specialist Hobbies/Interests: Drawing, crafting, and playing outside activities with my son



Alicia Payton Hometown: Bossier City, LA Career/Occupation: Certified Flight Registered Nurse, Army National Guard Hobbies/Interests: Playing the flute, cooking, baking, CrossFit, running, spending time with family, teaching medical courses, and fire fighting



Tiffany Louise Sandifer Hometown: Shreveport, LA Career/Occupation: Program Coordinator for the Office of Student Life, Bossier Parish Community College Hobbies/Interests: Working out; antique shopping; vintage fashion; attending church; spending time with friends, family, my fiancé, and pets; serving as pageant coordinator and SGA Advisor at BPCC; serving on the LSUS Alumni Association Board of Directors; and giving back to my sorority, Phi Mu



Chantal Player-Young Hometown: Bossier City, LA Career/Occupation: LPC-S/Owner & Founder of Families First Counseling and Wellness, LLC Hobbies/Interests: Shopping, traveling, and reading



Hometown: Grand Lake, LA Career/Occupation: Science Teacher at Booker T. Washington Hobbies/Interests: Crafting with my Cricut, hanging out with my family, reading, and doing fun science

Samantha Ann Snyder

experiments with my kids

Katrina Rocha Sproles Hometown: Haughton, LA Career/Occupation:

Higher Education Coordinator Hobbies/Interests: Shopping, live

music, traveling, and spending time



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LaErica Williams

with family





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SUPER SAFETY COLONIORY



Fall weather is on the horizon, school is back in session, and the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier is kicking off its 2021-2022 year. Each September, the League year starts off the new season with Super Safety Saturday. Traditionally, this event is held at Sheriff's Safety Town and has been used to educate thousands of children over the years on various health and safety measures.

This year we will celebrate our second virtual Super Safety September. As we did last year, we will be using social media to present a litany of safety videos to the public and provide helpful educational material throughout the entire month. This September, the Super Safety Saturday committee will post videos that have been provided by people and groups in our community, as well as League Members, to our Facebook page. These videos will discuss body safety techniques, dental health, COVID-19 vaccine information, and so much more. Our vision for this virtual event is to encourage families to take the time to watch these short videos together to learn more about various forms of safety. We hope and anticipate that these videos will spark questions and curiosity about different safety measures, leading to productive conversations and learning opportunities.

In addition to our virtual Super Safety September event, we plan to continue our support of Sheriff's Safety Town and its free Car Seat Safety Check. This event will be held at Sheriff's Safety Town (8910 Jewella Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71118) on Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Even though things will continue to look different this year, we look forward to continuing to educate the community on safety techniques in a meaningful way. This education is important not only to the League, but to the community. We are so thankful that we have the right people and the right tools to provide this service to our community. We hope that each of our League members will help us promote this event on social media and will come out to the Car Seat Safety Check on September 25, 2021.

Thank you to the Sheriff's Safety Town and the volunteers who help us make Super Safety Saturday a successful event each year!



SUPER SAFETY SEPTEMBER

Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier and Sheriff's Safety Town present the 12th Annual Super Safety Saturday Celebrating 13 Years of Sheriff's Safety Town!

Enjoy family fun and educational activities on our Super Safety Saturday
Facebook events page throughout the month of September, as well as a free Car Seat Safety Check on
Saturday, September 25
at Sheriff's Safety Town
8910 Jewella Avenue,
Shreveport, LA 71118

ADMISSION: FREE!



RED RIVER REVEL





This October, the Red River Revel is back for its 45th year celebrating local arts, food, and fun! October 2–10, meet in the downtown festival plaza for the event you know and love, back and better than ever! Guests will see new and returning artists, taste delicious eats from their favorite vendors, and experience talented performers sure to wow the whole family.

In 1976, the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier City gifted our community the Red River Revel Arts Festival. Since then, this nine-day event has drawn upwards of 80,000 revelers and over 2,500 volunteers annually to enjoy both the visual and performing arts our citizens have to offer. The JLSB maintains a strong relationship with the Revel by providing our members as volunteers at the Pepsi booths and in the children's area at the Artist For a Day tent.

With a perfect marriage of educational and celebratory activities and attractions, the Red River Revel lives up to

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the hype providing a little something for everyone!

Art lovers and supporters alike will be pleased to peruse booths offering stunning artwork, home decor, sculptures, handmade jewelry, carpentry, glass and metal works, oils, acrylics, and more from emerging artists you won't want to miss.

The Kid's Activity Area will also be back with everpopular exhibits and activities like the JLSB's Artist
for a Day, Mock Dig, Brookshires Mini Store, Shriners
Mini Clinic, Shreve Memorial Library Exhibit, and more
focused on education and the arts. After enjoying some of
these free activities, stick around for special performers,
jugglers, stilt walkers, face-painting, and various other
kid-centered amusement rides and games. Perhaps if they
have energy after a bungee jump or a bouncy house romp,
it will be their year to tackle that rock wall!

Patrons and foodies will be delighted to find a seemingly endless array of mouth-watering eats and drinks to really give them a taste of what the Shreveport-Bossier community is cooking up. Though turkey legs, funnel cakes, crawfish, and meat pies are a must, try something from a first-time vendor and you just might find a new favorite!

While you eat, be sure to grab a table close to the stage for dinner and a show featuring performances appealing to the entire family. Dance troupes, martial arts clubs, choirs, and a wide array of bands will be sure to hold your attention and create lasting memories.

As you peruse through the various booths and activities, be sure to stop by all the eye-catching photo-ops to commemorate another year with friends and family at this much-anticipated celebration of arts, education, and our citizens!

HOURS

(Children's Area Hours not specified)

MON - WED: 11AM - 9PM

THURS - SAT: 11AM - 10PM

SUN: 11AM - 7PM

DATES

October 2-10, 2021

ARTIST FOR A DAY + Jumpkin, Courtney Ray Courtney Ray

After being cancelled last year due to COVID-19, the beloved family-friendly Red River Revel is back! The Red River Revel is a staple in the local fall festival scene, popular with people of all ages for the art, music, and, of course, the food.

The Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier will be returning to the children's area of the Red River Revel this year as well with our Artist for a Day table. Artist for a Day is designed to teach arts and STEAM education to children by providing hands-on art education. The Artist for a Day table at the Red River Revel allows children to participate in a variety of art mediums. We want to bring out the inner artist in all children.

During the Red River Revel, children will be able to participate in hands-on art projects and are encouraged to

use their creativity to put their own personal touch on each day's activity. Past year's projects have included chalk art, jewelry making, bookmark decorating, painting, tile design, and rain stick creations.

We are excited to be bringing back the always popular pumpkin craft this year. The pumpkin craft is offered for a small fee alongside our daily free craft.

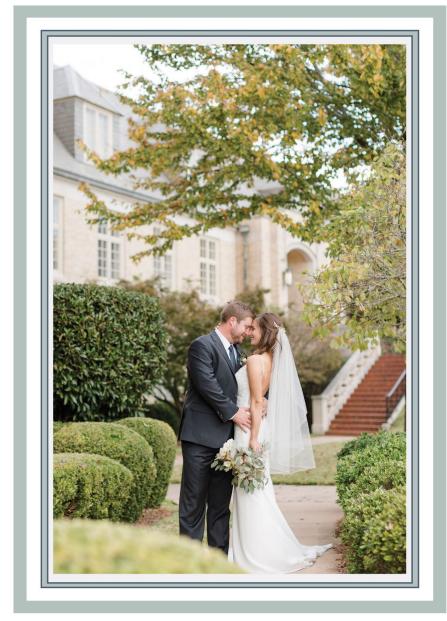
We can't wait to be back at the Red River Revel this year and work with all the young local artists visiting our Artist for a Day table!

Be sure to mark your calendars for October 2-10 so you don't miss out on the Red River Revel happening in downtown Shreveport at Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett Street. See you there!









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LETTER FROM THE VP OF Development Ali Smith

Wow! While many things may be uncertain, our committee chairs remain hard at work! The Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier has been laser focused on doing our part to support this amazing community we all call home.

October is a busy month for the League, with the Red River Revel and the Junior League Pumpkin Patch at Provenance, this is the perfect opportunity for all Active members to meet their shift hour commitment. Red River Revel was founded by the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier in 1976 and was given to the City of Shreveport to continue in its success. The Revel is located on the Shreveport riverfront and hosts artists, concerts, and food vendors of all types. Every October when the Revel kicks off, the ladies of the League participate by providing over 500 volunteer hours and selling Pepsi products through the entirety of the festival. This is personally one of my favorite volunteer shifts, some of my closest friends in the League are those I was paired with during a Revel shift—and there's always live music playing while you work!

The Junior League Pumpkin Patch at Provenance runs each year the entire month of October. The way the calendar falls this year, there are five weekends in October, which means an extra weekend of exciting events for the whole family! The generosity of our amazing sponsors allow us to host free events throughout the month, including craft projects, movie nights, hayrides, a petting zoo, and more. There are also opportunities for photography sessions, dining at the Patch when different food trucks set up, and even a special Ladies Night with cocktails and a craft!

We have just launched the fifth year of our annual giving campaign, the 1933 Society. This allows us to engage members, Sustainers, and community partners in a more structured way for giving to the League. Each 1933 Society sponsorship level allows for different League incentives, whether it be tickets to League events or promotion of your business. This is also one way for Active members to meet their Fund Development financial commitment.

The JLSB's King Cake Classic has become a staple in the Shreveport-Bossier running community. With options for a 10K, 5K, and even a fun run, there is truly a race for everyone! The race typically begins at Red River Brewpub, and the route goes through historic Downtown Shreveport. This family-friendly race day experience includes live music, king cake from Lowder's Baking Company, Red River Brewpub Craft beer, a kid's activity and craft area, Mardi Gras bead medals, and more. Additionally, Active League members may count their registration for this event towards their Fund Development financial commitment.

Save the date now for the next Designer Bag Bingo. On April 21, 2022, the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier will be back at the Horseshoe Riverdome! This one-of-akind event has taken the Ark-La-Tex by storm. Starting in 2018 and growing each year, Designer Bag Bingo has quickly become everyone's favorite "girls night out." Ten rounds of bingo are played, and each round a designer handbag is won. In between games, raffle prizes are drawn. Prizes range from restaurant and spa gift cards all the way to diamond earrings—all thanks to our generous sponsors for this event. League members can also use their ticket or table purchases to go towards their Fund Development financial commitment.

Finally, The Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier's longest-running source of income derives from our cookbook sales. We are thrilled to offer three unique cookbooks, including award winning *Mardi Gras to Mistletoe*, which features 12 months of festivals, events, and over 200 seasonal recipes. *Revel* was originally published in 1980 and then reissued in a 20th anniversary edition in 2000. *Revel* has sold over 50,000 copies and includes special party menus for each of the four seasons. *A Cook's Tour* was originally published in 1964 and features dishes that vary in elegance, from spaghetti night to soirees—this one has it all! The League is now offering a cookbook bundle, where you can purchase all three books for a total of \$50. This purchase may go to a League member's Fund Development financial commitment.

The JLSB has planned so many opportunities for its members to earn both their shift hours commitments and financial commitments. See you at the next event!

Ali Smith Fund Development VP

2021-2022 COMMUNITY ADVISORY



In our efforts to improve our community, the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier seeks the experience and wisdom of local leaders who serve on our Community Advisory Board (CAB). CAB helps the JLSB assess community problems and needs; offers guidance in identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and potential threats to our organization; communicates how our community views the JLSB; and communicates the JLSB's purpose and programs to the community.

Our returning members of CAB are:

Laura Alderman, Executive Director of Step Forward
Sonja Bailes, Public Relations Liaison
for the Bossier Parish School Board
Clay Walker, Director of Juvenile Services for Caddo Parish
Reneé Ellis, Community Engagement Specialist
for the Caddo Parish School Board

Amy Heron, Executive Director of the CHRISTUS Foundation Shreveport-Bossier Kristi Gustavson, Chief Executive Officer of the Community Foundation of North Louisiana Martha Marak, Executive Director of the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana

We welcome a new CAB member this year, **Toccara Huckaby**, who is the Volunteers of America North Louisiana's LightHouse program director.

We offer a special note of gratitude and congratulations to **Chuck Meehan**, who will be retiring as president and CEO of the Volunteers of America North Louisiana at the end of 2021. He has served as a member of CAB for many years, and we appreciate his support of the JLSB and dedication to our community.





family welcomed Parker
Gabrielle Davis into the world.
Miss Parker weighed 6 pounds,
1 ounce, and she measured 18.5
inches long. Congratulations to

Katherine Stringer-Davis
(Active) and the Davis family!

Congratulations to League members **Shelvia Grant, Destiny Jamison, Jessica Latin, Sarah Lowder, Sara Patronella,** and **Brittainy Pope** for being selected as part of the 2021 class of 40 under Forty.

LEAGUE Egacies



For this issue, I had the pleasure of sitting down with mother-daughter duo **Sarah Lowder** (Active) and **Ellen Alley** (Sustainer) and asking them about how the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier has made an impact on them. These two ladies are such an example of how the League leaves a legacy and continues its work through generations.

What year did each of you join the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier, and why did each of you join the League?

Sarah: I joined in 2016. The reason I joined was to get more involved in the community with volunteer projects and opportunities. Being from Shreveport, I also wanted to meet friends outside of my usual circle. An added benefit of joining the League is that I've learned useful skills that I can apply outside of the Junior League. By being a part of the Red Apron Pantry committee, I've learned a lot about food supply chains that help me in running my bakery business. Ellen: I joined in 1984. I joined the League because I was always really impressed with the League's community projects and wanted to become more involved. I also wanted to reconnect with old friends after moving back to Shreveport. But in reconnecting with old friends, I also met so many new friends by serving in placements together or selling drinks at the Revel. I met my dear friend, Vickie Meadows, through the League, and we are still good friends today.

Ellen, do you remember your favorite placement? Do you wish the League would bring back any placement or project from when you were an Active member?

Ellen: The best placement ever was when we were heavily pushing cookbooks for sale in the community. If you were on the Cookbook Committee, you would bake a recipe from



one of the JLSB cookbooks, put on your JLSB apron (we wore red ones at the time!) and serve samples at various locations around town. We did sell a lot of cookbooks—I think the samples sealed the deal with our customers. Who wouldn't buy a cookbook from a young lady serving you something delicious? It was fun working together in teams on this placement.

As far as a placement to bring back, this really isn't a placement, but it is something the JLSB used to do and doesn't do any longer. We used to hand out plastic shower cards to League members at our general membership meetings. These plastic cards instructed you on how to correctly perform a monthly breast self-exam. I remember in February 1993 when one of my League friends told me at a general meeting that she had found a lump in her breast and had been diagnosed with breast cancer. She had used the instructional shower card and that's how she found the lump. After hearing of her experience, I started performing breast self-exams using my shower card. Two months later, I, too, found a small lump and was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer. I would love to see the League take a leadership role in the community to promote breast self-exams and hand out shower cards again.

Sarah, do you have any memories of your mom serving in the League?

Sarah: I remember her red apron! I remember decorating Christmas cookies with League members and other kids during Christmas time. I remember my mom volunteering with the Revel and just really hearing the Junior League mentioned a lot. Oh, and I remember the cookbooks!



SARAH PLAYING AT THE RED RIVER REVEL IN 1991 WHILE ELLEN WAS WORKING A PEPSI SHIFT

"COOKING UP NEW MEMORIES"

EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN!

JLSB is dusting off the Cookbooks and cooking with a Vintage Flair

It is hard to believe what we are told, but not everyone has a Junior League cookbook—well, at least probably not all three. Having been originally printed in 1964, 1980, and 2007, they are probably older than most of us! Like good wines and good cookbooks, some things can get better with age and limited availability. The cookbooks will likely not be reordered and these editions can become collectable.

One of our favorite local chefs, Jessica Comegys of Glow Alchemy Kitchen, shares, "I love Junior League Cookbooks! It seems that every time I talk with someone about some of our favorite recipes, they come from Junior League Cookbooks!"

You can look forward to seeing Jessica in the Winter 2021 issue of the *Parishscope* creating her version of Vintage Flair combined with the new in some of those favorite recipes.

Jessica's and other restaurants and shops about town can have these available until they have all found special new kitchens in which to make new old memories. They will also be visiting the Pumpkin Patch at Provenance neighborhood and showing themselves off! Maybe with some cookie and pinwheel tastings! These special editions will also be available through each Junior League member.

We cannot talk about the Junior League Cookbooks without mentioning the value they have had over the years with profits supporting so many Junior League community and leadership programs. Everything old will become new again supporting projects such as the Safe Sitter program, which trains young girls to provide childcare services in their families and communities, as well as the MAGIC program, which mentors young women to become productive family and community leaders.

Most Junior League members and others likely know of the cookbooks, but do not know how the three cookbooks are different from each other. Each are desirable and special!

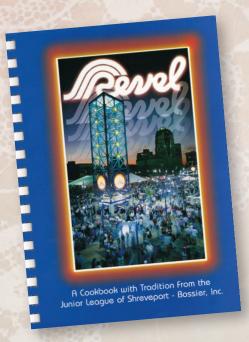
For those whose cookbook memories need refreshing and those just getting acquainted with our Vintage memory makers, below is a bit of "flavor" about each of them.

A COOK'S TOUR OF SHREVEPORT

A Cook's Tour, published in 1964 and having sold 12 editions through 2011, contains the Junior League prayer and hundreds of favorite southern recipes from Junior League and generations of our local grandmothers and mothers that bring back special memories of smells and experiences from times past. Recipes include those from the Shreveport Club, Mrs. J. Bennett Johnston, Overton Brooks, Lyndon B. Johnson, Andrew Querbes, and Arthur Carmody. These recipes can be used again and again to create special times for families and friends today.

Section divider pages include artwork depicting scenes from American Rose Center, Barksdale Air Force Base, the State Fair of Louisiana, and Louisiana Downs by artists Teri Tallant and Tina Mullins.





REVEL

Revel, published in 1980 and having sold 60,000 copies, shares the story of how in 1976 the Junior League presented the Red River Revel as a bicentennial gift to the region as a seven-day celebration of the arts. The Revel is still enjoyed today and is in large part volunteer managed and staffed by Active and Sustainer members.

Revel Cookbook begins with a special section of seasonal events, parties, and occasions with all the recipes planned and referenced in the cookbook. It is full of recipes from the kitchens of those who still live and work in our community as well as those fondly remembered—including Michele Petersen, Ann Querbes, Carolyn Flournoy, Suzanne Wray, and Judy Chidlow. Restaurants and their Chefs include Ernest Palmisano, Ernest's Restaurant, Abe Ritman, Abe's Restaurant, Shorty Lenard, and Henry Tate.

This cookbook makes seasonal cooking and occasion planning a party!

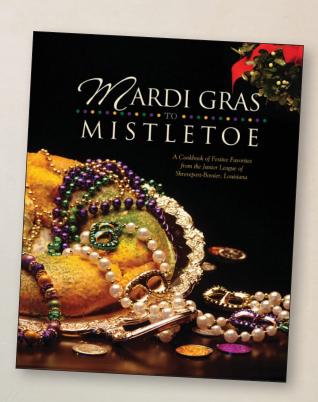
MARDI GRAS TO MISTLETOE

Mardi Gras to Mistletoe, published in 2007 and having sold 16,000 copies, is a January to December monthly festival, tradition, event, story, pictorial, and recipe time travel through sights, tastes, and smells of our favorite regional times and places.

This cookbook makes meal planning a monthly breeze! It is also beautiful and makes a great coffee table pictorial conversation piece.

Photographer and writer, Neil Johnson, forewords and photographs like no other the yearlong heart and beauty of this area. *MTM* celebrates the homes and landscapes including that of M&M George Fritze, Chip Campbell, and Judd Chidlow, Mardi Gras Parade, Norton Art Gallery, Gillam Sunflowers, and Pumpkin Shine on Line.

Recipes are included from many well-known and loved restaurants including Chianti, Bella Fresca, Fertitta's Bistro 6301, Fairfield Market, Mabry House, Superior Grill and Steakhouse, and Strawn's. Some of these recipes come from the kitchens of Pam Byrd, Knox Goodman, Carolyn Ogilvie, and Sybil Patten.



As Cookbook Committee chair,
I sincerely hope that you will
expand your culinary horizons
in purchasing all three
Junior League cookbooks
for yourself or a friend
or family member.

Let's get cooking!

Maggie Malone Cookbook Chair

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-The OSL Does and staff

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