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FROM THE EDITOR

Emily Hamann



Fall is right around the corner! If you're anything like me, when that first crisp morning hits, you run straight to your sweaters to embrace it comfortably. Aside from the much-needed break from this heat (and the outlandish electric bills), fall also means that a few "must-attend" League events are quickly approaching.

Our fall issue is always an especially exciting issue because it means we get to feature the incoming Provisional class. I had a blast at their retreat and had the chance to meet and photograph these lovely ladies. I can't wait to see them out and about as they try out different placements, volunteer, and attend the various get-togethers.

We've touched on multiple League events to look forward to or recap on in the upcoming pages. The Pumpkin Patch and the Red River Revel are not only a joy to attend, but great ways to start earning your Fund Development Shift credits. Missed out on Designer Bag Bingo or curious about how Active Kids is going? Not to worry, we've got a brief look into those as well!

Lastly, I'd be remiss without mentioning how thrilled I am to take on this role. There's so much going on with the League to share with you all and this placement gives me the opportunity to connect with fellow members as well as learn more about the JLSB. Cheers to a happy New League Year!



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LETTER FROM THE

President



Margaret McDonald

A constant in my 11-year League career has been this magazine, the *Parishscope*. My first placement as an Active member was as *Parishscope* Assistant Editor, and since that time, I have had the opportunity to proofread each issue either because of my placement or because I was “voluntold.” I am immensely proud of how this magazine shares the work of the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier with our members and our community.

I am thankful to have a space in this magazine to share some personal highlights from the first months of this League year.

In May, I had the opportunity to attend Annual Conference in Dallas with Past-President Sarah Giglio, President-Elect Ginny Lamb, and Executive Vice President Alex Person. In addition to learning about the state of the Junior League (please read the article on the facing page to learn more about our new Mission), this trip provided an opportunity to build friendships and a strong leadership team.

On the first Saturday in June, our Board of Directors met for a retreat and leadership training. We discussed our Enneagram numbers, shared stories from our time in the League, reviewed our binders, and gathered for a meal.

One of my goals for the year is to participate in each of our five community projects. In July, I joined in the fun with our Active Kids placement at the Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Club Summer Camp. We celebrated Christmas in July with cookie decorating and a visit from Santa!

Two of my highlights from August feature the JLSB's partnership with the Red River Revel. At their launch event, the Revel

generously gifted the JLSB with a print of this year's Revel poster (created by Louisiana artist Chase Mullen). It now proudly hangs in the Revel Room at the JLSB Office with our collection of previous posters.

The Revel's Shreveport Farmers' Market also invited the JLSB to participate in one of its Saturday markets. While some of our members sold our cookbooks, Alex Person and I performed a cooking demonstration. Alex put her broadcasting degree to work and shared about the JLSB while I chopped and combined the ingredients for a blueberry salsa (see page 95 of our *Mardi Gras to Mistletoe* cookbook for the recipe)!

The first part of the year wrapped up with two of my favorite events of each League year—the Provisional Retreat and the September General Membership Meeting. I love greeting our Provisional members for the first time and meeting the future of the JLSB. We have a fantastic Provisional class this year—see pages 12–14 to get to know them!

The September General Membership Meeting felt like the first day of school with League friends getting back together after summer break. After two years of restrictions on gathering, I was thrilled to see a room full of smiling faces.

With so many activities and events coming up in the JLSB's 90th year, I look forward to adding to this list of highlights!

Warmly,

Margaret McDonald

2022-2023 President



With Revel Poster;
Board Retreat



Cooking Demonstration—
Margaret and Alex

Photo Credit: Emerie Gentry



OUR NEW *Mission*



Margaret McDonald

In May, Junior League members from around the world met in Dallas to attend the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) Annual Conference. The focus of this Conference was the adoption of a new Mission to be used by AJLI and each individual Junior League. The delegate body voted to adopt a revised Mission that states:

The Association of Junior Leagues International is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

Pursuant to AJLI's directive, the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier must adopt and implement this new Mission. As the Mission is written into the JLSB's Bylaws, our membership will vote to amend our Bylaws and our Articles of Incorporation. Following discussions at our summer meetings, the JLSB Board of Directors determined that the new Mission would be announced at the September General Membership Meeting, that a formal motion to amend our Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation will be presented at the October General Membership Meeting, and that the Active membership will vote to approve the changes at the November General Membership Meeting. Once we have completed the voting process, the Board will begin the necessary legal filings to make the new Mission official.

AJLI has prepared materials to support each Junior League as we adopt and implement the new Mission. AJLI emphasizes that the new Mission does not change what we do but that it allows us to clarify our focus on what this organization is about—developing women leaders who work to make their communities stronger. AJLI describes the new mission as more accessible, inviting, and collaborative. The accompanying graphic provided by AJLI does a wonderful job explaining how our Mission complements our Vision, our Values, and our Impact Areas.

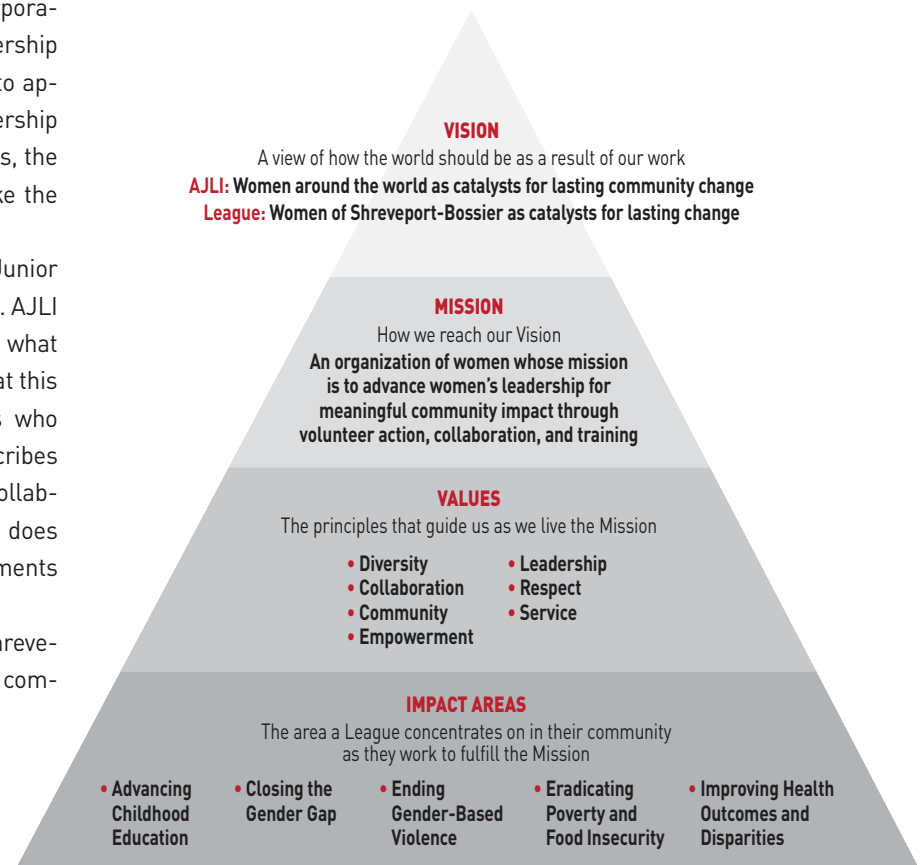
Thank you, members of the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier, for caring about the work we do in our community and the words we use to state our Mission.

OLD MISSION

The Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

NEW MISSION

The Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier, Inc. is an organization of women whose Mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.





This year the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier, Inc. celebrates our 90th year! Since 1933, we have stayed true to our mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. We also continue a community-wide legacy that you contributed to, participated in, and helped to create. We hope you will consider supporting our efforts through joining the **1933 Society**.

The **1933 Society**, our annual giving campaign, provides our generous supporters a more structured way to donate to the League by joining at one of three levels—League Leader, League Advocate, or League Partner. Please see the facing page for benefits of each level.

Your investment directly affects the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier's impact on our community. Our League's largest influence is in delivering a consistent force of trained volunteers and leaders dedicated to improving

the Shreveport-Bossier area. The past two years, we faced unique challenges as we continued our work during a global pandemic. We adapted and reimagined some of our fund development events and community projects with the determination that our service to the community would not stop. Our members have been resilient, used their talents, and developed new skills to meet the needs of the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier and our community. Our training is what sets us apart from other organizations and ensures that your investment will not just benefit the League this year, but it will make a lasting impact on our community for many years to come.

Please consider joining the **1933 Society** by January 15, 2023, so that you can enjoy the full benefits of membership. Please visit to jlsb.org and click on 'Support' to find the link to join. Your membership will help us to advance the League's legacy and make an impact in our community by carrying our mission forward in our 90th year and beyond!

LEAGUE LEADER - \$1,000

- Name recognition in JLSB *Parishscope* magazine
- Invitation to 1933 Society Celebration
- Four (4) tickets to Designer Bag Bingo
- Two (2) tickets to JLSB 90th Anniversary Party
- If an Active member, fulfills Fund Development Financial commitment
- If an Active member, includes one Fund Development Shift Buyout

LEAGUE ADVOCATE - \$500

- Name recognition in JLSB *Parishscope* magazine
- Invitation to 1933 Society Celebration
- Two (2) tickets to Designer Bag Bingo
- One (1) ticket to JLSB 90th Anniversary Party
- If an Active member, fulfills Fund Development Financial commitment
- If an Active member, includes one Fund Development Shift Buyout

LEAGUE PARTNER - \$250

- Name recognition in JLSB *Parishscope* magazine
- Invitation to 1933 Society Celebration
- One (1) ticket to Designer Bag Bingo
- If an Active member, fulfills Fund Development Financial commitment

Please note: The above-listed benefits are offered to those who join the 1933 Society on or before January 15, 2023. Although anyone may join after January 15, 2023, we cannot guarantee all member benefits after that date.

Please also note: All 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!



A special thank you to those who have already joined the 1933 Society this year!

LEAGUE LEADERS

Peggy Murphy

Leslie Scott

Jane Sugar/LSU School of Medicine

Carolyn Murphy Thompson

Edie B. Williams

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LEAGUE ADVOCATES

Melinda Hernandez

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Margaret McDonald

Sybil T. Patten

Betsy Chandler Peatross

Michele Q=Petersen

Charlotte Walter

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

Grant



Ginny Lamb

The Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier, Inc. takes pride in identifying the critical needs of our community and through our community projects, meeting and fulfilling these needs. We accomplish this work through our programs like MAGIC, Red Apron Pantry, and Active Kids. The JLSB also meets this goal through our Community Assistance Program (CAP) Grant program. The CAP Grant's purpose 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.

Over the years, we have awarded CAP Grants to organizations like the Highland Center, who used their \$2,200 to repair the leaking roof over their commercial kitchen that they use to serve weekly meals to those in need. In 2021, we awarded Basic Necessities \$3,000 to help build their diaper and period product supply, as the cost of these products

were rising and there was an ever-increasing need in the community.

Applications for CAP Grants are accepted on a rolling basis, and may be awarded up to \$3,000. Such a grant may be awarded to a non-profit whose proposed project supports the mission/focus of the JLSB, addresses a critical human need, faces the possibility of a disruption of a program or service, has prospects for continued funding after exhaustion of the CAP Grant funds, has an unforeseen need not covered by its budget or present financial services, has a volunteer component, must benefit the community at large, and whose clients will be significantly impacted by this grant. If you know of a non-profit with these needs, encourage them to apply for a CAP Grant to see if the JLSB can help! Please visit our website to download the application and learn more.



Your Smile, My Promise

Orthodontist & Junior League Member!

I want to offer a heartfelt thank you to everyone for helping make Shreveport my "hometown." The friends and community that I've discovered by joining the Junior League have been a gift for which I'll be forever grateful. It is a blessing to feel so welcome and belonging as my family and I do.

My goal as your family's orthodontist is to make you feel just as "at home" and appreciated while we craft your perfect smile. I'm proud to be a part of the Graf Orthodontics family and promise that you will find the experience and expertise you expect as my patient. I can't wait to meet you personally, and invite you to "Smile on."

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Margaret McDonald

A cornerstone of the Junior League is its emphasis on training volunteers. In the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier, much of this training occurs through our placements as we develop new skills. The JLSB also offers training opportunities at our Education Workshops that take the place of our April General Membership Meeting. At the beginning of each League year, we conduct trainings for the Board of Directors, Management Team, and Head Volunteers and Chairs. Some members also attend conferences through the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) for leadership training.

This summer, the JLSB Board of Directors added a special training opportunity to the calendar—JLSB 101. This training was open to all Active members, and those who attended earned a General Membership Meeting credit. On August 9, 15 Active members gathered at the League Office to learn the basics of the JLSB. They reviewed the contents

of meeting packets, including what a “consent agenda” is and how to read JLSB financial statements. They discussed the structure of the JLSB and the roles of the Board of Directors, the Management Team, the four Councils, and our many committees. The attendees spent time learning about the many features of Digital Cheetah, with a focus on the check list of membership commitments. They also toured the JLSB Office.

The training then shifted to learning about AJLI, our parent organization. The attendees discussed how AJLI provides governance, planning, structure, guidance, and resources for each Junior League. They also reviewed AJLI’s new Mission statement that will be adopted by all Junior Leagues (more about this on page 5). Finally, they explored webinars and other training opportunities offered by AJLI.

Thank you to those who attended JLSB 101!

2022-2023 GMM SCHEDULE

General Membership Meetings

October 11 – Provenance Clubhouse

12:00 and 6:00 Meeting Options

November 8 – Sustainer Homes

9:00, 12:00, and 6:00 Meeting Options

December 13 – Kendra Scott

5:00-7:00, Come and Go



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER

January 2023

Individual Meetings with Advisors

February 14 – Community Foundation

12:00 and 6:00 Meeting Options

March 14 – CHRISTUS

12:00 and 6:00 Meeting Options

April – Education Workshops

Various Dates, Times, and Locations

May 9 – Annual Meeting/Celebration

5:30 Social, 6:00 Meeting (Location TBA)



Elizabeth Martin

The 2022-2023 Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier Provisional year is off to a great start! This year, we have 27 women in our Provisional class. These women bring many talents to JLSB and we are very excited to have them!

As the Provisional Chair, I am excited to introduce you to our team. This year our Provisional Assistant Chair is Angela Myles. Each Provisional is assigned to a Provisional group headed up by one of our Provisional Advisors. Our Provisional Advisors are Lindsey Brown, Tiffany Metoyer, Lindey Smith, and Allison Washington.

Our Provisional Retreat was held at the JLSB office on Saturday, August 20, 2022. The Provisional class participated in icebreakers, learned about the Association of Junior Leagues International, and more about JLSB, including the mission and vision. We also covered JLSB community placements, fund development projects, and an overview of the JLSB Provisional year. Members of the Board and Management Teams joined the Provisional Retreat and provided their "why" for joining JLSB. Emily Hamann, JLSB Active, is this year's photographer. Emily was on hand to take head shots of each Provisional that are included in this *Parishscope* edition.

Mrs. Betty Henderson, Sustainer and past JLSB President, served as this year's guest speaker at the Provisional retreat. She spoke about the importance of serving our community and working with others. She discussed leadership roles and the importance of every task, no matter how small. Mrs. Henderson had us think back about the first time we volunteered and why we feel it is important to give to others. She left us energized and excited for the new JLSB year!

This year, Provisional meetings will continue to be held on the third Tuesday of every month. The meetings will allow Provisionals to learn more about JLSB, community projects and placements, fund development opportunities, as well as providing the opportunity to get to know one another. Provisionals will also attend one Board

meeting and General Membership Meetings throughout the year. We will have a Provisional holiday party in December, a placement party in March, and an event with the Board and Management Team in April. We will also celebrate the end of the year at the May General Membership Meeting and recognize the Provisionals.

This year Provisionals will continue to work one Red River Revel Pepsi shift, as well as another Fund Development shift. Provisionals will observe and assist with three of our community placements, choosing from Artist for a Day at the Red River Revel, MAGIC: Mentoring Ambitious Girls to Inspire Change, Active Kids: Strong Minds and Body Wellness, Red Apron Pantry, and Super Safety Saturday. We have a busy but exciting year ahead!

A special thank you to Margaret McDonald, President, and Catherine Guidry, Membership Vice President, for all of their support and guidance preparing for the 2022-2023 year!





2022-2023 *Provisional Members*



Paula Lynn Alexander

Hometown: Shreveport, LA

Career/Occupation:

Home Health Aide

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, singing, shopping, volunteering



Breonka Burnom

Hometown: Shreveport, LA

Career/Occupation:

Southern University Anatomy & Physiology Professor/Executive Director at Alternative Interventions Therapeutic Group Home

Hobbies/Interests: Traveling, coffee, time with family and friends, reading, learning, journaling, public speaking—all things inspirational and all things personal development



Heather Bays

Hometown: Homer, LA

Career/Occupation:

Physical Therapist

Hobbies/Interests: Running, yoga, volunteering at church



Stephanie Carpenter-Forester

Hometown: Odessa, TX

Career/Occupation: Attorney

Hobbies/Interests: Yoga, travel, sewing/embroidery, hanging out with my three doodles



Cassidy Behrendt

Hometown: Shreveport, LA

Career/Occupation:

Banker - Assistant Manager

Hobbies/Interests: Gardening, crafts, shopping, socializing



Jan Coleman

Hometown: Lake Providence, LA

Career/Occupation:

Personal Banker

Hobbies/Interests: Crafting, fitness, shopping, cooking



Winter Bennett

Hometown: Monroe, LA

Career/Occupation: Nurse

Hobbies/Interests: Spending time with my family, playing tennis and golf, traveling



Emily Colvin

Hometown: Ruston, LA

Career/Occupation:

CPA - Auditor

Hobbies/Interests: Cooking, reading, traveling



Melinda Christine Boncheff

Hometown: Bossier City, LA

Career/Occupation:

Chemical Engineer

Hobbies/Interests: Travel, fitness, interior design, church, spending time with my family



Odessa Eason

Hometown: Chandler, TX

Career/Occupation: Realtor

Hobbies/Interests: Cooking, real estate, grand babies, Volunteer SFD Wife's Organization

2022-2023 *Provisional Members*



Erin Friedlund

Hometown: Ft. Walton Beach, FL
Career/Occupation: Response to Intervention with Bossier Schools
Hobbies/Interests: True crime, reading, all the dogs



Cathy Johnson

Hometown: Dallas, TX
Career/Occupation: Nurse Case Management Extender
Hobbies/Interests: Tennis, cooking, hanging out with friends and family



Haley Hennessey

Hometown: New Albany, MS
Career/Occupation: Director at Camp Ozark
Hobbies/Interests: Watching college football and baseball, cooking, spending time with family, embroidery, arranging flowers



Kinta Magee-Flanigan

Hometown: New Orleans, LA
Career/Occupation: Counselor
Hobbies/Interests: Shopping, traveling, volunteering, family time, helping others



NaQuanda Ingram Taylor

Hometown: Shreveport, LA
Career/Occupation: Elementary Teacher
Hobbies/Interests: Traveling, going to concerts and movies



Jennifer Maloney

Hometown: Fort Worth, TX
Career/Occupation: Dental Assistant
Hobbies/Interests: Any time with my family, PureBarre Shreveport, and the beach!



Bridget Irby

Hometown: Shreveport, LA
Career/Occupation: CEO, Author, Speaker
Hobbies/Interests: One of my favorite things to do is to travel. Being able to experience new places, both near and far, is such an incredible gift. It allows you to learn and see new things from a different perspective. As a public speaker, I've been blessed to combine two of my favorite passions—speaking and travel.



Angela Mandigo

Hometown: Shreveport, LA
Career/Occupation: Senior Performance Management Analyst
Hobbies/Interests: I love giving back to my community through volunteering with my church and my sorority. I also love gardening and event planning.



Virginia Jewitt

Hometown: Shreveport, LA
Career/Occupation: Commercial Lines Account Manager
Hobbies/Interests: I love to travel even if it's to a small city, being in nature, journaling, reading, hanging out with my family, teaching



Ro Morvant

Hometown: Pittsburg, TX
Career/Occupation: Development Manager
Hobbies/Interests: CrossFit, rock climbing, listening to live music

2022-2023 *Provisional Members*



Grace Nickels

Hometown: Shreveport, LA

Career/Occupation:

Program Manager at
LSU Health Shreveport

Hobbies/Interests: I am a lifelong learner, water park enthusiast, and lover of dogs (especially my fur-baby named Druzy, after the gemstone)



Mary Wilson

Hometown: Quitman, LA

Career/Occupation: Nurse

Hobbies/Interests: Family, church, traveling, Disney parks, sports, biking, Broadway shows, volunteering/ community involvement.



Wynnifred Sanders

Hometown: Bossier City, LA

Career/Occupation: Attorney

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, volunteering, shopping, writing children's stories



Kristen Young

Hometown: Shreveport, LA

Career/Occupation:

Senior Online Marketing Consultant

Hobbies/Interests: DIY home decor/crafts, marketing, travel, baking



Jelisha Scobey

Hometown: Shreveport, LA

Career/Occupation:

Registered Nurse

Hobbies/Interests: Working out, eating, spending time with my children, traveling



Canisha Tisby

Hometown: Shreveport, LA

Career/Occupation:

Senior Human Resources Analyst

Hobbies/Interests: Crafting, music, reading, writing



Kathryn Wiener

Hometown: Shreveport, LA

Career/Occupation:

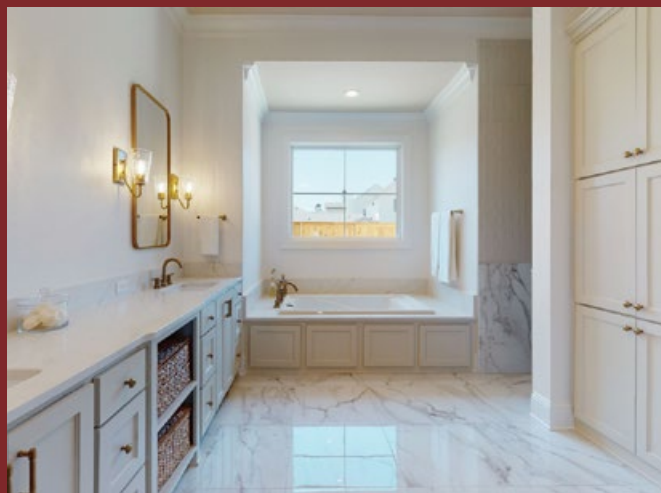
Software Developer

Hobbies/Interests: Baking, board games, fishing



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LETTER FROM THE

Sustainer Advisor



Toni Thompson

A SEASON OF RENEWAL

By the time you receive this edition of *Parishscope*, fall will be upon us as 2022 marches on and we all enter a new season. What a strange time these past few years under COVID-19 have been, and our lives have been forever altered by those circumstances. We have all had to make some changes, and JLSB is no exception. You will be pleased to know that resiliency of the Active members and Sustainers, and through a few innovative leadership structural changes, JLSB is prepared to thrive.

As Sustaining members, we are in a different season of our lives as well. While not on the frontline of the League in bringing important and meaningful services to our community, collectively we have tremendous experiences, insight, and institutional knowledge that would be of great benefit to JLSB. There are wonderful opportunities to rekindle friendships, serve our community, and play an active role as a Sustaining member. As Sustainer Advisor for 2022-2023, it is my goal to identify the areas we, as a group, would like to become more involved and help promote JLSB.

Where to start? Over the coming months you will be asked to complete a survey helping identify the programs of JLSB you believe are most effective. We would also like to hear from you about your thoughts on recurring events

and luncheons, where we, as Sustaining members, would have the opportunity to be together, laugh, and explore new opportunities. Lastly, you are the key to a successful effort, and I would appreciate you identifying the ways you may be willing to become more involved—starting now. The best ideas come from collective effort, and I would love to hear from you, listen to your suggestions, and work towards enhancing the experience we have over this coming year. Please contact me at tonithompson67@gmail.com, or at (318) 218-4589, and let's talk about charting a course to support JLSB and design a more active Sustaining members program.

The seasons around us are constantly in transition. Whether the growth that comes with spring, or the falling leaves of the fall, there are always reasons to be thankful, and new opportunities abound. Come join me in this exciting time of exploring our strengths and charting a course for the future of this wonderful group of ladies, the Sustaining members of JLSB.

Sincerely,

Toni Thompson
Sustainer Advisor

Save
THE Date

MARCH 2, 2023



DESIGNER BAG *Bingo*



Amanda Dewett

On April 21, 2022, the Junior League hosted their Designer Bag Bingo fundraiser at the Horseshoe Casino Riverdome. This sold-out evening was an incredible gathering of women from Shreveport-Bossier. We were thrilled to be able to host an in-person event after taking two years off due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Designer Bag Bingo was a huge success selling 600 tickets, and we were ultimately able to raise over \$50,000 to help the Junior League continue to support the Shreveport-Bossier community with our various community projects.

Courtney Butts, Miss Louisiana 2020, kept the evening fun as our emcee. Whether it was her lively description of the bags or her enthusiasm that matched many of our winners, she added the perfect touch to the evening.

Each attendee came for the chance to win beautiful designer handbags and an opportunity for over 40 amazing raffle prizes donated by local businesses. Bingo winners walked away with bags from Yves Saint Laurent, Loeffler Randall, Kate Spade, Michael Kors, Brahmin, Tory Burch and more! Dillard's stores in both Shreveport and Bossier were generous in donating five handbags for bingo prizes. Our grand prize handbag was the Louis Vuitton Graceful handbag with a beautiful red interior.

Another highlight of the evening were our Diamond raffle items, donated by our incredible Corporate Partner Sid Potts. These raffle items included a gorgeous pink sapphire ring, matching bracelet, and gorgeous diamond hoops valued at over \$9,000.

We would not have been able to put on the event without our generous cash sponsors—Presenting sponsor: Morris and Dewett Injury Lawyers; Louis Level Sponsors: Clarkes Jewelers, CINTAS, Lindsey Pennington Facial Plastics, SB Magazine, and Sid Potts; Prada Sponsors: Community Bank of Louisiana, Lang Orthodontics, and The Moppet Shoppe; Gucci Level Sponsors: Johnson Rental Properties and Investments, Lee Davis, Progressive Bank, and Republic Finance; Chloe Level Sponsors: A Brighter Smile Dental Care, BOM Bank, Debbie and Michael Angelo, Please and Thank You Paper Company, and Waynette Ballengee. JLSB member Jennifer Bradford was able to photograph and capture all of the festivities of the evening.

The Designer Bag Bingo committee is already planning next year's event and we can't wait to see what they have in store for 2023!

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PUMPKIN PATCH AT *Provenance*



Arielle Kendall

Pools are closed for the summer, schools are back in session, and if you've been inside Hobby Lobby recently, you can tell that autumn is on the way! I am excited to announce that the Junior League Pumpkin Patch at Provenance will soon be returning as one of Shreveport Bossier's favorite fallscapes!

The Patch will be open for business on Monday, September 26 through Saturday, October 29. We will be closed on Tuesdays this year. The Pumpkin Patch committee is hard at work to ensure that the event line up will have something to offer everyone who visits! Keep an eye out for the schedule of events to be released soon! You can expect to see a pet costume contest, children's fun and educational activities,

food trucks, and even some shopping!

The Patch is going to be stocked with the prettiest pumpkins of all shapes and sizes, guaranteed to bring your front porch from summer to fall. But don't stop there, what about your kitchen? Be sure to notice the Junior League Cookbooks that will also be sold at the Patch this year! Not only do these cookbooks make a great gift, they hold many delicious autumn recipes including my family favorite, Jack o'Lantern Cheeseburger Pie!

Add the Junior League Pumpkin Patch at Provenance to your fall bucket list for this year! I hope that you and your families enjoy your visit and make some sweet autumn memories while you are there!



2022 JLSB PUMPKIN PATCH AT PROVENANCE EVENT SCHEDULE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
The Patch is OPEN!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
Food Truck - 318 Food Co

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1
Story Time with Shreveport Memorial Library
10am

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
Shreveport Biscuit Co

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8
Story Time with Walter B. Jacobs,
Creepy Crawlies - 10am to 2pm
Face Painting Magnet Key Club - 11am to 1pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15
Happy Belly's
2pm to 4pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16
Food Truck - Hot Dog Hut
2pm to 4pm
Pet Costume Contest

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
Food Truck - Drupp Donuts
Story Time, Pumpkin Carving, and Cookie Decorating
with the Learning Center at Broadmoor - 10:30 AM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
Pumpkin Craft with Sci-Port Discovery Center
2pm to 4pm

PATCH HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday - 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Friday - 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Saturday - 10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Sunday - 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm



ACTIVE KIDS

Summer Camp

Maggie Pressly



This summer, the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier was back in person with an updated Active Kids Summer Camp program. Our committee traveled "Around the World" with the campers at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. The group of campers was made up of approximately 25 first, second, and third grade students from the Shreveport-Bossier area. Every Tuesday, we spent an hour studying a different part of the world through crafts, activities, and a snack. We kicked off the summer by studying Mexico, with the campers learning to make guacamole and homemade piñatas.

Throughout the eight weeks of camp, we learned about Africa, India, Germany, France, and Hawaii. We also celebrated First Responders week with a visit from the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, followed by the students making thank you cards for local first responders. Christmas in July brought a special visitor with a visit from Santa himself, and the campers decorated Christmas cookies from Whisk Bakery. We celebrated the end of camp with Italian Ice from Happy Belly's.

In addition to lots of fun, the campers were introduced to new cultures and for many of them new foods that they had never tried before. Many of the campers tried avocado

for the first time in making guacamole, and when we studied India, the campers were able to try pita chips and hummus for the first time. While not every camper was a fan of these new foods, many of them realized that they in fact did like trying new foods.

While our committee was made up of members new to this placement, we were able to come together and plan a fun and educational summer for the campers. This community program is a perfect example of the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier working alongside a community partner and providing support, whether it be in providing resources or our members' time. The Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier's time with the Boys and Girls Club is limited to the eight weeks of summer camp; however, they are providing resources to school-age students in the Queensborough neighborhood year round. We quickly saw the impact that the Boys and Girls Club summer camp program has on our community, and through our participation in Active Kids, the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier is able to help make sure the impact in the community is even greater. I know that all of the members of this committee got just as much out of this placement as the campers, and we are looking forward to planning another great program next summer!





LETTER FROM

Fund Development

Jane Sugar



While we might be waiting a few more weeks for fall weather, our 2022-2023 Fund Development activities are already getting into full swing! After a welcomed return to in-person events last year, this year we are looking forward to our favorite events being better than ever. The Fund Development opportunities of the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier support the League's mission and impact right here in the Shreveport-Bossier community; on top of this, many of our Fund Development events have become much-loved and anticipated occasions themselves.

October is always a busy month for the League, with both Red River Revel and the Junior League Pumpkin Patch at Provenance. Red River Revel Arts Festival is one of the League's longest-running Fund Development opportunities, founded in 1976 by the League and later given to the City of Shreveport to continue as an annual community festival. The Revel is located on the Shreveport riverfront and hosts artists, concerts, and food vendors of all types. This year, the Revel will run from October 1-9 and will return to being open both days and evenings. Once the Revel kicks off, festival-goers can expect to see our League volunteers in their red aprons providing over 500 volunteer hours selling Pepsi products throughout the event. This is always a favorite volunteer opportunity for League members, who work together and meet new friends while enjoying the Revel's live music!

The Junior League Pumpkin Patch at Provenance is another fall favorite. This year, Pumpkin Patch will run six days per week and span five weekends, opening on September 26 and continuing through October 29. In addition to selling pumpkins in all shapes and sizes, Pumpkin Patch will also be hosting free fun events throughout the month, including crafts, story times, face painting, and a pet costume contest. Food trucks and boutique vendors provide opportunities for dining and shopping as well, making this another annual community favorite!

Looking ahead to the spring, runners will be lining up again for the JLSB's King Cake Classic. This annual event includes a fun run, 5K, and 10K race. We look forward to sharing more details about the race date and course soon. Come run, walk, or cheer—rain or shine!

In March, the JLSB's biggest Fund Development event,

Designer Bag Bingo, returns as a favorite "girls' night out," complete with games, prizes, dinner, and drinks. Growing each year since its inception in 2018, the evening includes ten rounds of bingo, with a designer handbag won in each round. Raffles throughout the night keep the winning going, ranging from spa gift cards to diamond earrings provided by our generous sponsors. Round up some friends for your table and be sure to buy tickets early—this popular event has sold out each year!

In addition to our fun in-person events, two of our Fund Development opportunities run year-round: the 1933 Society and our time-honored cookbook sales. Begun in 2016, the 1933 Society is JLSB's annual giving campaign, open to Active members, Sustainers, and our community partners. Offering different sponsorship levels with different League incentives, a 1933 Society sponsorship includes tickets to JLSB events and name recognition, and it fulfills the Fund Development financial commitment for Active members.

Finally, the JLSB's longest-running income source comes from cookbook sales. Over the years, our League has published three highly-acclaimed cookbooks, capturing many of the best flavors of our region. *A Cook's Tour*, published in 1964, began our cookbook sales. *Revel* followed in 1980, being re-issued in a 20th anniversary edition in 2000, selling over 50,000 copies. The beautiful *Mardi Gras to Mistletoe* joined the collection in 2006, winning the Tabasco Community Cookbook National Award the following year. Cookbooks may be purchased online or at the League office as a bundle with all three books for a total of \$50, making these a perennial favorite gift.

With so many Fund Development opportunities throughout the year, it would be hard to pick a favorite. Luckily, there's no need to choose. We'll be excited to see our members, Sustainers, and community partners at any and all of our events! Looking forward to a great year supporting the JLSB!

Sincerely,

Jane Sugar

Fund Development VP

ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022



2021-2022

Board of Directors

LEADERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP

2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Photo: see page 23

President	Sarah Giglio
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Executive Vice President	Michelle Wallace
Secretary	Kezia Pigford
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PR&D Chairman	Carolyn Murphy Thompson
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Active Member at Large	Alex Person
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Sustainer Advisor	Molly McInnis

2021-2022 MANAGEMENT TEAM

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Community Vice President	Stacey Melerine
Membership Vice President	Jennifer Hart
Fund Development Vice President	Ali Smith
Assistant Treasurer	Stephanie Foster

2021-2022 COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

The JLSB seeks out members of the community to serve as advisors lending their expertise in a variety of areas to the League. The JLSB was fortunate to have the following distinguished community leaders serve on the 2020-2021 Community Advisory Board.

Laura Alderman,
Executive Director,
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Sonja Bailes,
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Bossier Parish
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Specialist,
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System Foundation

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Northwest Louisiana

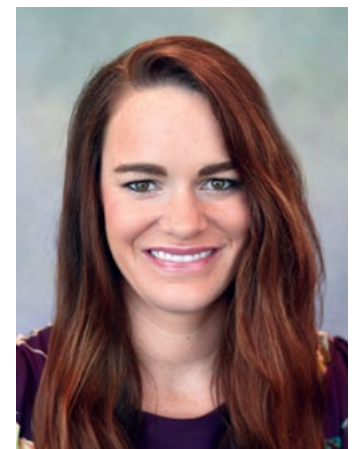
Chuck Meehan,
President and
Chief Executive Officer,
Volunteers of America
of North Louisiana

Clay Walker,
Director of Juvenile
Services,
Caddo Parish

SERVICE AWARDS

Volunteer of the Year:
Briana Atkinson and Jessica Latin

President's Awards:
Jennifer Hart and Amanda Dewett



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Mary Osborn
and
Abigail Petermann

COMMUNITY IMPACT



HEALTH LITERACY INITIATIVE

In the summer of 2021, the Junior League again partnered with the Salvation Army's Boys & Girl Club to bring this program to school-age children but had to present all sessions virtually due to pandemic precautions. Health Literacy Initiative promotes healthy lifestyle choices to the students, and members act as health educators teaching children about fitness, tobacco use prevention, animal safety, nutrition, stranger danger, fire prevention, table manners, good financial practices, and oral health. Volunteers also provided crafts and healthy, fun snacks that are related to the theme of each week and delivered them to the Boys & Girls Club prior to each virtual session.



SUPER SAFETY SATURDAY

In September of 2021, the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier in partnership with Sheriff's Safety Town, pivoted to transform our 12th annual Super Safety Saturday event into a month-long Super Safety September online campaign. Due to a surge in COVID around this time, there were certain limitations in place, so our creative committee members came up with alternatives that kept both our volunteers and participants safe while also providing the public with resources traditionally shared in person on the day of the event. Car seat checks were still done by the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office on site at Sheriff's Safety Town. While we missed our usual 1000+ in-person crowd, we were thrilled to be able to expand our reach to an even wider (virtual) audience and our volunteers built a framework for incorporating more online content for future Super Safety Saturday events. We are so excited to bring back a full, in-person Super Safety Saturday event in 2022!



RED RIVER REVEL "ARTIST FOR A DAY"

Each weeknight and all day on the weekends during the Red River Revel, Junior League Volunteers can be found in the "Artist for a Day" tent in the children's area. Volunteers assist children with fun and creative projects that are very often led by local artists. The Artist for a Day project provides a free activity for children and their families at the Revel to help ensure that children in our community have an opportunity to participate directly in the arts.



RED APRON PANTRY

A partnership with the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana, our Red Apron Pantry is a food pantry continued to operate at JLSB Headquarters providing supplemental nutrition to households, enabling our League to continue the important work of combatting food insecurity in our community. Our unique "client's choice" model allows families to select available food items from our shelves, just like a traditional grocery store. Our dedicated volunteers worked hard to ensure that our Red Apron Pantry never missed a distribution date during the pandemic, the summer months, Hurricane Laura, and the winter snow and ice storms. While the "client's choice" aspect of the pantry was on hold for part of the pandemic, we ended the 2021-22 year going back to that preferred method, which our volunteers and the clients we serve are thrilled about!



SAFE SITTER

The Safe Sitter Program prepares teens, age 12-17, to be effectively trained babysitters. All too often, older children are left home to look after other children of all ages with little or no training to do so. Volunteers in this program teach the participants about the basics of child-care, first aid, Heimlich maneuver, general safety, and even how to start their own babysitting business. Upon significant board discussions a recommendation to the general membership, and a vote at the March voting meeting, it was decided that Safe Sitter would be sunsetted. We thank everyone who has ever served on this important project—you made a huge difference in the lives of children!



MAGIC

MAGIC: Mentoring Ambitious Girls to Inspire Change provides opportunities for our members to interact with girls in our community twice a month and educate them on a variety of topics including financial literacy, healthy relationships, nutrition, etiquette, and voluntarism. While all sessions this year were virtual in partnership with the Volunteers of America Teen Club, volunteers were still able to provide interactive programs to help the girls form lasting mentor relationships while learning valuable life lessons.

FUND DEVELOPMENT

1933 SOCIETY

In our fifth year of raising money through our annual fund, the 1933 Society, we found these funds to be critical to our overall financial stability. Given the postponement of the Revel and the alterations that had to be made to many of our other fundraisers due to the pandemic, the support provided by members of the 1933 Society was crucial to our success. We were overwhelmed by the generous support of the over 50 individual donors that met and surpassed our fundraising goal this year.

Net Profit: \$27,304

COOKBOOK SALES

Our longest running source of income comes from cookbook sales. We are pleased to offer three unique books including the award-winning *Mardi Gras to Mistletoe* featuring 12 months of festivals, events, and more than 200 seasonal recipes. *Revel*, originally published in 1980 and then reissued in a 20th anniversary edition in 2000, has sold over 50,000 copies and includes party menus for each of the four seasons. Finally, *A Cooks Tour*, originally published in 1964, features dishes elegant enough for fine dinner parties and casual enough for picnics, and is truly a journey back into your grandmother's kitchen.

Net Profit: \$2,261

RED RIVER REVEL PEPSI SALES

The now world-famous Red River Revel Arts Festival was founded by the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier, Inc. and given to the City of Shreveport in 1976 as a bicentennial gift. The Revel is held annually in October on the Shreveport riverfront and attracts thousands of visitors to the area. The Junior League continues to support the Revel by providing over 500 volunteer hours selling Pepsi products during the festival.

Net Profit: \$7,303

PUMPKIN PATCH AT PROVENANCE

This year we held our fourth annual Pumpkin Patch at Provenance. We were able to bring back many of the fun activities that we had to pause during the pandemic, we were still able to raise funds for the League through generous sponsorships and the sale of pumpkins and surpass our fundraising numbers from previous years. Overall, we sold over \$35,000 in pumpkins!

Net Profit: \$20,893

KING CAKE CLASSIC – 10K, 5K AND FUN RUN

The King Cake Classic has become the signature racing event of the Junior League. We were able to bring back the King Cake Classic in in-person format, while also offering a virtual option for those who preferred not to participate in person. Although the weather did not cooperate, we still had many runners come out to participate, and we had extremely high registration this year!

Net Profit: \$3,370

DESIGNER BAG BINGO

The third in-person Designer Bag Bingo event was another gigantic success! The Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier was honored to host the evening at the Horseshoe Casino Riverdome. The sold-out event entertained 600 women with dinner, 10 rounds of bingo for designer handbags and dozens of raffle opportunities including a diamond earrings generously coated by Sid Potts. Through the generous sponsors, the ticket sales and raffle sales, Designer Bag Bingo was an incredible night of fund raising to support our mission and community projects.

Net Profit: \$43,886

GIVE FOR GOOD DAY

The Junior League partnered with the Community Foundation and participated in Give for Good Day. The 24-hour online giving challenge raises unrestricted funds for nonprofits in our community. This day of giving celebrates local nonprofits and allows the community an opportunity to support these valuable programs and organizations. Part of the JLSB's mission is to promote voluntarism and improve communities and participating in Give for Good is one way we celebrated generosity and elevated the conversation about philanthropy in the Shreveport-Bossier community.

Net Profit: \$148



CORPORATE SPONSORS

We are so grateful for our corporate, year-long sponsors that support our mission through monetary and in-kind donations. These sponsors include:

**The CHRISTUS Health
System Foundation,
Clarkes Jewelers,
and
Sid Potts
Fine Jewelry**



COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANTS

HIGHLAND CENTER

The Board of Directors was delighted to present local non-profit organization Highland Center with a CAP Grant in March in the amount of \$2,200 to assist with significant repairs needed for the Center's roof due to significant storms that occurred last Spring. The leak in their rook had impacted the Highland Center's ability to safely prepare meals in their kitchen for their clients. The League was thrilled to cover the cost of these roof repairs, and the Highland Center was very grateful for our help.

FINANCIAL REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$731,590
Accounts receivable	\$0
Inventory	\$52,600
Property and equipment	\$434,109
Long-term Investments	\$0

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$1,218,299</u>
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Long-term debt	\$0
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$18,689
Deferred revenue	\$40,190

TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$58,879</u>
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NET ASSETS	<u>\$1,159,420</u>
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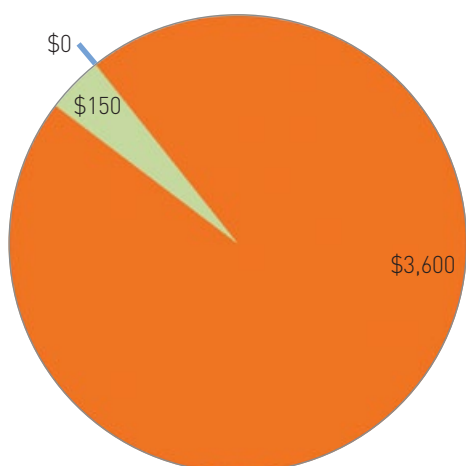
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CAP GRANTS

The Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier operates a Community Assistance Program (CAP) whose purpose is to provide monetary grants for short-term critical needs of nonprofits in the Shreveport-Bossier area.

2021-2022 CAP GRANT RECIPIENTS

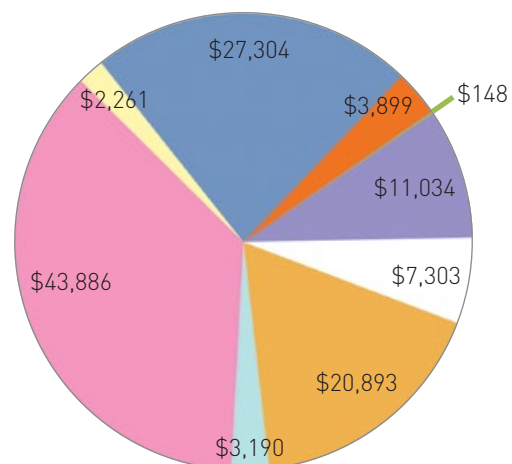
Highland Center	\$2,200
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MEMBER TRAINING, EDUCATION, & ENGAGEMENT

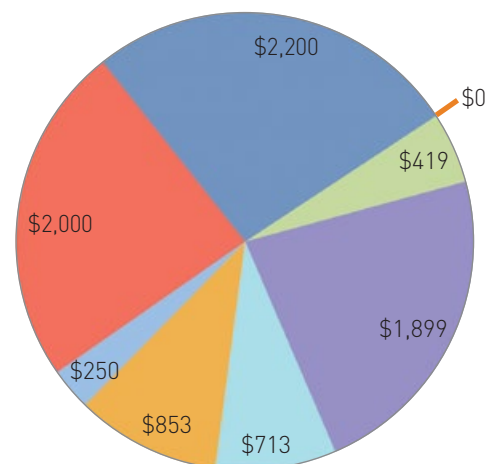
AJLI Winter Conference	\$0
JLSB New Member Training	\$3,600
JLSB Member Training and Education	\$150

FUND DEVELOPMENT



1933 Society Sponsorship	\$27,304
Individual Donations	\$3,899
Give for Good Donations	\$148
Corporate Donations	\$11,034
Red River Revel Pepsi Commission	\$7,303
Pumpkin Patch (net)	\$20,893
King Cake Classic (net)	\$3,190
Designer Bag Bingo (net)	\$43,886
Cookbook Sales (net)	\$2,261

COMMUNITY PROJECTS



Community Assistance Grants	\$2,200
Health Literacy Initiative	\$0
MAGIC	\$419
Red Apron Pantry	\$1,899
Red River Revel Arts Education	\$713
Safe Sitter	\$853
Super Safety Saturday	\$250
Scholarships	\$2,000



Thank you to our 2021-2022 1933 Society donors!

LEAGUE LEADERS

Betsy V Boze and Broox Boze
Nancy Cosse
Kim Foret

Rosemary Pate Lafargue
Judy McColgan
Lynn S. Roos

Leslie Scott
Peggy Murphy and Carolyn Murphy Thompson
Edie Williams

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MISSION: The Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

VISION: The Junior League: Women Around the World as Catalysts for Lasting Community Change.

OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION: The 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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2021-2022 VOLUNTEERS OF THE *Year*



Margaret McDonald

BRIANNA ATKINSON & JESSICA LATIN



Each year at our May Celebration and Annual Meeting, the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier honors a Volunteer of the Year. This woman is selected from members who have received at least one “Leading Lady” nomination over the course of the League year. Nominations are based primarily upon outstanding performance and visibility within the League. The recipient of this award is a member who has demonstrated the principles espoused in the JLSB’s mission and vision statement. Her spirit and nature should reflect a positive image of the League.

For the 2021-2022 League year, we could not limit ourselves to just one Volunteer of the Year—we had two! Both women went above and beyond the job description of her placement.

BRIANNA ATKINSON, Member Engagement Chair

When speaking about Brianna, 2021-2022 President Sarah Giglio shared, “Something I really wanted to focus on this year was the member experience. Coming out of COVID, I was hearing, especially from newer Actives, that they weren’t feeling as plugged in as they might hope, and that their connection to the League wasn’t as strong as it could be. Enter Brianna Atkinson. Brianna came in as Member Engagement Chair and blew it out of the water. She organized mom playdates, fitness group activities, happy hours, and a Bunco group (which I hear is the BEST time), just to name a few. I don’t know how she had the time to attend all of these, much less organize them.”

JESSICA LATIN, Provisional Director

When presenting Jessica with the Volunteer of the Year award, 2021-2022 President Sarah Giglio noted, “I’ve never seen Jessica without a smile. Nothing rattles her, and she handles every obstacle thrown her way with grace. She guided our large Provisional class through a successful year, and our retention of this year’s Provisional class is very high—which I think is largely attributable to Jessica’s leadership. The League relies on great Provisional classes—that is how we keep going! Not only has Jessica been a great Provisional Chair for this year, but she has also recruited heavily for next year’s class.”

Thank you to Brianna and Jessica for improving our membership experiences. This honor is well-deserved!

2021-2022

President's Award

Sarah Giglio



JENNIFER HART



AMANDA DEWETT



At our May dinner meeting at the Petroleum Club, we recognized members for their efforts all year. We congratulated Provisionals moving into their Active years; we thanked members for five and 10 years of service. And it was also the perfect time to present the President's Award for 2021-2022. Each year the President gets to select someone who has been instrumental to her presidency. This year I selected two women who were so deserving of the President's Award for not only their contribution to the League, but because of how they truly impacted my year as President.

The first woman to receive the President's Award was **Jennifer Hart**, our Membership VP, who quietly and almost always behind the scenes, handled all sorts of member requests, questions, transfers, and other issues. She did it without complaint and with a smile.

Jennifer was the chair of my first placement in my first Active year. She has always been so kind and organized. As President, there are many, many issues that you are asked to handle, but Jennifer often solved problems for me before I was even aware that it was out there. She is what I hope all of our members strive to be, and I couldn't have done my President year without her.

The second President's Award went to **Amanda Dewett**, our Designer Bag Bingo chair this year. She made that event a huge success, and frankly she did not need much help from me. She was so organized, took charge, and was ready for Designer Bag Bingo and executed it flawlessly.

Designer Bag Bingo is truly a year-round placement that requires so much work. It is a lot of pressure and Amanda handled the stress of a public-facing, high-pressure event beautifully. Designer Bag Bingo completely sold out. We sold over \$17,000 in raffle tickets alone, and netted almost \$44,000 for the League to continue to support our community programs.

Our League is lucky to have both Jennifer and Amanda, and it was my distinct pleasure to give each of them a President's Award this year.

90TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY
APRIL 29, 2023
AT THE SHREVEPORT CLUB

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2021-2022

Scholarship Recipients

Sarah Giglio



MARY OSBORN



ABIGAIL PETERMANN

As we do every year at the JLSB, the League presented scholarships to two outstanding young female students—one from Caddo and one from Bossier—at our End of Year Celebration in May. The entire process of awarding scholarships to local students was one of my very favorite parts of being League President. Of course, it is always nice to do something to help someone else work toward their goals, but also we receive many, many applications for these scholarship every year, and without fail there are so many deserving young women in our community. It really is a wonderful reminder of the outstanding, smart community servants we have right here in Shreveport-Bossier.

First we recognized **Mary Osborn**, a senior from C.E.

Byrd High school. Mary will attend the University of Tennessee in the fall. Mary has served at least 400 hours of community service in her senior year alone. She worked tirelessly at local non-profit Common Ground, has donated blood, and organized school canned food drives and other events, even throughout the pandemic. She plans to become a veterinarian. The women of the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier are so proud of what Mary has accomplished and what she will continue to accomplish.

Our second scholarship went to **Abigail Petermann**, a senior from Benton High School, who plans to attend Northwestern State University in the fall and is a member of National Honor Society, Beta Club, and is very active in her church at St. Jude. In particular, we noted that Abigail participates in her church's "Super Saturday," where they take food to low-income families who are food insecure or who might otherwise not be fed. The JLSB Board was impressed with that particular community service as we have our own Red Apron Pantry. We are so proud of Abigail, and were thrilled to present her with this scholarship.



Mary Osborn



Abigail Petermann

ARTIST FOR A *Day*



Emily Oliver

The arrival of fall is a special time. Not only does it signal the arrival of cooler weather (we can dream!) and the return of some amazing community events, it marks the beginning of a new League year. In fact, fall is my favorite time in the Junior League. I love the excitement of the first meeting where you get to catch up with members you haven't seen in months and meet some of the new Provisionals. I enjoy hanging out at the Revel slinging Pepsi with friends and seeing everyone's adorable photos at the Pumpkin Patch. Recently, I've had the opportunity to be involved with another long-standing fall JLSB tradition: Artist for a Day.

If you are not familiar with Artist for a Day, let me give you a brief rundown. The committee works throughout the summer to plan educational art projects with the goal of introducing STEAM concepts to children at the Red River Revel. These hands-on art projects expose Revel visitors to a variety of mediums, skills, and types of art. The Artist for a Day (AFAD) tent is a place where both parents and children can engage in the artistic process and help children understand how the professional artists they see at the Revel create their work. This year we are also branching out to partner with the JLSB event Super Safety Saturday and will have crafts available there as well.

This October we are hosting crafts that highlight four different areas of art: dance, visual, theatre, and music. Junior League volunteers set out craft materials for each child who comes to the AFAD tent and help them complete the entire project from beginning to end. Each craft is also accompanied by an educational curriculum. The curriculum helps each volunteer ask questions and start a discussion with the children they are assisting to foster additional art and STEAM education.

For example, the craft that represents music this year is a pair of Easter egg maracas. Children will choose a filler material—such as rice, beans, or beads—for their two Easter eggs. Two plastic spoons are then affixed to each Easter egg using washi tape. The project allows learners to choose the materials they would like to use, practice construction of the instrument, and select their tape colors to create the desired pattern on the maraca. While working on these, vol-

unteers will ask questions such as: "what other instruments can you think of and how do they make noise?," "how does the maraca filled with rice sound different than the maraca filled with beans?," and "what rhythms can you make with the two different sounds?" The crafts will change each day and our goal is for every visitor to leave with a deeper understanding of the artistic process.

The benefits of arts education extend well beyond craft time. Studies show that children who participate in the arts are likely to exhibit improved academic performance and mental health outcomes. Here are just a few ways arts education benefits children:

- **Art promotes creative thinking and problem solving.** The process of working on an art project involves making choices, coming to conclusions, second-guessing decisions, and evaluating results.
- **Art engages all of the senses—sight, sound, touch, smell, and taste—and encourages neural connections.**
- **Arts and crafts projects build fine motor skills.** It is a fun way to work on dexterity and hand-eye coordination.
- **Art materials provide a safe outlet for emotions and allow children to express themselves in a way they may not be able to with words.**
- **Art helps everyone connect.** It creates common ground between children (and adults) who may not share many interests. It can help people of all ages, races, abilities, languages, and cultures engage in a shared activity.

Additionally, the National Endowment for the Arts shares important data on how arts education impacts academic outcomes and the economy:

- Involvement in the arts is associated with gains in math, reading, cognitive ability, critical thinking, and verbal skill.
- Students from low socioeconomic backgrounds in grades 8-12 who received arts education were three times more likely to earn a bachelor's degree than students who lacked those experiences.
- In 2020, arts and cultural production contributed 876.7 billion dollars to the U.S. economy, accounting for 4.2% of the nation's GDP.
- 4.6 million people worked in the arts and cultural industries in the U.S. in 2020.

Arts are an integral part of each child's education and are important to helping individuals and cultures thrive. The AFAD committee is working hard to bring a dynamic educational art experience to children in our community. We hope

to pique students' interest in art and motivate them to explore other opportunities to engage in art in their schools, homes, and community. We look forward to seeing you and your young artists soon at the Artist for a Day tent! Since 1976, the Red River Revel has served as the Bicentennial gift to the City of Shreveport. While this might be a well-known fact to our members, be sure to tell friends and family, as it is often a pleasant surprise!

WHERE TO FIND US

Super Safety Saturday

Saturday, September 24

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Sheriff's Safety Town

Red River Revel

Saturday, October 1 through Sunday, October 9

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LEAGUE *Legacies*



Ashley Morgan

MOTHER: BRENDA D. MOSLEY

DAUGHTER: ASHLEY FRAZIER-MORGAN

Ashley: I joined the League in 2020—right in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic! A group of my childhood and college friends wanted to have an opportunity to give back to our community. We knew that with our busy family and professional lives this would be the perfect opportunity to get to know other like-minded individuals, while also having an opportunity to work alongside each other.

Brenda: I joined the Junior League last year (2021) as a Provisional Member. I wanted a way to continue my growth and pursue other leadership opportunities outside of my career. I also wanted to become more educated on the needs of our community, and give back by utilizing my time and talents.

Brenda: This year I am excited to be involved in my first placement as Family Fun Zone Assistant for Super Safety Saturday! I have met several Active members while working in this placement—everyone has been very helpful. Last year during my Provisional year, I observed numerous placements and my favorite was working the Safe Sitter with my daughter, Ashley. I was so disappointed that this placement was sunset; however, if it came back I would love to be a part of it. I enjoyed the reactions from the children. Working with children is my passion as I have spent most of my professional career working with young adults, and I have treasured every moment.

Ashley: Since my mom is beginning her first year as an Active, we haven't

had an opportunity to work alongside each other very long. However, last year in my placement, Safe Sitter, my mom actually came and observed our program. We had a blast working with the students, and with each other—this year we're looking forward to working together through the Super Safety Saturday placement! My mom and I are very close so working together in JLSB helps us create everlasting memories, and a legacy to leave for my daughter to become a part of one day.

Ashley: All of the placements in the League are so rewarding! The one that I've enjoyed the most was the Safe Sitter program. The students learned so many valuable lessons that they'll be able to use for many years to come. Oftentimes, children aren't properly equipped to be left alone with younger siblings, family members, or friends; however, the skills learned through this program prepare young entrepreneurs on the correct way to become awesome sitters.



SUPER SAFETY

Saturday



Courtney McBee

September means many different things to many people. School is back in session, football is starting again, and people are gearing up for whatever sort of fall Louisiana brings. With the onset of the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier's new League year, members have many things to look forward to in the fall each year, and one of the first is Super Safety Saturday at Sheriff's Safety Town!

Sheriff's Safety Town opened in 2008 as an initiative of Caddo Parish Sheriff Steve Prator to help educate local children on safety in many different areas, such as road safety, weather safety, being familiar with using 9-1-1, pedestrian safety, and more. At the time of opening, the JLSB was celebrating its 75th anniversary, and was able to donate \$75,000 to assist in constructing an outdoor pavilion inside the Safety Town facility. Endeavoring to incorporate pieces of Shreveport landmarks into the facility, Lt. Richard Corbett stated that "the block seating is reminiscent of the Barnwell Center and the tarps are similar to the style of the tarps at the old Sportran Bus Station." Each year students from around the Ark-La-Tex get the chance to visit Safety Town with their schools.

After two years of virtual activities, the Super Safety Saturday Committee was very happy to bring SSS back as an in-person event! On Saturday, September 24, visitors came out to Safety Town and participated in a variety of events.

The Committee worked very hard over the summer months to coordinate returning participants, add some new ones to the event, and provided a little something for the whole family.

At check-in, 200 children received goody bags to collect items from local vendors. In the Health and Safety Fair area, local vendors promoted a wide variety of health services, including dental and orthodontics, immunizations, trauma, fire prevention, healthy eating, library services, child IDs, and more. This year, Super Safety Saturday collaborated with Artist for a Day as part of the Family Fun Zone, where families enjoyed inflatables, listening to stories, getting faces painted, and enjoyed snacks from local food trucks. The ever-popular Touch-A-Truck was back in full force with a wide variety of vehicles from motorcycles, a mail truck, electric bus, helicopter, and other safety vehicles. Lastly, families were able to visit the inside of Safety Town to see the Weather House. Every 30 minutes, the Weather House simulates severe thunderstorm, tornado, and fire conditions.

The JLSB was so happy to present Super Safety Saturday as in-person event this year. Stay tuned for photos showing our members bringing this successful event back to the community.

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CHELSEA FRANKLIN ADCOCK

Hometown: Austin, TX

Placement: Board of Directors Secretary

Years in Junior League: Going into my ninth year

What has been your favorite thing about relocating Leagues? Bringing my learnings from one League to another. For example, the Austin League is/was extremely focused on having its membership mirror the City of Austin's demographics. I served on the Membership Task Force for the Fort Worth League's Strategic Plan and I was able to share how the Austin League worked toward recruiting and retaining diverse and representative Provisional classes.

What placements did you have back home that you'd like to share about? One of my favorite placements was volunteering in the music room at the Boys and Girls Club of Tarrant County. It was an after-school program that served as a safe space for kids to be kids and for them to explore their creativity through music. It was fun to watch them succeed and

surprise themselves with their talent! I could see their confidence grow over the school/League year.

What has been the biggest adjustment relocating? I moved to Shreveport to be with my now husband and the biggest adjustment was creating my own network of friends and connections outside of his. It was important to me when I first moved here to have my own identity. I didn't want to just be viewed as and referred to as Josh's girlfriend/fiancé. The League enabled me to continue giving back and connect with like-minded women!

What has been the most exciting thing about your new city? The people! My neighbors were quick to introduce themselves when I moved here, which, unfortunately, didn't happen when I moved around in Austin and Fort Worth. I also appreciate the much shorter commutes! It frees me up to spend more time doing things I like.

Hometown: Little Rock, AR (transferred to JLSB from Memphis, TN)

Placement: Membership VP

Years in Junior League: This is my 11th year

What has been your favorite thing about relocating Leagues? I've loved meeting new people and learning about my community and its needs.

What placements did you have back home that you'd like to share about? My favorite placement from Memphis was MAM (Memphis Athletic Ministries). The organization was a (mainly male focused) after-school program that used sports

to provide a safe environment for at-risk youth. We focused our energy on starting a program with the girls that gave them their own space apart from the boys.

What has been the biggest adjustment relocating? Shreveport's city size is much smaller than Memphis, so some of the things you get used to in a bigger city aren't here.

What has been the most exciting thing about your new city? The most exciting thing is having so much of my and my husband's family so close and being able to watch our children grow up.



CATHERINE GUIDRY



DEVON KNECHT LEON

Hometown: Natchitoches, LA

Placement: Community Council VP

Years in Junior League: This is my fifth Active year. I spent my Provisional year and two Active years in the Junior League of Lafayette before transferring to JLSB.

What has been your favorite thing about relocating Leagues? My favorite thing has been getting to meet and spend time with a different group of like-minded women while also getting the opportunity to participate in a different set of community programs. I was interested and intrigued in how similar but also how very different two Leagues from the same state were ran.

What placements did you have back home that you'd like to share about? I spent my two Active years in Lafayette serving as a volunteer and then Chairwoman for our Junior Quiz Bowl community program. We would spend two Wednesdays every month during the school year putting on and running

the quiz bowl matches for the local junior high students. I was always really impressed by how prepared the students were and how grateful they seemed for us to be aiding their drive and love for academic study.

What has been the biggest adjustment relocating? The biggest adjustment was losing my village and the community that I had built. It was definitely challenging transferring during the middle of COVID-19 pandemic when nothing was as it had been. It was hard at first to find that community/family feeling that I want out of my League experience due to everything being virtual.

What has been the most exciting thing about your new city? The most exciting thing has been being closer to our family. It has been a blessing watching my children build a deeper relationship with our family members who are now practically in our backyard.

Memorable Moments



JLSB Provisional
Class of 2020 Reunion



JLSB booth at
Farmers' Market



Red Apron Pantry

Tailgating

What better fall combination than Junior League Cookbooks, Tailgating, and Farmers' Markets?!

Emerie Gentry, one of our JLSB members, manages the Shreveport Farmers' Market and invited JL cookbooks to have a booth and do a live cooking demonstration. Well, we took her up on the offer!

We had six great volunteers at the booth: Emily Batte, Angie McCain, Brenda Mosley, Samantha Snyder, Jennifer Hamer, and Nicole Odom. Margaret McDonald and Alex Person did the live demonstration making a great Blueberry Salsa from page 95 of the *Mardi Gras to Mistletoe* cookbook.

Bianca Stakes won our cookbook bundle drawing at the market. She loves to cook and plans to gift *Revel* to her Mom. When she completes her graduate work, she plans to consider JL membership.

Fall is THE time for tailgating—as you can see in the September pages of *MTM*. Neil Johnson's photographs of Natchitoches Meat Pies (page 153), Superior Grill's Chili Con Queso (page 144), Chocolate Zucchini Bread (page 146), London Grill Po-Boys (page 151), and Roasted Rosemary Potato Salad (page 149) sets the perfect tailgate. Neil has even autographed some *MTM*, making them even more special gifts or coffee table books.

Revel and *Cook's Tour* are not to be left out of the tailgating and fall cooking. *Revel* has a section with parties and events just for fall! *Cook's Tour* has all our favorite comfort foods and recipes we remember our moms and grandmothers cooking for us for tailgating and fall get-togethers.

Cookbooks have been making friends with lots of merchants in town whose customers love them. Agora Borealis and Sanctuary Glass Blowing on Lake Street are two of those beautiful art stores where cookbooks can be purchased. Be sure to visit.

Don't forget you can now bundle all three cookbooks for a 20% discount!

We have also been swapping popular cookbooks like *Mansions to Marshes* with the Junior League of Lake Charles and *Something to Talk About* with the Junior League of Lafayette. We look forward to more swaps to have different selections for our members and shoppers.

We look forward to having cookbooks back out at Pumpkin Patch this year with some wonderful pumpkin and fall recipes.

Holiday gift giving is just around the corner, too!



Bianca Stakes won our cookbook bundle drawing at the Shreveport Farmers' Market!



BLUEBERRY SALSA

Mardi Gras to Mistletoe, p. 95

2 cups fresh blueberries, chopped
 1 cup fresh whole blueberries
 1/3 cup chopped red bell pepper
 1/4 cup chopped onion
 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
 2 jalapeño chiles, seeded and minced
 1/2 teaspoon salt

Combine the chopped blueberries, whole blueberries, bell pepper, onion, lemon juice, cilantro, jalapeño chiles and salt in a bowl and mix gently. Chill, covered, in the refrigerator until serving time.

Makes 3 cups



For more information on
 Cookbook Bundles,
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Celebrations



Arielle Kendall *(Active)* got engaged to Austin Roche. Arielle and Austin plan to get married in May 2023!



Hannah Mayer *(Active)* welcomed a baby girl, Anna Grace Mayer, on March 3.

Kezia Pigford *(Active)* earned her doctorate from the University of Florida in April (Educational Technology) and started a new career as a PD Specialist for Curriculum Associates in June.



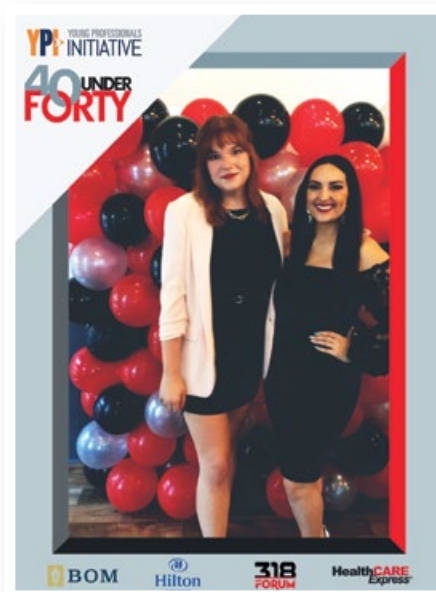
Brittainy Pope *(Active)* was named Executive Director for the Bossier Arts Council. In this role, Brittainy will continue to lead the Council's mission of cultivating the local artists within our region and provide them with opportunities and programs to grow while helping spread the gift of art within our communities!



Tiffany Sandifer *(Active)* was promoted to Director of Student Life at Bossier Parish Community College!



Chelsa Reese *(Active)* welcomed a new baby, Jackson Reese.



40 UNDER FORTY
Emily Hamann *(Active)* (L) and **Tiffany Sandifer** *(Active)* (R) were named honorees of the YPI 40 Under Forty Class of 2022!

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