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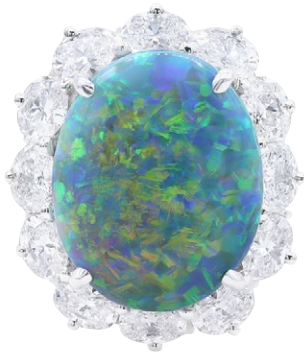
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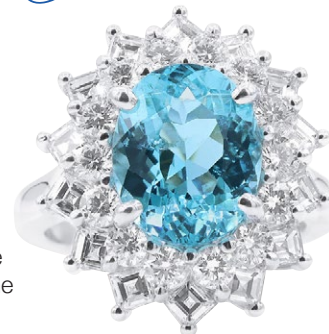


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Tara Jones



As another League year comes to an end, the summer issue of the *Parishscope* gives us a chance to review all of the good work the JLSB has done in the community and for the exciting new year that is coming. You can learn about the members who will be leading the JLSB next year in the article featuring the new Board and Management Team. And check out those members who will be new Sustainers and their favorite memories from their service in the JLSB. It's a fun read! My personal favorite is our feature on the CAP Grant. Funds raised from the League's many successful projects have been put into action right here where we live to make a difference in the lives of people who need it most.

Serving as editor of the *Parishscope* has taught me things about the League I still had not learned even after eight years of membership. I love how the League continues to allow me to learn new skills while giving back to the community. I hope everyone has a safe and restful summer. See you in the fall!



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LETTER FROM THE OUTGOING

President



Sarah Giglio

Well, League members, I feel like I have so much to say in my final letter to you as JLSB President, but it could all be summed up in two words: THANK YOU. I truly don't know where to start. I joined the League in 2015 when I moved to Shreveport to make some new friends and try to give back a little bit in the process, and what the League has given me is so much more than that.

First, to our Board and Management Team—one of the most exciting things about becoming President was learning who the amazing women were who were going to come beside me in leadership. Every single one of you, without exception, has made my job easier in some way. Every time I asked a member of the Board or Management Team to take on a task or special project, I could literally consider it done. There are so few organizations where that would be the case, but these women are incredible. In fact, on the rare occasion I hadn't asked them to do something in a little while, they would often text or call me asking: "What can I take off your plate? How can I help?" As President, with the never-ending to-do list and decision fatigue, those questions always came at a perfect time, and sometimes were the only reason that I felt sane. So thank you, ladies. None of this would have been possible without you.

Specifically, I have to call out Margaret McDonald (PE) and Michelle Wallace (EVP). They are problem-solvers; they do the impossible; they lovingly correct me when I'm wrong; and honestly, they do just as much, if not more, Junior League work than I do. Next I want to thank our members. Active members have worked shifts, shown up to meetings, filled in the gaps when we needed more hands to unload pumpkins, all of it. You ladies have truly shown up this year, and I am so grateful. As we have been able to come out of pandemic mode and get back to more in-person events, sometimes I just stand back and see the amazing, beautiful group of women we call League members, and I am in awe. To our Provisional class—what a vibrant group of women you are, excited to give back to the community, make a difference, and have fun and make friends while doing it. Every time I see a member of our Provisional class, I am so excited for the future of the League. And finally to our Sustainers, especially Molly and Melanie for serving on our Board—but truly all Sustainers. I have never been so encouraged as when I run into a Sustainer around town. Every time you give me a little bit of encouragement, take time to swap stories with me, and tell me some League history that I didn't know before. Thank you to all of the Sustainers who have taken the time to get to know and encourage me. It means more than you will ever know. Members, thank

you for letting me lead you. I hope I have done you proud.

I've spent the majority of my President's letters in past issues talking about all of the things that we have accomplished—community projects that positively affect thousands of people, hugely successful fundraisers, increased member engagement. All of that is why we are here, so I know that this letter seems like just a long thank you note. But this is the last time I will have this particular platform to thank everyone who needs to be thanked. Throughout the rest of *Parishscope*, you can find more details about all of our projects, and I encourage you to read those articles.

Finally, I wouldn't have been able to do any of this without the support of my husband, Trey. I'm sure that when I signed up as a Provisional, he didn't expect a few years later to have me away from home at meetings constantly, getting drafted to help unload pumpkins, and all of the other fun things husbands of League presidents get to do; but he has listened to every story, offered advice, been patient, and supported me every step of the way. Thank you, Trey.

While it is always bittersweet wrapping up a position like this, it is easier when you know that the next leader will be great. That is certainly the case with Margaret McDonald, who will be your new President. Margaret is one of the most capable, determined, dependable, and knowledgeable people I have ever known. She is going to lead you to an even brighter League future.

I'm excited to hand over the reins to Margaret as I transition into my new role as a Sustainer (although don't be surprised if you still find me slinging Pepsis at a Revel shift).

Signing off for the last time as your President,

Sarah Giglio

2021-2022 President

Important Dates TO REMEMBER

MAY DINNER MEETING

May 10, 2022, 6 p.m. | Petroleum Club

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September 13, 2022

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LETTER FROM THE INCOMING

President

Margaret McDonald



I am honored to serve as President of the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier for our 90th year.

As I am not from Shreveport, I know that many of the Sustainers who faithfully read the *Parishscope* may not know me. Similarly, because of restrictions during the pandemic, I have not had the opportunity to meet many of our newer Actives and Provisionals without wearing a mask. Therefore, I thought I would use this first letter to introduce myself to all of you.

My early years were spent in Louisiana, including time in Shreveport, before moving to Singapore for four years and then settling in The Woodlands, Texas, through high school. Then I moved to Shreveport to attend Centenary College of Louisiana, where I was a member of the Centenary College Choir and Chi Omega. Next I attended law school at LSU before returning to Shreveport to begin my career, and now I have lived here 11 years.

Community service and volunteering became a priority of mine through the encouragement of my mom, Lesa McDonald, who is a JLSB Sustainer. While I was in junior high and high school, my mom and I served together in our local chapter of the National Charity League, which is like a mother-daughter Junior League.

When I moved to Shreveport, my mom encouraged me to join the JLSB. However, based on her experience of gathering sponsors to join in the 1980s, she was not sure I would get in on my first try! I am thankful the JLSB now welcomes any woman who supports our mission of service to the community.

During my ten years in the League, I have developed my potential in many ways and have had numerous opportunities to build self confidence and practice public speaking. I have also been fortunate to serve alongside so many impressive

women who are now wonderful friends.

One such wonderful friend is our outgoing president Sarah Giglio. We were living in a pre-pandemic world when Sarah was slated to be the 2021-2022 JLSB president. Although her years as President-Elect and President may not have looked like she imagined, she has risen to the occasion of guiding our League through the second year of the pandemic, and our League has flourished under her leadership. I'm grateful to have this space to publicly thank Sarah for her friendship, advice, book recommendations, and, most importantly, Bachelor(ette) analysis.

In the following pages, I am delighted for you to get to know the members of our Board of Directors and Management Team who will lead the League this coming year. I also look forward to sharing with you throughout the 2022-2023 year all that the League is doing to further our mission during our 90th year.

Sincerely,

Margaret McDonald

2022-2023 President



Lesa and Margaret

This group of women was Provisionals in 2012, and several are still in the JLSB! Margaret McDonald, Alex Person, Kezia Pigford, Stacey Melerine, and Elizabeth Crafts will serve an 11th year in 2022-2023, and Kelly Clayton and Allison Murray are soon-to-be Sustainers.






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LETTER FROM THE

Sustainer Advisor



Molly McInnis

I have truly enjoyed serving on the Board as the Sustainer Advisor this year. It has been great to reconnect with League friends, meet the new leadership, and hear about the future plans for JLSB. In 2015, I hung up my red apron and happily became a Sustainer. For the past few years, I have enjoyed watching the activities of the League, paying my dues, and showing up for an occasional Sustainer wine tasting. Gone were the days of placements, meetings, and ways and means shifts. I was enjoying the “season of life” that follows all the years of active League membership. However, when Sarah Giglio asked me to serve on the Board after a seven-year hiatus, I was ready to move into the next season...and I am also really bad at saying “no.”

This quote by B. Oakman sums up my feelings on the ebbing and flowing level of involvement each member of the League experiences: “Every season is one of becoming, but not always one of blooming. Be gracious with your ever-evolving self.” Some years you can give it 110%, and some years you just need to step back and focus on other areas of your life. When I joined the League, I was 26 years old, newly married, and had no kids and no job. I was excited to be involved, and I had a lot of time to offer. During the next decade I started working part time, then I had a baby, then had twins, and became involved in other volunteer pursuits. There were years when I served as a head volunteer or a board member and years when I did the bare minimum to meet my JLSB obligations. Some years I was “blooming,” and some years I was not.

One of the sayings I remember from my previous time on the Board was: “meet the Member where they are.” Realizing that everyone is in a different stage of life, the JLSB does not have to be one-size-fits-all. I hope that you will evaluate which season you are in, whether as a Provisional, Active, or Sustainer, and give all you can to the League. If you feel you are ready to “bloom,” nominate yourself for a leadership position next year. If you are a Sustainer who would like to become more involved, the League would love your help. The late afternoon Revel and Pumpkin Patch shifts are really hard for the Members who are in the “picking-up-the-kids-from-carpool” season of life, but could be a fun way for Sustainers to re-engage.

I would like to thank the Sustainers who graciously hosted November group meetings at your homes. I can remember being in the season of life when the thought of hosting a group of people in my too-small, too-messy house would have put me into a state of panic. Thankfully, there are women whose homes are no longer littered with Legos and Barbies, and who are eager to stay connected or get reconnected with the League’s activities. The point is, no matter what season of life you are in, be gracious with yourself. The League needs and appreciates each one of you!

Sincerely,

Molly McInnis
Sustainer Advisor



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
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New Sustainers



Kelly Focht

What has been your favorite League placement?
I chaired Red Apron Pantry in its groundbreaking year. It was exciting to help be a part of starting a new food pantry in the area.

Any plans to serve in other community organizations in the future?

I'm involved in River Bend Rotary, the Community Tennis Association, and I'm on the Christmas In the Sky planning team.



Adrienne Frierson

What has been your favorite League placement?
Kids in the Kitchen Revel

What was your favorite League memory?
Working the Pepsi Booth every year at the Revel. It is a great opportunity to meet or catch up with other ladies from the League while supporting the community.

Any plans to serve in other community organizations in the future?

Yes, I look forward to continuing to serve in other local community organizations, and am grateful for the foundation of service and leadership provided by the League.



Sarah Giglio

What has been your favorite League placement?
I have LOVED my time as President of this League, but I also have to shout out to my year that I served as a volunteer for Super Safety Saturday. That year I made so many close friends, and we are all still incredibly close. I just feel like that's what the League is all about.

What was your favorite League memory?
I think my favorite League memory was traveling to Scottsdale for the last in-person League conference before COVID-19 hit. One of the things I was most excited about as President was traveling and

meeting with other League leaders, but unfortunately COVID-19 had other plans. However, that trip with Saige and Margaret was one of my favorites. The three of us made wonderful memories with each other, and met so many other League leaders and got a lot of ideas to bring back to our League!

Any plans to serve in other community organizations in the future?

I currently sit on the board for Sci-Port, and you will definitely see my involvement in the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl getting more significant in the coming years.



Jennifer Hart

What has been your favorite League placement?
My favorite League placement was being on the Nominating Committee. It was interesting to see the whole nominating process. The nominating process was like putting together a puzzle, as we were trying to find the right person for each role. It was also interesting to learn the history of nominating and why the location of each meeting is always a secret.

What was your favorite League memory?
My favorite League memory is from Safe Sitter. It was a placement I had not chosen, but was asked

to take on as Head Volunteer. The children who attended our community classes were so engaged and had so many questions and were so thankful for us being there. It truly felt like we made a difference.

Any plans to serve in other community organizations in the future?

In the near future I plan to volunteer with our church, the NP organization, and for the NCMC Foundation. I also look forward to being in the Sustainers role.

New Sustainers



Christine Moody

What has been your favorite League placement?

I enjoyed being a Pumpkin Patch Volunteer. I loved the fall weather, the pumpkins, and the opportunity to interact with people at the patch!

What was your favorite League memory?

I have enjoyed being a transfer to JLSB. As a member of Junior League Waco for eight years, I often told people that I loved that the Junior League was active in so many different cities. I would encourage

women to join even if they thought they might move in the future. I have now had the chance to practice what I preached by transferring into JLSB! It has been fun being involved and getting to see how another league operates.

Any plans to serve in other community organizations in the future?

I plan to support my children in their school and extracurricular activities at this time.



Allison Murray

What has been your favorite League placement?

My favorite placement was on the Nominating Committee. I've always enjoyed more behind-the-scenes work, and it was enlightening to be a part of the process for selecting the leadership of the League.

What was your favorite League memory?

My favorite League memory is from my first year on the Pumpkin Patch committee when we had to

unload the pumpkins in the pouring rain. While not the most fun experience of my life, it stands out as a great example of how women can come together to get it done no matter the circumstances.

Any plans to serve in other community organizations in the future?

My volunteer hours are now being spent at my son's elementary school, and that is where I plan to continue serving.



Lindsey Pennington

What has been your favorite League placement?

Health Literacy Summer Camp. I really enjoyed getting to know the kids every summer. It was so fun showing up to their smiles and hugs!

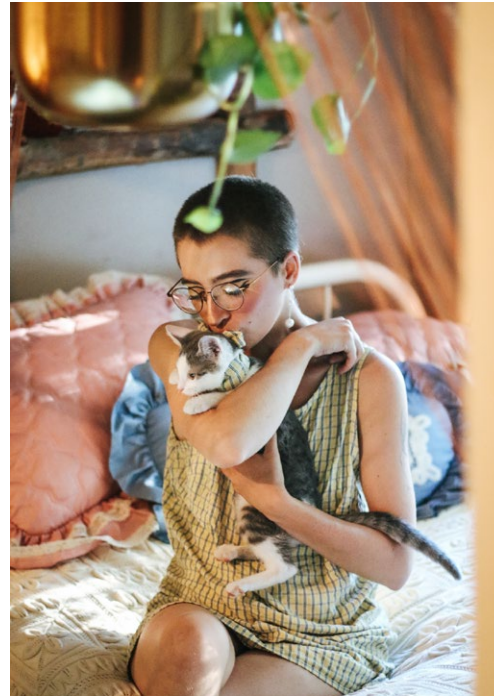
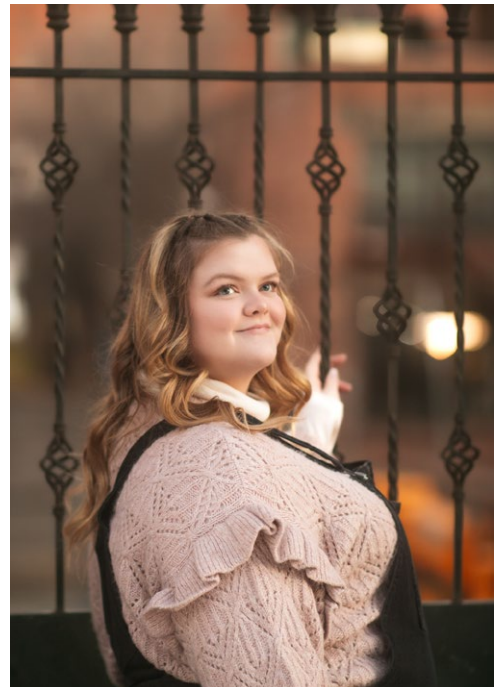
What was your favorite League memory?

I've had a lot of great memories from the League every year I've participated. I joined the League prior to opening my practice or having any children. Now I have two kids and working on opening

my second business—so much has changed! I still think my favorite time would have to be my Provisional year. I have lifelong friends from that group!

Any plans to serve in other community organizations in the future?

Absolutely! I have learned so much about the benefits of community organizations through the League and formed so many lasting relationships.



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Margaret McDonald, President

League History: In my 10 years in the League, I have served as President-Elect, Executive Vice President, Membership Vice President and Assistant Vice President, Member at Large, Communications Vice President and Assistant Vice President, *Parishscope* Editor and Assistant Editor, and a Done in a Day volunteer.

More About Me: I am a Research Attorney at the Second Circuit Court of Appeal. I serve as the

Personnel Advisor for the Iota Gamma Chapter of the Chi Omega Fraternity at my alma mater, Centenary College. I also sing in the Chancel Choir at First United Methodist Church Shreveport and am in a book club that has been meeting for 10 years.

Fun Fact: I've seen the Backstreet Boys in concert at least six times and have tickets to see them again in June!



Ginny Lamb, President-Elect

League History: I've been in the League for seven years. I've completed placements on committees such as Done in a Day, Arrangements, Designer Bag Bingo, Nominating, and Pumpkin Patch.

More About Me: My husband Rich and I have three children: Virginia (4), Chip (3), and Nancy (born in January of this year). Along with my involvement in the Junior League, I am also on the

board of the VOA of North Louisiana. Through the VOA, I serve on the Communities in Schools committee and the Cherish the Children Committee. I am also involved in a Sunday School class at First Methodist Shreveport.

Fun Fact: My cousin and I backpacked around Europe when we graduated from college. We visited 12 cities in 28 days!



Alex Person, Executive Vice President

League History: I have had the pleasure of working in our community with Done in a Day and working with fundraisers at the Shopping for a Cause Spring Market for three years. From there I moved to more of an internal track in the League being on Nominating Committee, Nominating Chair, Sustainer Liaison, Fund Development Vice President and Assistant Vice President, and now Member at Large.

More About Me: I am the Director of Education and a Forensic Interviewer at the Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center. I have a heart for service and love to work in our community providing resources to better help fami-

lies and children succeed. I also love serving at my church with missions, our Sunday School class and teaching four-year-old Mission Friends on Wednesday nights. I have the most wonderful and supportive family, husband John David, Andrew (age 5) and Anna Claire (age 2), and of course my partner in crime, Bailey, our one-year-old chocolate lab. On most weekends you can find me on our back patio watching the kids play and enjoying visiting with family.

Fun Fact: I am an avid sports fan, especially college football. And even here in Tiger Country, I call the Hogs as a die hard Arkansas Razorbacks fan, WPS!

2022-2023 Board & Management Team



Chelsea Adcock, Secretary

League History: I've been a member of three different League chapters in eight years. During that time, I've been a transfer member where I picked up various volunteer shifts, a Tarrant Area Food Bank volunteer, a Boys and Girls Club of Greater Tarrant County Music & Youth program volunteer, a MAGIC volunteer, King Cake Classic volunteer and Chair, and a Member at Large.

More About Me: I'm a marketing coordinator for Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEP-

CO) where I'm tasked with promoting our energy efficiency programs. My husband Josh and I are proud parents to Carolyn Jane "CJ" who was born last September and Sprinkles, our female Doberman pinscher. Pre-baby, we were avid runners and pre-pandemic, we liked to travel all over the world. Now, we spend a lot of time at our small ranch in East Texas where we have cows and a never-ending list of projects!

Fun Fact: I can shake my eyes.



Stephanie Foster, Treasurer

League History: I joined the League in 2018 and since have served as *Parishscope* Editor, Pumpkin Patch Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer.

More About Me: My husband, Tommy, and I have been together since high school. Thomas, our son, was born last summer making our Max (our beloved dachshund) a big brother! Tommy and I work at Ferris OfficeSmart, where I'm the third generation of my family in the office sup-

ply and furnishing industry. I enjoy workouts on Peloton and with Fit4Mom locally, being at the lake, cooking, and spending time with family and friends.

Fun Fact: I got to see Stevie Wonder in concert (dream come true) after I ran my first half-marathon. It was a very long but absolutely amazing day!



Shelvia R. Grant, Nominating Chair

League History: I have been a member of the League for almost nine years and this will be my third time on the Nominating Committee. I have also served as a Super Safety Saturday volunteer, Communications Vice President and Assistant Vice President, Public Relations Coordinator, *Parishscope* Business Manager, and a Between the Lines volunteer.

More About Me: I am a Shreveport native, who loves any opportunity to give back to the city that raised me. Professionally, I am a licensed Attorney practicing estate planning and succession law and am employed at LSU Health Shreveport.

I am also an active member of the C.E. Byrd Alumni Board of Directors, the Delta Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the American Cancer Society of NWLA Executive Leadership Council. On the weekends, you can find me spending time with my family, reading, arranging flowers, or busy setting up events with my new business venture, Embellished, LLC.

Fun Fact: I was on a Girl Scout cookie commercial in the early '90s that aired until I was in college. I can laugh about it now, but it was so embarrassing at the time!

2022-2023 Board & Management Team



Kendra Joseph, Project Research and Development Chair

League History: I've been in the League for eight years. 2015-2016 Done in a Day; 2016-2017 Safe Sitter; 2017-2018 MAGIC; 2018-2019 MAGIC Head Volunteer; 2019 Volunteer of the Year; 2019-2020 Red Apron Pantry; 2020-2021 Red Apron Pantry Head Volunteer; 2021-2022 Assistant Project Research and Development Chair.

More About Me: I am an Associate Attorney at Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts. I am also a member of the Louisiana State and Shreveport Bar Associations, Harry V. Booth - Judge Henry A. Politz American Inn of Court, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. I am currently a part of the Greater Shreveport Leadership Program Class of 2022.

Fun Fact: I have a twin sister who has twins.



Stacey Melerine, Active at Large

League History: I've been in the League for 10 years. I've served as Community VP, Community AVP, Red Apron Pantry Head Volunteer, Market Co-chair, Communication Secretary (Baton Rouge).

More About Me: My husband is Michael, and we have a son, Foster (2), and are expecting twin girls this summer. I am an attorney for Travelers Insurance.



Anna Brown Priestley, Active at Large

League History: In the past six years, I have participated as volunteer with Done in a Day, Red Apron Pantry, and King Cake Classic. I have also held several placements on the Membership Council, including Provisional Advisor, Provisional Assistant Chairman, Provisional Chairman, Placement Chairman, and Nominating Advisor.

More About Me: I am an attorney and currently practice as a Trust Advisor with Regions Private Wealth Management. In 2022, I achieved my certification as a Certified Trust and Fiduciary Advisor with the American Banking Association. In

addition to JLSB, I volunteer as the Treasurer-Elect for the Shreveport Bar Association and as a Senate Member At Large for the Krewe of Justinian. When I'm not working or volunteering, I enjoy traveling and dining out with my husband, William. I also enjoy relaxing at home with our cat, Aggie.

Fun Fact: I was formerly employed as an entertainment cast member for the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida. I performed in both the *Fantasmic!* nighttime show and the *Disney Stars and Motor Cars Parade* at Disney's Hollywood Studios.



Kelly Phelan Powell, Sustainer at Large

League History: During my years as an Active Member of the JLSB, my placements included Communications Vice President and Assistant Vice President, *Parishscope* Editor, and Revel Artist for a Day.

More About Me: I'm a freelance writer, editor, and photographer. My husband of 12 years,

Blake Powell, and I have two children, Harper (10) and Truman (6).

Fun Fact: I joke that my goal is to be a suburban Ma Ingalls—I love gardening, sewing, baking, and learning to do things "the old-fashioned way." I even kept backyard chickens for a couple of years!

2022-2023 Board & Management Team



Toni Thompson, Sustainer Advisor



Julia Todd, Assistant Treasurer

League History: This will be my fourth year in the League. My previous placements include Membership Engagement and Red Apron Pantry.

More About Me: I am an estate planning and probate attorney at Miramon Law. I have the

privilege of working with my mom every day. I love reading, traveling, and spending time with my husband Tripp and our one-year-old son, Rowe!

Fun Fact: My birthday is New Years Day!



Tara Jones, Communications Vice President

League History: I've been in the Junior League for eight years. My Provisional year was 2014-2015. I've been a MAGIC volunteer, Shopping for a Cause committee member, a Provisional leader, a Nominating committee member, Pumpkin Patch at Provenance committee member for two years, and now I'm *Parishscope* Editor.

More About Me: I'm from Thibodaux, Louisiana, and moved to Shreveport in 2012 after finish-

ing law school. I'm a land manager for a family company, and I love anything to do with maps and contracts! I've been married to Reid Jones for almost 10 years, and we have two daughters, Emma (3) and Alice (1).

Fun Fact: I've completed placements under every council in the League. I would highly recommend it!



Devon Leon, Community Vice President

League History: In my five active years, I have had the pleasure of volunteering for two Junior Leagues. I originally started in the Junior League of Lafayette where I was a member of the Junior Quiz Bowl committee. I then served as the Junior Quiz Bowl Chairwoman. Following my move and transfer to the Shreveport-Bossier area, I have served the past two years on the MAGIC committee.

More About Me: I am married to an amazing man who is a Firefighter for the city of Haughton. We have two small daughters, Emily and Anna, who complete our little family. I am a Physical Therapist and work for Willis Knighton. I enjoy reading a good mystery novel, musicals, beach vacations, and spending time with my family.

Fun Fact: I was the last girl born on my father's side until I had my first daughter, 29 years later.

2022-2023 Board & Management Team



Jane Sugar, Fund Development Vice President

League History: I've been in the Junior League for eight years, including two years in the Junior League of Memphis. During my first few years, I was primarily in Community placements such as Done in a Day and MAGIC. I then transitioned to in-League placements with Fund Development, serving as Fund Development PR&D for two years and then Fund Development Assistant Vice President. I'm excited to step up to Fund Development Vice President and join the Management Team this year.

More About Me: I am a surgeon at Ochsner-LSU, specializing in breast cancer treatment while teaching medical students and residents as well. When I'm not at work, my husband Miles and I stay on our toes keeping up with our four children, Trey (6), Charlotte (5), Thomas (3), and James (1). I love reading, cooking, and baking, and I've recently taking up running through one of our Junior League affinity groups.

Fun Fact: I have over 200 cookbooks and am always trying something new.



Catherine Guidry, Membership Vice President

League History: I've been in the League for 10 years, and six years in JLSB. I've served as Sustainer Liaison, Kids in the Kitchen, Red Apron Patry, Nominating Committee, Member Engagement, and Membership Assistant Vice President.

More About Me: I've been married for 10 years to my husband, Paul. I'm a stay at home mom to our two children, Thomas (5) and Camille (2). We also have two dogs, Phyllis and Penny. Outside of the League, I love running, reading, and traveling.

Fun Fact: I transferred here from Memphis in 2013.



PROVISIONAL

Update



Jessica Latin

Time flies when you are having fun! What an awesome year it has been with the League and for our new Provisional members. We are grateful for the moments we got to spend with each other "United in Service" at many in-person and virtual events, including Fund Development shifts at Red River Revel, Pumpkin Patch, King Cake Classic, and Designer Bag Bingo; community placement observations at Safe Sitter, MAGIC, Red Apron Pantry, and Artist for a Day; and the many Board meetings, GMMs, Provisional meetings, and parties throughout this past League year. Most of all, we are thankful for good health and the ability to serve our community!

Our Provisional class has been quite busy this year from individuals earning prominent awards, exciting career changes, and we have welcomed three new babies! In spite of the ups and downs, I am excited to congratulate the 2021-2022 Provisional Class: Angela Nichols-Young, Angie McCain, Arielle Clark, Brenda Mosley, Brittainy Pope, Brittany Durr, Brittany Sanders, Cassandra Key, Cayce Cloud, Chantal Young, Destinee Wright, Destiny Jamison, Elizabeth Horton, Emerie Gentry, Emily Batte, Hannah Mayer, Jennifer Hamer, Kalyn Haney, Katrina Sproles, Kayla Georgewill, Krystal Critton, LaErica Williams, Lauren Flynn, Olivia Broussard, Quaya Ervin, Rachel Lee Prestwood, Samantha Snyder, Tamika Hayden, and Tiffany Sandifer. These ladies have completed their Provisional year and are entering into their first Active year as JLSB members.

I am hopeful that you ladies will continue to learn and grow as individuals, volunteers, and as friends for many years to come. Each of you has something amazing to offer to our organization, and we look forward to seeing what new and innovative ideas you bring to the table.

The ladies are excited to embark on their new placements, which were chosen in March. We finished out the Provisional year with Cocktails with the Board at Cantina Laredo in April. This gave the ladies one more opportunity to not only spend time with each other but also to mingle and interact with our Board members in a less formal setting.

To my Provisional team leaders: Angela Myles, Angie Hemken, Jessica Martin, and Nicole Odom, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for being so helpful and supportive of everything I wanted to do this year. I am happy to have made

some more friends, and I look forward to working with you ladies in other capacities in the future. To Elizabeth Martin, thank you for all you have done as my co-chair. I know you will do great as the next Provisional chair. Please remember that I am always here to help out any way that I can.

Thank you to the Board, Membership Committee, Ms. Amy, and past Provisional chairmen for assisting me as well. This year would not have been what it was without you. It has been a pleasure serving as your 2021-2022 Provisional Chairman, and I look forward to many more years of service and growth in leadership in the League. If you know someone who is interested in joining the League, please have them contact jlsbprovisional@gmail.com for more information.

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WHEN:

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Stacey Melerine

It has been another great year for our League community placements. This year our members have volunteered over 2,500 hours to League projects that directly impact our community. Each community placement furthered the League's mission of promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving our community. In the upcoming year, we will continue to improve our community placements and sunset those that have completed their mission.

HEALTH LITERACY

Health Literacy will be returning next year as Active Kids. This new name better describes the purpose of the placement and will bring a renewed energy to our first community connection of the League year. This placement partners with the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club to provide a meaningful, educational experience learning about healthy eating, exercise, succeeding in the classroom, and dental hygiene. This year's camp ran concurrently with the summer Olympics, so campers learned about the Olympics while learning to be the best versions of themselves. Approximately 30 children participated in this year's camp over a four-week period.

ARTIST FOR A DAY

Artist for a Day (AFAD) offers children the opportunity to learn about different art mediums from local artists assisted by League volunteers. This League placement is held in conjunction with the Red River Revel. In addition to a changing daily craft project, Revelers were able to decorate a pumpkin with paint and various mediums.

SUPER SAFETY SATURDAY

The 11th Annual Super Safety Saturday event went virtual for the second year in a row due to a surge in COVID-19 cases. Despite being virtual, the placement was able to reach members of the community with important safety tips presented by community leaders. The event provided the meaningful in person service of car seat safety checks. This is a critical service as it is estimated that more than half of all car seats are not installed properly. Next year, the event held in conjunction with Sheriff's Safety Town will return in person with the beloved Touch-a-Truck and Health Fair.

RED APRON PANTRY

The Red Apron Pantry continued to serve its clients and combat food insecurity in our community. League members continuously adapted to the challenges presented by COVID-19 by altering distribution methods. Despite the challenges presented, the Red Apron Pantry remained open to serve its clients.

MENTORING AMBITIOUS GIRLS TO INSPIRE CHANGE (MAGIC)

MAGIC continued to provide amazing experiences to young women as they navigate the challenges of the high school and the world around them. MAGIC worked with Volunteers of America Teen Club to demonstrate positive examples of character and behavior. The young women were exposed to various presentations designed to expand their outlook, build self-esteem, and provide positive role models. Our volunteers continually adjusted the program based on ever changing COVID-19 conditions.

SAFE SITTER

The League's Safe Sitter program equipped area teens and tweens with the skills necessary to be safe and effective sitters. Hands on lessons in first aid, CPR, and other important skills were taught over two sessions. Safe Sitter offered one paid class and one class at no cost. The League partnered with the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club to identify teens who would benefit from the program. League members became trained and certified to teach course participants medically accurate and developmentally appropriate training. Safe Sitter will sunset in the upcoming League year.



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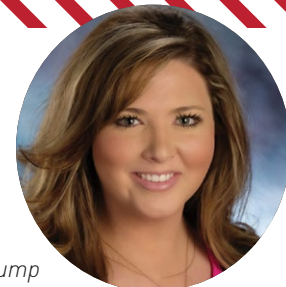
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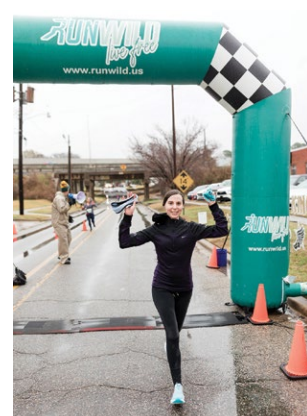
The 6th annual King Cake Classic 5K/10K/Fun Run was held on February 26, 2022 at Great Raft Brewing with over 200 runners participating, with the help of many sponsors and volunteers. We are happy to have been a part of the 2022 Mardi Gras season in the Shreveport-Bossier area, and in our first year back as an in-person event, we featured a new route through the Highland neighborhood. Events such as these are aimed to encourage better health and lifestyles throughout our community.

Our early morning began with the 5K, 10K, and Fun Run stretch provided by Pure Barre. The gun sounded off at 7:45 a.m. As runners maneuvered throughout the race course, there were Junior League volunteers cheering them on. Once crossing the finish line, the runners were presented with a special designed Mardi Gras medallion with the King Cake Classic logo, along with a slice of king cake provided by Lowder Baking Company. While enjoying their tasty Louisiana treat, runners were able to purchase beer from our host, Great Raft Brewing. Also available for purchase were breakfast burritos provided by Body by Biscuit. Music was provided by a local musician, Tim Powell, to entertain guests and runners as they finished the race.

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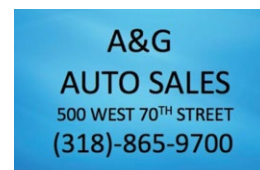


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SAFE

Sitter



Lesley Reed

In the Spring of 2014, the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier introduced a new community program called Safe Sitter to help educate our children in the community on how to be safe at home and while watching others. This four-hour course is designed to prepare students in grades 5 – 8 to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting.

We cover the following skills: **Safety, Child Care, First Aid & Rescue, and Life & Business Skills.** In **Safety** students learn how to prevent unsafe situations and what to do when faced with dangers such as power failures or weather emergencies. In **Child Care**, students learn tips to manage behavior that will help them stay in control of themselves and the children in their care. Students also learn the ages and stages of child development, as well as practice diapering. In **First Aid & Rescue**, students learn skills such as a choking rescue for the different ages they may encounter and systems how to assess and respond to injuries and illnesses. In **Life & Business Skills**, students learn how to screen jobs, discuss fees, and greet employers to set these students up for success now and in the future. Students practice these skills through various role plays and games.

In March 2022, the League's Safe Sitter committee hosted a Spring Class of 24 students. The class was a huge success as we had informational teaching and videos, hands on training with choking and diapering, questions from students, and plenty of fun and games! This year's Safe Sitter program was led by this year's committee of Lesley Reed, Ashley Morgan, Chelsea Jackson-Reese, Christine Moody, and Elizabeth Crafts.

The Safe Sitter committee aims to host four classes;

SAFETY SKILLS

- Indoor Safety
- Outdoor Safety
- Online Safety
- Personal Safety
- Handling Emergencies

FIRST AID & RESCUE SKILLS

- Injury Prevention
- First Aid and Injury Management
- Choking Rescue

CHILD CARE SKILLS

- Child Development
- Child Care Duties
- Behavior Management

LIFE & BUSINESS SKILLS

- Job Screening
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two courses open to public enrollment and two classes offered through a local community center. The two courses for the general public charge a fee of \$50 and include several learning resources, a student instruction booklet, graduation certification, and food and drink during class. The community courses offered at local non-profit centers are free of charge to their students. Our partnership with local community centers aims to reach students whose family may not have financial access to courses such as Safe Sitter. The Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier remains committed to serving the community by educating and empowering the next generation of leaders.



COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

Grant



Sarah Giglio

The Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier operates a Community Assistance Program (CAP), which provides monetary grants for short-term critical needs of non-profits in the Shreveport-Bossier area that address critical human needs.

The Board was so excited to present a CAP grant to the Highland Center in March of this year. The Highland Center Ministries bring together local churches for coordinated outreach services, provides tens of thousands of meals to those in need, provides a free clothing closet, and provides resources to assist their clients in the achievement of financial stability.

The Highland Center applied for our CAP grant because their building developed a roof leak right above their commercial kitchen. Although they were able to get very reasonable bids to fix this roof leak, the cost to do so was going to significantly impact their budget. After reviewing their application, the JLSB Board voted unanimously to fund the

entirety of their roof work, which was \$2,200. JLSB President Sarah Giglio and President-Elect Margaret McDonald presented the check to Highland Center volunteers, where the volunteers expressed their deepest appreciation for our grant.

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, please encourage them to apply for a CAP grant to see if the JLSB can help!



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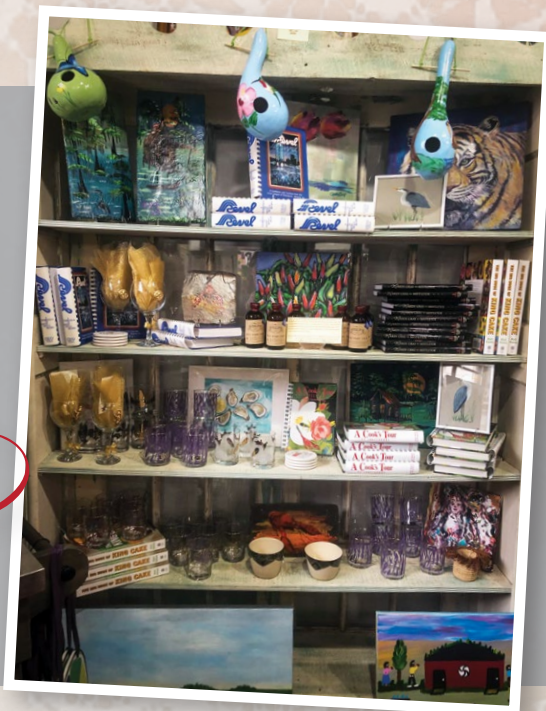
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Cookbooks



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MARINADE

½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
⅓ cup red wine vinegar
Juice of 1 lemon
4 garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon oregano
½ teaspoon kosher salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper

CHICKEN KABOBS

2 lbs. boneless skinless chicken breasts,
cut into 1-inch pieces
1 yellow bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
1 green bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
1 red onion, cut into 1-inch pieces
1 red onion, cut into 1-inch pieces
8 ounces, whole button mushrooms
or cremini mushrooms

Whisk the olive oil, vinegar, lemon juice, garlic, oregano, salt and pepper in a bowl until combined.

Pour the marinade over the chicken in a nonreactive bowl and mix well. Marinate, covered, in the refrigerator for 4 hours or longer, stirring occasionally. Drain the chicken, reserving the marinade.

Thread the chicken, bell peppers, onion and mushrooms alternately on skewers and brush with the reserved marinade. Grill over medium to medium-high heat for 15 to 20 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through and the vegetables are tender, turning occasionally.

GREEN SALAD WITH TARRAGON VINAIGRETTE, *Mardi Gras to Mistletoe*, p. 96

RASPBERRY LEMONADE COOLERS, *Mardi Gras to Mistletoe*, p. 112

BLACK BEAN WRAPS WITH PICO DE GALLO, *Mardi Gras to Mistletoe*, p. 54

THROW THE PERFECT SUMMER SOIREE WITH:

CRABMEAT CANAPÉS

Revel, p. 72

1 8-ounce package cream cheese
1 3-ounce package cream cheese
½ small onion, chopped
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
Dash garlic salt
Chili sauce
1 6-ounce can white crabmeat
Parsley

The night before serving, mix cream cheese, onion, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce and garlic salt. Can be done quickly in food processor. Chill overnight. The next day, spread cream cheese mixture in a Plate-size serving dish. Spread a layer of chili sauce over cream cheese. Clean shell out of crabmeat. Crumble crabmeat over chili sauce. Sprinkle parsley over crabmeat. Serve immediately with crackers. May combine all ingredients and use as a dip for vegetables.



ENJOY THE FIREWORKS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS ON A LAKESIDE PATIO WITH SOME:

LIME CHIFFON PIE

A Cook's Tour, p. 266

1 envelope plain gelatin
1 cup sugar
½ cup water
1 teaspoon grated lime rind
½ cup lime juice
4 eggs, separated

Green food coloring
1 tablespoon crème de menthe
½ teaspoon salt
Graham cracker crust
Fresh lime slices

In top of double boiler, mix gelatin and ½ cup sugar. Beat in lime rind, egg yolks, lime juice and water. Stir over simmering water until mixture thickens enough to coat spoon. Remove from heat and add a few drops of food coloring and crème de menthe. Chill until mixture begins to set.

Beat egg whites with salt until foamy; gradually add remaining ½ cup sugar and beat until still. Fold into first mixture, pour into pie shell and chill until firm. Decorate with whipped cream and lime slices.

SWEET SOUR SPARERIBS, *A Cook's Tour*, p. 211

BAKED BEANS WITHOUT BAKING, *A Cook's Tour*, p. 93

SCALLOPED POTATOES SUPREME, *A Cook's Tour*, p. 107

QUICK SHRIMP DIP, *A Cook's Tour*, p. 16

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One year ago, **Dr. Jennifer Hamer** (*Provisional*) & Dr. Nathan Hamer with Allied Health Chiropractic, reached out to the Gingerbread House wanting to serve their community by helping children who had been victims of child abuse. After meeting with the Gingerbread House and touring the facility, Jennifer and Nathan selected the Gingerbread House as their 2021 charity.

Drs. Jennifer & Nathan Hamer helped promote the work done by the GBH by making GBH pamphlets available at their facility located at 1658 Benton Road, Suite 100, in Bossier City, as well as by donating proceeds from patients' first visits to Allied Health Chiropractic to the GBH to directly benefit child abuse victims in northwest Louisiana. As a result of their philanthropic efforts and generous commitment, they donated a grand total of \$16,560 to the Gingerbread House in 2021!



This generous gift of love advances the Gingerbread House mission of ensuring every child abuse victim in NWLA can receive the quality care they deserve regardless of the victim's family's ability to pay for services.



Anna Brown Priestley (*Active*) recently earned the Certified Trust & Fiduciary Advisor (CTFA) professional certification from the American Bankers Association. The CTFA certification is awarded to individuals who demonstrate excellence in the field of wealth management and trust. To qualify for the CTFA certification, individuals must have certain levels of experience and education in the trust profession, pass an exam, and agree to abide by a code of ethics. The CTFA exam covers many areas including fiduciary and trust activities, financial planning, tax law and planning, investment management, and ethics. ABA Professional Certifications promote the highest standards of performance in the financial services industry by validating individuals' knowledge and expertise.



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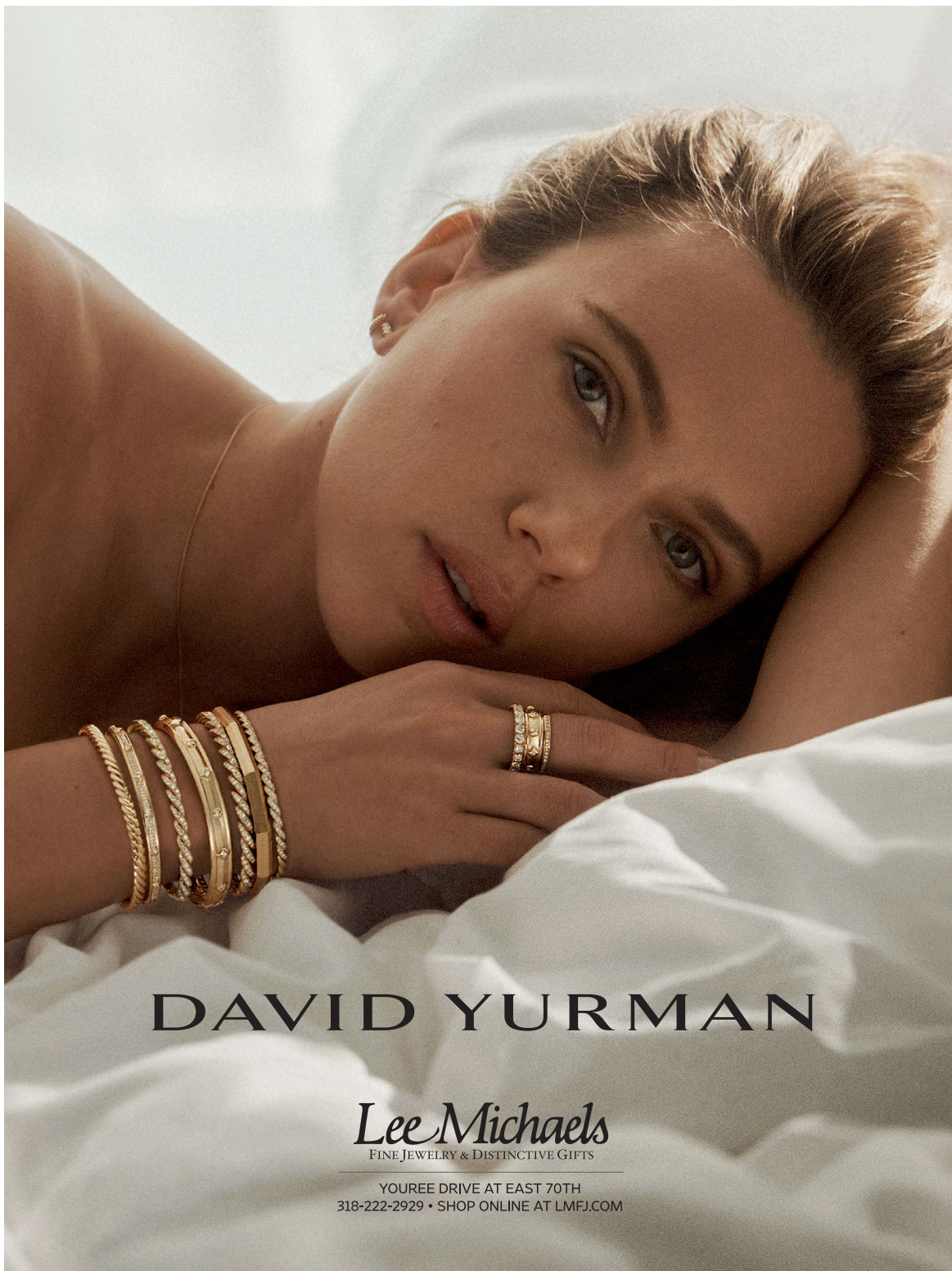
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