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Melissa Airhart

I can hardly believe we are already more than a month into a new decade! A new decade, new year, and new season—spring—coming up. As you take inventory during this time of new beginnings, think ahead to the 2020-2021 League year.

New League Placements await. Where would you like your path to take you on your League journey? Do you have experience you would like to gain or skills you would like to hone? Consider your needs and plot your League career intentionally.

As we are halfway through the League year, this is also a great time to catch up on the hard work our members have poured into the community. Within these pages, you will find testimonials from two of this year's Provisional members. Also, in this issue—a look toward Designer Bag Bingo, check in with Safe Sitter, a King Cake Classic wrap up, and a look back at how the Provisional program has evolved over the years. We also spotlight a member who is effecting big changes to improve the quality of life for all.

As you read about the positive and enduring impact the League and its members have on the community, also consider your individual contribution and where your talents may best serve next year and in the future.



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#### "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

This well-known quote by Helen Keller certainly rings true for our League. Each of us are parts of a whole that allow our League to make an impact on the Shreveport-Bossier community. Our collectivity is the key to our success.

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Every single member, each "part" of the League, is important to the mission and the collective body work of the League. Service on a committee in any position lends support for the success of the project or event. No single one of us can accomplish any bit of everything, but when we work together, we can accomplish a lot. This year, we have accomplished a lot by working together. Here's what we've been up to over these last couple of months:

Our King Cake Classic 5K - 10K - Fun Run at Red River Brewing was a huge success, thanks to the dedicated efforts and energy of the committee and the support of its sponsors. We appreciate each of you who ran the race or joined the fun! Our next Fund Development event, Designer Bag Bingo at the Horseshoe Casino Riverdome on April 9, 2020, will round out our fundraising efforts for this League year. Please make plans to join us for this fantastic "Girls' Night Out" event! Also, our three "year-round" community projects—MAGIC, Red Apron Pantry, and Safe Sitter—have continued to meet, plan, and undertake their objectives with much success.

Sustainer at Large Lee Davis, Sustainer Advisor Jodi Penn Rives, and the entire Sustainer Panel have gone above and beyond this year to support the League, and to encourage their peers to do so as well. With their help, the 1933 Society, which is our annual fundraising campaign for those members who wish to have a structured way to donate to the League while receiving some great benefits, flourished this year. In January, Jodi graciously hosted members of the 1933 Society in her beautiful home and served delicious appetizers from our very own cookbooks. At the party, we were treated with a visit from AJLI Treasurer Olivia Thomas, who is one of the most delightful and knowledgeable people I have had the pleasure of meeting. It was wonderful to share the company of women making up all generations of our membership, who have a shared passion and dedication for our League!

While we have accomplished much in these months of the 2019-20 League year, we have also been planning for the future of the League and particularly the next League year. Our President-Elect, President-Elect-Elect, and Executive Vice-President-Elect have been brainstorming for an impactful 2020-21 League year, and recently attended AJLI's Winter Conference to receive necessary training for their leadership roles. The Operational Planning committee has begun meeting to determine the roadmap for implementing their goals, particularly determining the necessary placements and Fund Development commitments for the 2020-21 League year. At the February General Membership meeting, the overall picture of this planning was presented to the membership, in preparation for voting at the next meeting.

The Nominating Committee has also been busy over the last several weeks. Our advisors spent significant time meeting with active members in one-on-one interviews to ensure member satisfaction and gather information on member interests. They used this information to form a slate of leaders dedicated to moving our mission forward and presented the slate at the February GMM. Huge thanks and kudos to the Nominating Committee for their excellent work on the slate of leaders for the 2020-21 League year!

As you can see, the members of our League have accomplished much in these "quiet" months after the holidays and at the beginning of the year. None of those things happen without the contribution of every person involved. Whether a committee member or a provisional participating in her observation of our League placements, every single member is important to the League and makes significant and meaningful contributions to the League, each in her own way. It takes all of us—Sustainers, Actives, and Provisionals—to make the League's work meaningful and impactful. And together, we are doing so much!

#### Ratherine Douthitt

Katherine Douthitt 2019-2020 President





Thank you to this year's members of the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier 1933 Society. Your support helps move our mission forward!

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**TO REMEMBER** Impo

SAFE SITTER CLASS (PAID) Apr. 4 at 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Junior League Office

#### **DESIGNER BAG BINGO**

Apr. 9 at 6 p.m. Horseshoe Casino Riverdome For more information about upcoming events, login to jlsb.org and access the Member Calendar.



The Sustainer Advisory Panel has been busy the past few months. In December, we hosted a Wine and Cheese Pairing event at Cuban Gourmet Shoppes. It was a treat to learn from Cuban's chief wine steward, Mary Prejean, and the ever-knowledgeable Krisha Isles about wines and cheeses that would be perfect for the holiday season. We had door prizes from Cuban and Sid Potts Fine Jewelers, and everyone had a festive time. Thank you so much to Marti and Ron Lepow for opening Cuban to our Sustainers and their friends. Marti is a Sustainer and continues to volunteer in our community. She is currently serving as President of the Shreveport Garden Study Club where they have a full slate of activities this Spring.

I had the privilege of hosting the 1933 Society in my home in January. The 1933 Society provides the opportunity for our membership to support the League at a higher level. I invited Association of Junior Leagues International Treasurer Olivia Thomas to speak to the 1933 Society members. Olivia provided a brief update from the Association informing attendees about the Executive Director search following the retirement of Susan Danish and also gave an update on our Association staff and headquarters in New York. The following morning, Olivia met with League leaders at the JLSB office and toured the Red Apron Pantry.

We honored Sustainer of the Year Sybil Patten at the Sustainer of the Year Luncheon at East Ridge Country Club on February 27. And, we hope many of you will join us for Designer Bag Bingo, which supports League projects and training initiatives, on April 9. For more information on both events, please contact Amy King at the Junior League office.



SUSTAINER HUNDLINCEME

**Susan P. Adams –** Serves as the Second Vice President on the Board of Directors for the Glen Retirement System and on the Board of Trustees for First United Methodist Church.

**Ellen Alley –** Elected to Vestry at St. Mark's Cathedral for a four-year term and serves as Town Committee Chairman for the National Society of Colonial Dames in America.

Knox M. Goodman – Serves on the Community Ministries Committee at St. Mark's Cathedral and is a member of the Shreveport Symphony Board of Directors. Also serves as a Shreveport Green volunteer for the Great American Cleanup.

**Theresa M. Meldrum –** Serves as Secretary of the Shreveport Garden Study Club and is a member of the Arc Caddo-Bossier Foundation.

**Peggy Murphy –** Serves as Chairman for the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women event on Feb. 27. She also serves as the Chairman for Louisiana Public Broadcasting's Legends Gala on Mar. 26.

Michele Q=Petersen – Serves on the Volunteers of America Board.

Jan Querbes – Serves on the Shreveport Opera Board.

**Julia C. Sippel –** Serves on the First United Methodist Church Altar Board.

**Kelly Kilpatrick Turner –** Serves as the Vice President on the Arc Caddo-Bossier Foundation Board and also serves on the JLSB Sustainer Board.





## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

#### CHRISTUS SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER HEALTH SYSTEM PHYSICIANS

The March General Membership Meeting will be held at Christus Highland Medical Center and will feature a panel of distinguished Christus physicians for a Question & Answer session just for the JLSB. Get your questions ready for this all-female physician panel focusing on the fact that "Self-Care is Key."

- Dr. Jode Jann Burgin, Family Practice
- Dr. Marjorie Chelly, Orthopedic Surgeon (not pictured)
- Dr. Julie Mook Broadwell, Breast Surgeon
- Dr. Neelima Chintapalli, Hematology/Oncology
- Dr. Mary Mancini, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeon
- Dr. Gretchen Petterway, Pediatrics





#### VERNI HOWARD, Executive Director of the Providence House

Verni Howard will speak at our April General Membership Meeting on "Empowerment by Experience," specifically the important ways that her journey has been shaped by her faith. The April GMM will be held in Suite E at the JLSB Office at noon.

Verni Howard is a native of Shreveport, Louisiana and the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Williams. After more than 18 years of corporate and non-profit banking experience including Regions Bank, Whitney Bank, and JPMorgan Chase, Verni became the new Executive Director of Providence House in December 2015.

In addition to her professional career, she has served on 15 major boards of directors across the country including East Baton Rouge Parish Redevelopment Authority Advisory Council, Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge, Volunteers of America (Baton Rouge), Volunteers in Public Schools, Boys and Girls Club, Catholic Charities (Baton Rouge), and Downtown Development District. She has received numerous awards and recognitions, both locally and state-wide.

Above all, she is committed to God, family, and service to the community. Verni and her husband, Don, have been married for 20 years and are best friends. Together, they have the joy of parenting two fantastic children, Hannah Elizabeth and Matthew Reed. She lives by the belief that we are our brother's keeper. Her heart and hands are committed to serving others!

#### 2019-2020 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

Mar. 10 at 12 p.m., 6 p.m. *Christus Highland* Christus Physicians (Double Credit Voting Meeting) **Self-Care is Key**  Apr. 14 at 12 p.m. *League Office* Verni Howard, Providence House **Empowerment by Experience** 

May 12 at 6 p.m. Annual Meeting Celebration of 2019-2020 Year; Awards Presentation **Moving our Mission Forward!** 

Please feel free to arrive 30 minutes early for any meeting to enjoy catching up with friends and networking with new ones!



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#### KATRINA FARRIS, Active

BUSINESS

Name of your business: King Booth Photo Booth

**Do you have a business partner?** My dad, Anthony Grant, is my silent business partner. He helped fund the startup costs.

What service does your business provide? We provide lasting moments through photos with our portable open-air photo booth. We service weddings, birthday parties, and corporate events.

What niche does your business fill? My business fills the wedding entertainment niche. Photo booths are so much fun and a great addition to any party or event.

How did the business get started? I started pharmacy school back in 2017. The year before school started, I knew that I would not be able to work a full-time job and be successful in school. I knew I needed a job and it had to be something flexible and weekend based. Soon after I started my quest for the perfect venture, an ad for a photo booth company out of Dallas popped up on a sidebar of Google ads. I researched start-up costs and the basic knowledge I would need, and well, the rest is history! King Booth Photo Booth was born.

#### KING BOOTH PHOTO BOOTH

"Photo Booth Rentals in Shreveport"

What has been the biggest win for your business? The biggest win was securing my first corporate contract with the Radisson Hotel system in Dallas/ Fort Worth in early 2017. Since then, I have been able to secure repeat events with



some of the most successful corporate companies in our area.

The biggest risk and future plans? When I started this business, I had no knowledge of photography, lighting, or even a photo booth itself. Now, I think I am pretty savvy with our booth and we produce some great output—and our users have an amazing time! Gifting the business to my nephews, who currently operate the business, over the next 12 months is a great risk. We are one of the top Google search listings for a photo booth company in Shreveport/ Bossier and a have a great reputation. It's a huge risk to fully hand over ownership, operations, and daily management, but I'm excited about the new ideas they will bring and hope they take this business to even greater heights.



#### SHERIA. ROWELL, Sustainer

Name of your business: RERUNS ARE FUN / HOMERUNS

**Do you have a business partner?** Yes, our business is equally owned by Jill R. Simons and myself.

What service does your business provide? Our business is a seasonal consignment sale event, which provides a benefit to all who participate! Our consignors have the opportunity to clean out personal used but not abused items and make a profit too! They are given an awesome opportunity to purchase items for the kids and/or home at a great price. Due to the fact we are locally owned and operated, this is providing a great service to the community while also putting money back into our local community.

What niche does your business fill? We feel RERUNS ARE FUN gives many families the opportunity to provide for their children at a much more affordable price! We generally have any and everything a baby/toddler/young child could need or want. We love helping new families pick out items from a crib for the unborn baby to school clothes, shoes, and toys for the ever-growing older children.

How did the business get started? We have been in business for 23 years! At that time co-owner Jill Simons was living in Tennessee where she was introduced to the seasonal consignment sale concept. Jill came home to Shreveport and ask me to join her and try the same concept in Shreveport. RERUNS ARE FUN was formed!

What has been the biggest win for your business? The biggest "win" for RERUNS ARE FUN is seeing the positive impact the business has had on the community. We have had the privilege to watch many children grow up through RERUNS from birth to adulthood!

**The biggest risk?** The biggest risk we have faced through the years was expanding our consignment sale from just child-related items to include items for the home too. In 2008, we launched a



new division within RERUNS ARE FUN called HOMERUNS. Our HOMERUNS division has consignment items for the home including home decor, furniture, kitchen ware, linens, seasonal items, and more. The expansion was well received and has added a positive addition to our business!

**Recent accomplishment?** We are always looking for new ideas on ways to benefit our community. At the suggestion of one of our longtime helpers, we tried something new and it was and continues to be our favorite part of the sale! At the end of our sale event, consignors are given the choice to pick up their items that have not sold or donate these items to local charities. We recently established our "Donation Day" to be a day where foster families can come in and shop for FREE for items which could benefit their foster children. While foster parents shop for clothes, shoes, furniture, equipment, and other necessities, the children are welcomed and encouraged to shop for toys, books, etc. ALL foster families within the Ark-La-Tex are invited and welcome! All remaining items are donated to local charities!

Our upcoming sale event will begin Mar. 5 and we will receive items 3/5-3/7. RERUNS ARE FUN will be open to the public from 3/9-3/16. HOMERUNS will open from 3/11-3/16. For more info and updates, see our FB page: RERUNS ARE FUN / HOMERUNS or our website at www.rerunsarefun.com.

#### ERIN WALKER, Active

Name of your business: Erin Walker, DDS Family Dentistry

What service does your business provide? My office provides comprehensive dental care for the whole family. We perform routine dental cleanings and exams, and when treatment is necessary, we are able to do fillings, crowns, cosmetic dentistry, implant restoration, root canal therapy, and many other services.

What niche does your business fill? Over the last decade, corporate dentistry has become very popular. I believe there is still a place for small, privately-owned offices that don't have several patients in different rooms at the same time. We work at a relaxed pace in a comfortable environment to ensure that we build relationships with all of our patients.

**How did you come to own the business?** I bought my dental office over three years ago, after working as an associate dentist for five years. After dental school, I worked in Dallas in a large corporate dental office with a massive staff, and I knew that type of busy practice was not for me. The existing practice that I purchased was established in Shreveport more than 30 years ago, and the previous dentist was ready to retire. When I saw the office, I knew it was the perfect size for me. I took the leap, and it was a smooth transition into ownership. I was able to give the office a facelift with a fresh coat of paint and new decor, and I was able to make digital and technological upgrades in order to modernize our clinical approach to dentistry.

What has been the biggest win for your business? Business ownership has given me freedom. I am performing the dental care that I want to be performing in a space that I have been able to

make my own. As we bring new patients into our office, I feel very proud to see growth in our dental family.



owning a business as a dental practitioner are the added responsibilities and increased financial risk. Practicing dentistry, in itself, is hard work, even for non-owners. Throwing in payroll, bookkeeping, bills, taxes, and management just adds extra work. It is all worth it, however, for those of us who want to be independent.

**Future plans?** I am excited to grow my business and welcome new patients to the office. We will continue to update our technology and techniques so that we can provide our patients with the best care possible!





Stephanie Foster

#### Q & A WITH MOTHER-DAUGHTER DUO, PEGGY & CAROLYN MURPHY

Their legacy dates back to March 9, 1989, when now-Sustainer, Peggy Murphy, decided to attend a JLSB Provisional Interest Meeting. Ironically, she attended this meeting on Carolyn's due date (thankfully Carolyn arrived ten days later!). This duo has been supporting the League together ever since.

Peggy joined the League as a way to meet other women who loved serving as much as she. Growing up alongside her mother's years of service, Current Provisional Chairman Carolyn Murphy thought the Junior League was a fascinating organization, because "you had all of these women uniting for their community by giving of their time and resources to lift Shreveport-Bossier to new heights."

Carolyn joined the League in 2015 after she returned home upon completing law school and passing the Texas Bar Exam. Carolyn was looking to re-immerse herself in her hometown community while developing relationships with strong, like-minded women. The choice to volunteer her time to the city that had given her so much while growing up was easy. "The JLSB has a strong legacy for these tenets and I knew from my mother's experiences, she made a few of the greatest friendships of her life with women she met in the JLSB," said Carolyn.

#### Tell us about your family...

LEAGUE

*Carolyn:* "I am married to Graham Thompson, a petroleum engineer with Brammer Engineering."

*Peggy:* "I am married to David Murphy, a community banker with First State Bank and Trust Co. in East Texas, and have three children: Carolyn (30), Andrew (27), and Patrick (24). We also have two dogs (which actually belong to our children, but live with us), Tusk (Miniature Dachshund) and Aubrey (Husky)."

#### Do you have any other family members that are Junior League members?

*Carolyn:* "My brother Andrew's wife is a current Provisional with the Junior League of Oklahoma City. Her placement was the event planning committee for their Christmas market, Mistletoe Marketplace. Mom and I went to their preview party and were able to support her which was great fun! The JL of OKC has been a wonderful way for her to meet new friends and become acquainted with the volunteer opportunities in the area since they are new to the city with my brother's surgical residency."

### Carolyn, tell us about your experience growing up with the JLSB and the legacy you share with your mother.

"It was frequently a family affair, as it was commonplace to bring your spouse or children to events to volunteer or to social functions like the Easter Egg Hunt or Christmas Party. I found these women to be incredibly glamorous and strong. They were professional, they were mothers, wives, colleagues, friends, and they were doing whatever it took to make their city great so that those of us—my generation—could make a home in the Shreveport-Bossier area and continue to make a difference in the lives of its citizens while growing our own leadership skills.

"My mom is an inspiration. Her work ethic and desire to help others reach their maximum potential is admirable, and I hope with my own family, one day, I can emulate the same qualities and be as impactful in my community. I have thrilled in hearing about Mom's experiences with the JLSB and how it has shaped the League in which I volunteer with today. She and I share a passion for elevating Shreveport-Bossier to its best self. Whether she and I attend the Sustainer Luncheon or Designer Bag Bingo together or she is helping me by hosting the Provisional Christmas party at her house, our bond as mother and daughter has been strengthened because we share a love of community and service and the power of women."

#### What are some of your favorite JLSB memories?

"When the JLSB hosted Bargain Haul, a rummage sale held at Hirsch Coliseum, a local morning news program came to interview my mom and other League members. My mom had my siblings and I attend the interview as well. We had to arrive at the Coliseum at 5:30 a.m. and dress up in some of the rummage items. I wore a long, fur coat with a vintage pink floral hat...and then we went to school! But our treat was a pre-class Strawn's breakfast!

"I remember one evening when my dad was out of town and my mom was juggling all three of us in the house, there was a knock at the door. The current President, Maureen Gamble, and JLSB member, the late Kim Poindexter, had a bouquet of flowers and offered the role of President to my mom. My youngest brother was running through the house from room to room, while my middle brother asked her if being President meant 'she would be Queen.' That moment for me truly captures who our JLSB members are. We are full-time mothers, wives, friends, and career-women who will always add a little extra to our plates to serve our communities. Mom accepted the position and throughout her Presidency, my siblings, Dad, and I all pitched in wherever we could. "The first annual Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt was held at my parents' house in 2001. The Sustainer Outreach Committee sponsored the event. Volunteers and their families arrived to enjoy an egg hunt and delicious meal. I was recruited to be the Easter Bunny and meet and take pictures with the children. Towards the end of the event, Mom told me I could remove the rubber mask which was part of the costume as it was extremely hot. I did not realize there was one child remaining in the area and after I took off my mask, I heard a wild scream accompanied by loud sobs. I think that was the moment I ruined the imagination of the Easter Bunny for one of the attendees!"

#### Tell us about your favorite Placements...

"My mom's favorite placements included Project Research and Development (PR&D), President Elect (PE), and President. She enjoyed more in-League placements like PR&D because it allowed her to see how the JLSB works from the inside and how it implements the projects which make it impactful for others.

"Since my Provisional year in the JLSB, I have had

some very rewarding placements. I have volunteered with Between the Lines, PR&D Research Committee, MAGIC, Provisional Leadership Team, and I am currently Provisional/Admissions Chair. However, my favorite placement was Between the Lines. As an advocate for literacy and its influence on families, Between the Lines was an outlet for me to volunteer and share my passion for the written word with other JLSB members. On two Saturdays out of the month, our group would drive to the medium security facility in Vivian. We would bring a box of books and meet with inmates who qualified for the program. The inmate would select a story and record it while reading it aloud. After our visit, the story and recording would be sent to their family. I loved how the bond of family could continue to be strengthened through the power of a book, despite one family member's absence.

"We share a love of community and service and the power of women," said Carolyn. These ladies truly embody the mission of our League and share a legacy to last beyond a lifetime.



AFTER CERMONY WHERE PEGGY WAS NAMED LEAGUE PRESIDENT



PEGGY AT BARGAIN HAUL

Peggy Murphy

RESIDENT-ELECT

PR&C



CAROLYN AND PEGGY ON THE NEWS TO SPEAK ABOUT BARGAIN HAUL



CAROLYN AS EASTER BUNNY AT JLSB EGG HUNT



PEGGY AT A PEPSI SHIFT



PEGGY, HER SISTER-IN-LAW, & CAROLYN

PARISHSCOPE ARTICLE

# SUSTAINER











#### **LEVETTE FULLER**

A deep caring for her home and for her fellow Shreveport residents drives sustainer LeVette Fuller. And it led her on a journey that culminated in her election more than a year ago to serve District B on the Shreveport City Council.

LeVette spent years building her knowledge and experience and advocating for the betterment of Shreveport for all of its residents.

"I didn't know what all of it was for per se, but I needed to be involved in making the community better," she said.

LeVette joined the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier in 2013. She served in a variety of ways, including as a Provisional Director and on the Board as Secretary and Project Research & Development (her favorite placement). "What is important to me is making sure we are taking care of those who are the most vulnerable. If we're doing that—and that's part of the mission of the Junior League as well—we are becoming a stronger community for everyone," she said.

She has also served on Shreveport's Metropolitan Planning Commission, the Historic Preservation Society, the Board of Shreveport Green, the Leadership Council for Step Forward, and even founded her own group, ReForm Shreveport, which seeks to empower residents to dialogue with elected officials in order to spur positive change in our built environment (physical structures such as buildings and roads).

In her "spare time," LeVette was also a highly involved member of the Krewe of Highland which puts on the popular, kid and family friendly Highland Parade each Mardi Gras season. The group is known for its quirky, coveted throws such as hot dogs, Ramen noodles, and Moon Pies. LeVette served as Krewe Captain for several years and also spent a year as royalty as Krewe of Highland Queen XXII.

"It was something I did because I love what the parade brings to the community. You toss throws to little kids and they look so happy," she said. "I also realize it is an event that brings more people into our core for a really positive interaction than just about anything else could."

She says the training she received while an active League member enhanced the organizational skills needed to put on an event as extensive as a Mardi Gras parade, serve on a Board, or be elected to serve on the City Council. "We as women learning these skills to be the best we can be in other realms, it's been invaluable to me," she said.

Her interest in historical preservation led her to the realization that she cares about urban planning, and how a city lays out streets, sidewalks, and buildings makes a difference between residents driving, walking, or biking. "Knowing that you have to be able to talk to the people who are elected or appointed, and that they need to be held accountable...you need a vocabulary to do that. It is what led me to the point where I am now. I went from having the knowledge and being empowered to use that vocabulary, to saying, 'Okay, I've done as much as I can do from here, now I better run.'"

LeVette strives to be available and responsive to concerns raised by her constituents. Looking ahead, she says she wants to research and study ways to slow down the expansion of the city's land mass. She would also like to work towards making the city more sustainable and work on infrastructure innovations. Also high on her list: cleaning up blight and creating clean and green spaces throughout the city. She says studies show that creating a greener environment reduces crime and improves mental health conditions.

"At the end of the day, the only reason my success is important, is because I'm doing something for this community to make it better. It's looking at this community and saying the atmosphere needs to change, the environment needs to change. How do I make it better? What's the next thing I can do that's going to improve these circumstances?"

Prior to her election, Levette was a librarian at Shreve Memorial Library. Always on the go, she was also a contributing writer for *Heliopolis*, officiates weddings, and teaches choreography to students at Byrd High School.



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Kezia Pigford

#### "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." - Elizabeth Andrew

Our 2019-2020 League year has been full of exciting events, community outreach, and member achievements, with even more special moments to come. It's hard to believe it is already time to begin considering and selecting your volunteer placement for the 2020-2021 League year.

As always, the Junior League is committed to increasing the capacity of its members through training opportunities and voluntarism. The placement process is another opportunity for members to showcase their talents and seek out opportunities to develop new skills. For our Provisionals (and soon to be Actives), this is your time to chart the course for your League career.

#### Choosing your placement

There are many things to consider when selecting your choices for placement. First, take time and read the entire Placement Handbook. A digital copy can be found under the Resources Tab at the top of the Digital Cheetah homepage. Be sure to read the entire description of the placements that interest you prior to ranking your top four choices.

When selecting your placements of interest, please remember you may only choose a maximum of two roles from one placement or committee. For example, you may select two different roles from King Cake Classic but your remaining two choices must come from other placements such Super Safety Saturday or Designer Bag Bingo.

It is of the utmost importance to consider the amount of time you have to dedicate to the League for the 2020-2021 year, along with any special skills, experience, or talents that may be beneficial to a particular placement. Also, consider any new skills you would like to learn. If you need help identifying these skills, utilize the "Planning Your JLSB Career" document found in the Placement Handbook and under the Resources tab on Digital Cheetah.

Make a mental note of any upcoming life events that may affect your ability to complete your placement, such as changes in work schedules, academic studies, pregnancy, etc. Feel free to include this information in the Comments section of the Online Placement process. Providing this information assists the Placement Committee in finding the best placement to fit your life needs and desires for the upcoming year.

If you have additional questions about a particular placement, feel free to reach out to the committee or placement's current Council Vice President, Head Volunteer, or Chairman. She can provide more specific details to assist in making your choices.

#### **The Placement Process**

After the January Advisor meetings and the nomination process are completed, the nominating committee works feverishly to place members into slated positions. After this is completed, the JLSB placement handbook is updated and the Online Placement process begins.

After the placement window closes, the Placement Committee will then review all member submissions. It is not always possible to give every member her top placement choice. In the event several members express interest in the same placements, the following criteria will be used when filling positions:

- Attended AJLI training specifically related to requested placement
- Prior chairmanship
- Satisfactorily completing previous placements
- Years of service
- Meeting financial obligations on time
- Meeting attendance

Every effort will be made to give each member one of her top four choices. For this reason, it is important to only rank placements you have a genuine interest in completing. Each member <u>must be prepared to be placed in any of her</u> <u>four choices selected</u>. It is also important to note that first year Actives are required to complete a community placement.

If you have any questions about the Online Placement Process or placement in general, please contact your Advisor. If you need contact information for your Advisor, her information may be found on the right-hand side of your Digital Cheetah home page under Contact Info. You are also welcome to contact me at klpigford@gmail.com with any questions. Please include 'Placement' in the subject line.

I encourage you to be mindful of our mission and intentional as you make your placement choices. A Greek proverb states, "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in." In our case, it's not old men, but young women planting seeds across our community that will grow into trees of empowerment, education, hope, and leadership. Your placement decisions will have a mighty impact on our community, as well as your personal growth, throughout your journey through the League.



National Volunteer Week was first established in the United States by presidential proclamation in 1974 and is now organized by Points of Light, which is the world's largest organization dedicated to volunteer service. Points of Light describes National Volunteer Week as an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities, and to be a force that transforms the world. This closely mirrors the Junior League's mission to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women, and improve communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

NATIONAL VOLUNTE

This year, the United States will observe National Volunteer Week from April 19 to 25, and the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier has more than 600 members to celebrate! During the 2018-2019 League year, our Active and Provisional members provided over 13,000 hours of service to the betterment our community. Also, our Sustainers continue to impact our community with the skills they developed during their Active years in the Junior League. Thank you to all of our Provisionals, Actives, and Sustainers for your commitment to voluntarism and for the time and energy you contribute to volunteering!

#### **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS**

The Volunteer of the Year Committee asks that you celebrate National Volunteer Week by nominating a fellow Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier member for the Volunteer of the Year award. At our end-of-the-year celebration in May, we will recognize this year's award recipient. When considering who to nominate, please keep in mind that the JLSB would like to honor a volunteer who:

- Is an Active member in good standing;
- Possesses outstanding performance visibility within the League (of secondary and less importance is her involvement in and commitment to organizations outside of League);
- Demonstrates the principles espoused in JLSB's mission and vision statement and whose spirit and nature reflect a positive image of JLSB;
- Exceeds the expectations of general membership with unsurpassed interest in voluntarism and a commitment to community service; and
- Has received at least one Leading Lady recognition during the 2019-2020 League year.

Please submit nominations to Membership Vice President Margaret McDonald at mcdomar@ gmail.com or by filling out the nomination form on Digital Cheetah under the Resources, Forms and Communications menu. Nominations are due April 20, 2020.

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Carolyn Murphy

Our charismatic and intrepid class of Provisionals forges ahead with gusto! Community placement observations, Fund Development opportunities, and a robust curriculum of Provisional meetings have been a recipe for success for an immersive experience into the nuts and bolts of the JLSB! Provisionals have embraced observations such as MAGIC, Red Apron Pantry, and Safe Sitter during the early and late winter months. Participating with Actives in service to members of our community has been rewarding and informative for the upcoming spring Placement process. "Joining Junior League, I honestly didn't know what to expect. I knew I would meet other women who shared similar values and had the same ambitions as I did. But what I didn't know is, I would stumble upon a peer group that was supportive of each other's careers and making a difference in the community. In the Junior League, I found a group of strong, smart women who want to put a little good back into our community. They are knowledgeable about their various projects and made a huge effort to not only include Provisionals but teach them the best practices while volunteering. I really got a thorough look at the options which only excited me more about my own placement," said Provisional Emily Hamann. Each class member commits to observing three unique placements throughout her Provisional year.

PROVISIONAL

As Actives can attest, the lifeblood of the JLSB lies within creative and organizational execution of its Fund Development events. Chilly temperatures didn't stop the good times from rolling as Provisionals cheered on runners at the annual King Cake Classic. Yummy treats at the finish line from Lowder Baking Company proved to be an excellent bonus for their hard work. In addition, a flurry of excitement for the arrival of the third annual Designer Purse Bingo is upon us! This girls' night out will serve as the final opportunity for Provisionals to complete their commitments for the Fund Development portion of the curriculum. All Provisionals commit to completing eight volunteer hours with Fund Development activities.

Finally, the backbone of the Provisional year is framed by monthly class meetings where celebration and education walk hand-in-hand. To spice up the holiday season, a Fiesta and Florals party was held at the home of Sustainer and Past President Peggy Murphy in December. Between bites of Mexican nibbles, Provisionals learned how to create their own floral arrangement, with the assistance of Colony House of Flowers owner Kyle Loyd and Priss Press Designs owner Danelle Ware. Attendees took home their winter tree scene, gingerbread house, or snow bear creations in specialized vases.

The calm and quiet of January found the Provisional Leaders meeting with their groups to discuss remaining commitments and offer feedback on the Provisional experience thus far. These interviews are reciprocally beneficial as they enable the Provisional Leaders to have one-on-one conversations with their mentees and offer advice and encouragement for the Placement process in March. In conjunction, Provisionals can offer reflections and commentary regarding any strengths or challenges in the curriculum. As Provisional Chair, I have learned there is always room to grow and opportunities to improve with each passing year. I'm so appreciative to the JLSB for allowing me to help lead a class of women who offer excellent feedback!

A love for learning was alive at our February meeting! Communications VP Shelvia Grant educated the class on the impact of the JLSB's strong social media presence for the benefit of new member attraction and community awareness. Fund Development VP Liz Lafitte helped the Provisionals understand all of the moving parts associated with an impactful fundraiser—which was especially significant since all of the class members have volunteered at a Fund Development event thus far. Finally, Cookbook Chair Elizabeth Crafts explored the long-standing traditions of cookbooks and their connection to multiple generations of members in the JLSB. Each year, Provisionals commit to purchase cookbook bundles to fulfill their Fund Development monetary obligation. I know of several Provisional family members who were thrilled to find the JLSB's Mardi Gras to Mistletoe and REVEL cookbooks under their trees this year!

March forecasts excitement as Provisionals will experience the Placement process to begin their JLSB careers. We are certainly full steam ahead in 2020! On behalf of the Provisional team, I would like to thank all of the Actives in Community and Fund Development placements, the Board, Sustainers, and anyone who has made the effort, through time and deed, to motivate, educate, and uplift the Provisionals to be the best version of themselves in our community. You are appreciated!



#### **BRITTANY BRANCH**

I moved to Bossier in the summer of 2017, after graduating from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. This was my first move as an adult, but I soon realized that if I didn't get involved and meet new people I would find myself regretting my decision. My hope was that I would fall in love with the area and meet like-minded millennial women participating in activities I enjoy all while growing in their careers.

I have always been an active volunteer, whether it was assisting with activities at local nursing homes in high school or fundraising/ community outreach as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. One of the League's Active members, Jessica Latin, encouraged me to join and get involved. After further research, I quickly realized that the JLSB's commitment to improving communities, professional development, and voluntarism made it a great organization to join.

Thus far, one of my favorite events was the Provisional Retreat. I enjoyed meeting my Provisional Leader and the entire Provisional Class. Instantly, I knew that the JLSB is where I belong. It has been a rewarding experience having the opportunity to serve with my fellow members. My experience as a Provisional member has been fulfilling and I'm looking forward to becoming an Active member and creating lifelong friendships.



#### LIBBY LEMOINE

The year 2018 was a whirlwind for me. In a matter of months, I graduated law school, took the Bar Exam, and packed up my entire life to move to Shreveport for a new job. While my professional life seemed to be thriving, I quickly realized the absence of friends, family, and a social network around me. I decided 2019 would be a year of pushing myself outside of my comfort zone and establishing roots in my new home.

As I began looking for opportunities to get involved in the community, I found myself being asked the same question by women I admired: "Have you thought about joining the Junior League?" After doing some research and speaking with an active member about her positive experiences, I decided the JLSB would be a great way to simultaneously learn about Shreveport, make meaningful connections, and help the community.

JLSB has far exceeded my expectations. I have been amazed by the diversity of my Provisional class, in not only their backgrounds, but their proficiencies, passions, and personalities. From attorneys to artists, each member brings a different perspective to JLSB that creates such a multifaceted and unique organization.

The League has made me feel more at home in Shreveport in just a few short months. I have enjoyed observing community projects like Artist for a Day and MAGIC, because I can directly see the positive impacts the women of JLSB have on the participants. I look forward to experiencing many more JLSB projects and learning what goes into planning and executing successful projects that meet the needs of a community.

PROVISIONAL PLACEMENT PARTY Mar. 17-18 at 6 p.m. Junior League Office

# FOR PROVISIONALS

#### APRIL PROVISIONAL MEETING

Apr. 21 at 6 p.m. Junior League Office

# THE PROVISIONAL

Stephanie Foster



#### THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The path of each Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier member is unique. Over her years of service, a member has the option to fulfill positions on the Membership Council, Communications Council, Community Council, or Fund Development Council. However, there is one common denominator among all members—we all begin our membership in the Provisional Program.

The Provisional Program is not only a pivotal point in one's JLSB membership, but also the very foundation. Over the decades, as the League has grown and developed, so has the Provisional Program. Sustainer Toni Thompson recalls Maureen Gamble as the Provisional Chairman during her Provisional Year.

At that time, Provisionals committed 60 hours to their Placements. Thompson looks back on this year as "training to become an active member." During her training, Toni got the opportunity to observe how the League functions by attending both a Board meeting and a meeting of a Committee other than her placement. Camaraderie within the League at this time developed through working two Revel shifts selling Cokes (that's right, not Pepsi).

"You could bring your husband, sister, mom, or friend to work with you to count towards your requirements," said Thompson. She also remembers putting in a lot of work preparing for Bargain Haul that she says, "wasn't easy, but so worthwhile." She enjoyed her time serving the community in a meaningful way, while also getting to know other Provisionals, Actives, and Sustainers. In addition to service and observation within the League, Thompson loved that she had the opportunity to attend other civic meetings, like School Board meetings or City Council meetings, during her Provisional year.

As the League has transformed, over the years, so has the Provisional Program. Some of the latest developments began in 2017 with then-Provisional Chairman Anna Priestly, currently a Nominating Advisor.

"The Junior League woman is changing, so the League, on a local and national level, has taken an open mind to change," said Priestly. In an effort to adapt with the Junior League woman, our leadership has a primary focus on relevancy over maintaining the status guo.

Priestly played a significant role in implementing new developments to the Provisional Program while she was Provisional Chairman. When she attended the 2017 Annual National Junior League meeting, it really hit home with her that the purpose of the Junior League was to train women

to be leaders—so she brought this into the Provisional Program. As Chairman, she focused on three main points: further developing and implementing the education in the Provisional Program, helping women get more involved in the League, and launching a Provisional Project for Provisional members to collaborate on during their first year in the League.

One effort Priestly made to further develop the education component was updating the content to cover the history of the League on both national and local levels, along with information regarding each component of the JLSB and how members can be involved during their active years. Provisional meetings, once held at various local sites over the course of the year, are now held at the Junior League Office in Suite E each month. This gives the Provisional members some consistency among their varying duties in their first year of membership and provides a comfortable meeting atmosphere. To be able to cover both education and work on the Provisional Project, each meeting was two hours long. The first hour of the meeting was designated for education and the second to working on the project. Since its renovations, Suite E is now able to house several League events aside from Provisional meetings.

Following Priestly's lead, Hannah Alexander continued evolving the Provisional Program during her time as Provisional Chairman in 2018-19. The Provisional Project replaced Provisionals' roles in community placements. For their project, Alexander guided and assisted the Provisionals as they collected bags for the families of the Gingerbread House filled with toiletries, fun summer toys like chalk and bubbles, books, board games, a folder full of information and coupons for summer activities, and more. Alexander also maintained the two-hour Provisional meetings. This allowed the Provisionals to collaborate and work on their Gingerbread House project after their onehour educational session.

The Provisional Program continues to evolve and adapt under the leadership of current Provisional Chairman Carolyn Murphy. The Provisional class will not be working on a project this year, and instead the education component of each meeting will be emphasized to learn more about the League.

So far, meetings this year have been held primarily in Suite E of the League Office, with a few off-site meetings. Instead of the Provisional Project, Provisionals must observe three different placements throughout the year

in addition to their commitment to attend five General Membership Meetings, one Board Meeting, purchase JLSB Cookbooks to fulfill their Fund Development obligation, and work a Revel shift and one other Fund Development shift. By observing different placements throughout the year, Provisionals gain insight to what our League has to offer and how they can best serve during their upcoming years as an Active member.

To ensure the JLSB continues attracting the highest quality of members, Murphy brought back a previously retired method for women looking to join the League – Provisional Sponsorship. Women who attended the Provisional Interest meetings to join for this 2019-20 League year were required to have an Active or Sustaining member attend with them and sponsor them. For those who did not have a League member to sponsor them, Murphy went the extra mile to find a willing sponsor for them based on the information provided in their Reference Letters and Resumes. This allowed each Provisional an immediate connection before even beginning their membership in the League—and turned out to be a great success!

The groundwork has been and continues to be laid for our Provisional members to gain the solid foundation necessary to become passionate, devoted, and committed Active members in the years to come. No matter where our League journey takes us, we all start in the same place. We have all been Provisionals, and we have taken the knowledge imparted upon us to seize all that our Active years have to offer, while making priceless memories along the way.







It's time for JLSB's Third Annual Designer Bag Bingo fundraiser! Grab your girlfriends and join us for a girls' night out that combines the fun of bingo with the thrilling chance to win a gorgeous designer handbag!

Designer Bag Bingo will take place on Thur., Apr. 9, at the Horseshoe Casino Riverdome. Upon arrival, you can browse our table of prizes and raffle items, grab a drink from the bar, and fill your plate from the Mexican buffet provided by Horseshoe before making your way to your table. The real fun begins at 7 p.m. with our first of ten rounds of bingo. The winner of each round will take home a gorgeous designer bag. We are thrilled to announce that this year the event will culminate with, not one, but TWO "grand prize" handbags from luxury designers Gucci and Louis Vuitton!

We are currently soliciting sponsors for this event, but already have the support of many amazing sponsors. In addition to purses, Designer Bag Bingo will feature two raffles with some fantastic prizes. The \$25 Raffle will offer you the chance to win stunning diamond earrings and more Molly Cook & Emily Dickson

from Sid Potts Fine Jewelry. The \$10 "Treat Yourself" raffle has incredible prizes from Ark-La-Tex Dermatology, Lowder Art, La Bambolina, and so much more. If you or someone you know might be interested in sponsoring this great event, please contact Emily Dickson (emilydickson12@gmail. com), Molly Cook (mpreskitt1@gmail.com) or Lesley Reed (lesleyreed86@yahoo.com).

Our committee is amazed by the support from our incredible community and looks forward to making this year's event a huge success. We cannot thank Horseshoe Casino enough for being our generous Host Sponsor. This event would not be possible without their support!

We are also grateful to these amazing sponsors: Prada Level: Lee Davis and Jodi Penn Rives; Gucci Level: Progressive Bank, B2WB, and Brown Builders; Chloe Level: Red River Bank; Coach Level: Brookshire's, Lisa Hargrove, Jane Bicknell, and Pam Cowen.

We hope to see you at Designer Bag Bingo!

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- KitchenAid stand mixer from National Wholesale Supply (value of \$300)
- Two Signature Hydrafacials donated from The Wall Center (value of \$350)
- Katherine stud earrings from Jane Allen Designs (value of \$215)
- HydraFacial from Fixx Medical Spa (value of \$175)
- Gift basket from Club Pilates includes four classes, tote bag, pair of sticky socks, and a chug water bottle (value of \$130)

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- Custom Art by Allison Santos
- Candle and gift card to Gautreau Gallery (value of \$70)
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- Kendra Scott necklace from Louisiana Coin and Jewelry (value of \$90)
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- Twisted Root Gift Card (value of \$30)
- Custom Artwork by Sallie Bynum
- Item from JAC Clothing
- Gift basket from La Bambolina
  Custom 4" x 12" painting by Lowder Art (value of \$55)
- Oasis Salon and Spa Hair Care Gift Set
- And more!











Jennifer Hart

The Safe Sitter program is back in business! You may be wondering what Safe Sitter is all about. Safe Sitter is designed to teach students in grades 6-8 how to be safe when they are home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. Safe Sitter was developed by Dr. Patricia Kenner, a physician, after an 18-month-old girl was brought to the emergency room due to choking. The little girl had choked while eating breakfast, and the adult babysitter caring for her didn't know how to rescue a choking child. By the time the ambulance brought the child to the hospital, it was too late. Dr. Keener recognized the vulnerability of young children cared for by unprepared providers, so she created Safe Sitter to teach young teens how to be better, safer babysitters.

SAFE

Safe Sitter students are taught safety skills, child-care skills, first aide and rescue skills, and life and business skills through the use of fun games and interactive exercises. During the class, the students receive handson training about diaper changes and all practice how to save a choking child. They learn how to prevent unsafe situations and what to do during a power failure or weather emergency. Through various role-play exercises, they also practice screening jobs, discussing fees, and how to properly greet an employer—skills that will help the student now and in the future. Following each class, there is a short graduation where the parents learn about the program. Parents play a role in the program, because they are given the code word the teens were taught to use when they are in an unsafe situation and need to be picked up immediately with no questions asked. Each teen also receives an official card indicating that they completed the Safe Sitter program. Even if a teen has no plans to babysit upon completion of the class, they still learn valuable information. This includes how to be prepared, responsible, and considerate even just doing odd jobs for family, friends, or neighbors.

Our Safe Sitter volunteers are all new to the program this year and include Jennifer Pou, Sarah Moffitt, Chandler Moore, Jessica Martin, and myself. We all completed online training and received certification to teach the Safe Sitter curriculum. We set a goal to teach four classes this League year—two paid classes and two at no-cost. The free classes are for students who may not have financial resources to attend the training and may often be the primary source of care for younger siblings while their parents are at work.

Two Safe Sitter sessions have been presented thus far. The first free class was held during October

at the Volunteers of America Lighthouse Program on Travis Street. Fourteen students—both boys and girls participated. The teens were so much fun to work with and the boys were just as engaged as the girls. In November, we held a paid class at the Provenance Clubhouse. So many girls were interested in the class, we had a wait list. We were able to train 23 girls at that session, and two Girl Scouts in attendance earned badges that day.

We are looking forward to training more students this spring. Upcoming classes include a free class at the Community Renewal Friendship House on March 14 and a paid class at the League Office on April 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fee for the class is \$50 and includes all learning resources, a Safe Sitter kit, and food for the day. Registration details will be released soon. Please help us spread the word to your co-workers, friends, family, and neighbors. Remember these could be possible future babysitters for you!

Safe Sitter is an asset to our community and is a valuable program for young teens. So far, there have been more than 200 reported instances of lives that have been saved by graduates of the program nationwide. If you love making a difference in our community, I invite you to consider it as a Placement for next year. No previous childcare or choking training is required, as all skills are taught in the Safe Sitter introductory training.



















January and February were busy months at the Red Apron Pantry with 1,200 pounds of food distributed to our clients. Donations of items by League members made up a substantial portion of that amount. Each client voiced their appreciation at the wide variety of donated items.

RED APRON

In addition to our regular clients, the Pantry was able to distribute emergency food to two families. In February, emergency food was distributed to a mother who is unable to work while she undergoes chemotherapy and to another who just re-entered the workforce but has not yet received a first paycheck. Both women asked that the League members be told how impactful this service was to them.

The Red Apron Pantry's stockroom received a much-

needed makeover with the help of the young women of M.A.G.I.C. The M.A.G.I.C. ladies learned about the role of the Red Apron Pantry in our community, how it works in partnership with the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana, and how we help our clients make healthy food choices. Then, the young women got to work and organized the stockroom from top to bottom. The Red Apron Pantry is very thankful for M.A.G.I.C.'s help!

The Red Apron Pantry always welcomes donations of non-perishable food items. If you are cleaning out your pantry and have items you would like to donate please email staceymelerine@gmail.com.





Give For Good is an interactive 24-hour online giving challenge led by the Community Foundation of North Louisiana (CNFLA). It is unique and special, because of the way it brings together so many people, volunteers, and organizations to make an impact on our community. Over 200 organizations, including the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier, participate in Give For Good each year. Since its inception in 2014, the Give For Good campaign has raised over \$10 million for North Louisiana nonprofits.

**GIVE FOR** 



JLSB member **Emily Smith** is the Director of Marketing & Communications at the Community Foundation, which means that she sees firsthand the impact of Give For Good. "The wonderful thing about this event

is that everyone gets to be a philanthropist," she said. The minimum donation amount for Give For Good is \$10, and all of those small-dollar-amount contributions really add up!



Emily believes that many young people might be hesitant to give smaller amounts to organizations, thinking that if they don't give substantial sums their donation might not accomplish much. The wonderful thing about Give For Good is that anyone can actually watch an entire community giving and collectively raising millions of dollars, which means that even the small gift becomes part of a huge impact on our area.

Emily and the rest of the CFNLA team encourage donors to make their contributions through Give For Good, because all donations are amplified by the Lagniappe Fund, a bonus pool of dollars that matches gifts on a pro rata basis. This means the more dollars your favorite causes raise on Give For Good day, the more bonus funds they'll receive. There are also \$25,000 in prizes up for grabs, which is a great way for organizations to earn additional gifts.

So, mark your calendars for May 5, 2020, and be ready to go to giveforgoodnla.org and use your credit card to make a donation. You can even make donations to multiple organizations and make several gifts at once! The Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier is proud to be a participant in Give For Good, and we invite you to invest in our mission through this impactful community effort!

In the meantime, if you're interested in learning more about Give For Good, check out giveforgoodnla.org! It's an easy way to discover impactful nonprofits in our area and also find events and volunteer opportunities. Remember... "together we can make a difference!"



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K.C. Kilpatrick (Sustainer) was named as the Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Woman Award recipient for 2019. (photo: left)

**Tiffany Metoyer** (*Active*) recently graduated from Grand Canyon University with her Masters in Educational Leadership. (photo: right)







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Kelly Moeller

The Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier is happy to announce a very successful 2020 King Cake Classic 5K, 10K, and Fun Run! This event effectively tapped into our area's enthusiasm for Mardi Gras and brought runners from all around the south to Shreveport. The fourth annual King Cake Classic was held on February 8 with just shy of 400 participant sign-ups. The race routes began (and finished) at Red River Brewing Company and took our runners through historic Downtown Shreveport.

5K / 10K / FUN RUN

King Cake Classic is one of the only active and familyfocused events of the Mardi Gras season in our area. We're proud that this event promotes a healthy lifestyle among children and families. This year's race day experience included: live music by Shreveport Second Line Brass Band, Lowder Baking Company king cake, Red River Brewing craft beer, Mardi Gras bead medals, a kid's area and activities, and so much more.

Once again, we joined forces with two other local races for the 2nd annual "Sweet + Lucky Spring Race Series" comprised of King Cake Classic 2/8/20 (JLSB) + The Pie Run 2/29/20 (Southfield School) + Shamrock Shuffle 3/7/20 (Barksdale Officers Spouses Club). The Sweet + Lucky Series is sponsored by Run Wild. Participants who register for all three races will receive a commemorative pint glass at the final race. If you haven't already, don't forget to register for the Pie Run & Shamrock Shuffle! The 2020 King Cake Classic committee members are: Suzanne Frye (Co-Chair), Morgan Lang, Chelsea Adcock, Lauren Jackson, and Kelly Moeller (Chair). The 5K overall winners were Chad Gill and Linnea Magyar. The 10K overall winners were James Perry and Abby Rodseth. The winners of the costume contest were Beatrice Aguilar and Chad Allen.

We are grateful for our Queen Sponsor: Pediatric Dental Partners. In addition, we want to thank our Krewe Sponsors: Lang Orthodontics, Southern Roots Dentistry, and Friends of King Cake Classic; Duke Sponsors: Quality Shades & Shutters, Walker-Alley & Associates, and SWEPCO; and Jester Sponsors: Pure Barre Shreveport, j weinland Group Benefits, and Family of King Cake Classic. Our Race Day Experiences were provided by: Red River Brewing, Lowder Baking Company, PopularPrint.com, Run Wild Racing, Sign Gypsies, and Jennifer Bradford Photography.

A very special thank you to JLSB volunteers who showed up early to set up and cheer on participants. Whether you participated in the King Cake Classic as a runner, or supported as a sleep-in supporter—THANK YOU for helping make this event such a huge success! Laissez les bon temps rouler!

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# COOKBOOK RECIPE

A Cook's Tour of Shreveport was the first cookbook the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier published. The first edition was printed in 1964 and is so popular it is now in its twelfth edition! The longevity of this cookbook is a true testament to the quality of the recipes it contains. There are over three hundred pages of delicious recipes ranging from easy weeknight dinners to elaborate desserts. Most of the contributions to this cookbook were submitted by local Junior League members and offers so much variety, thus making it a true cook's tour of Shreveport. Pick up your copy of *A Cook's Tour of Shreveport* from the Junior League office today!

> A Cook's Tour of Shreveport, recipe found on page 102

# GRITS SOUFFLÉ

Ingredients: 6 cups water 1 ½ cups grits 3 teaspoons salt ½ stick butter 1 cup grated cheese

4 eggs, separated Salt and pepper to taste

#### Directions:

Boil water, add grits and salt, allow to return to boil. Cover and cook over low heat for 30 to 40 minutes.

Remove pot and stir in butter and cheese; stir until well blended. Cool to lukewarm, then add beaten egg yolks, then fold in beaten egg whites, and pour into a greased baking dish. Bake for 45 minutes in a 350° oven. May be seasoned with salt and pepper to taste.



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