



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
GREATER WINTER HAVEN**
Women building better communities®

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skilled women impactful
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Junior League Of Greater Winter Haven

Promoting Volunteerism, Developing the Potential of Women,
Improving the Community

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MISSION

The Junior League of Greater Winter Haven, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and to improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

FUTURE VISION

The Junior League of Greater Winter Haven, Inc. will be recognized as a civic leader that effectively impacts our community individually and collectively. With a pioneering spirit, the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven will work to meet the needs of our community through trained volunteers, education, funding and collaboration.

OUR COMMITMENT

The Junior League of Greater Winter Haven Inc. welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to an inclusive environment of diverse individuals.

AJLI

The Junior League of Greater Winter Haven is one of the 293 leagues with membership in the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI). Learn more at www.AJLI.org, and sign in to the “Members Only” area for exclusive information only available to Junior League members.

Our Vision

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

Association Purpose

The purpose of the Association of Junior Leagues International Inc. is to add value to its Member Leagues in their fulfillment of the Junior League mission.

Finance Report 6/1/17 - 5/31/18

Net Fundraiser Income - \$21,033

- Light up the Lane - \$3,884
- Light up the Night - \$14,320
- Cookbooks - \$2,609
- Charity Challenge - \$220

Grants - \$3,500

- Florida's Natural dedicated to our Junior League Mobile Food Pantry - \$2,500
- Walmart Distribution Center - \$1,000

Community Project Expenses - \$12,998

- Mobile Food Pantry - \$6,000
- Grants for Greatness - \$3,498
- Kids in the Kitchen - \$280
- Stork Pile Project - \$1,000
- Silver Tassels - \$2,000
- Golden Gloves - \$250

Ashley Adkinson
Finance VP

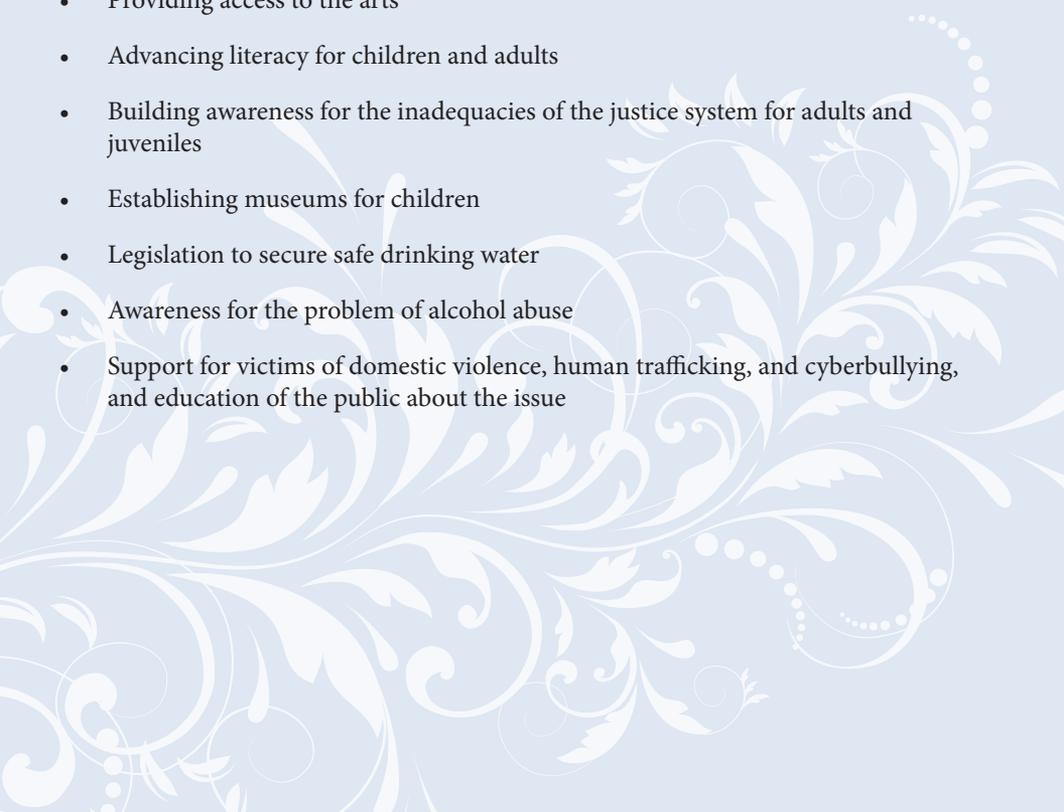


Junior League Legacy

Over the years, The Junior League has had a profound effect on what it means to live in modern society. The League experience cultivates women into thoughtful and seasoned leaders and teaches them how to take on the toughest problems of the day and work collaboratively with all involved to arrive at pragmatic and sustainable solutions that have enhanced the quality of life in our culture.

By populating the pipeline of qualified leadership, they have enhanced the ability and expanded the capacity of agencies and institutions to care for the sick, the poor, the abused, the uneducated and the underrepresented. This is the gift the women of The Junior League have given to their communities and it is the message they have imprinted upon the world.

Among the many reforms in which The Junior League has played a role, either in name or behind the scenes, are:

- Access to vaccinations for children
 - Education and provision of healthy food and nutrition for children
 - Securing the right to vote for women
 - Providing access to the arts
 - Advancing literacy for children and adults
 - Building awareness for the inadequacies of the justice system for adults and juveniles
 - Establishing museums for children
 - Legislation to secure safe drinking water
 - Awareness for the problem of alcohol abuse
 - Support for victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and cyberbullying, and education of the public about the issue
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Famous Junior League Members

Mary Harriman Rumsey

Founder of JL, National Resource Administration



Eleanor Roosevelt

First Lady; social reformer; humanitarian; author.
US Delegate to the United Nations.

Oveta Culp Hobby

First Commander of Women's Army Corps;
First US Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare



Sandra Day O'Connor

First Female US Supreme Court Justice

Barbara Bush

First Lady; literacy activist

Laura Bush

First Lady; literacy activist



Betty Ford

First Lady; substance abuse prevention activist

Nancy Reagan

First Lady; substance abuse prevention activist

Julia McWilliams Child

Chef; author of Mastering the Art of French Cooking

Eudor Welty Author

Pulitzer prize for The Optimist's Daughter



Shirley Temple Black

Child actress; Delegate to the United Nations; US Ambassador

Junior League History

1901 • The Junior League is Founded - In 1901, Mary Harriman, a 19-year-old New York City debutante with a social conscience, forms the Junior League for the Promotion of Settlement Movements. Harriman mobilizes a group of 80 other young women, hence the name “Junior” League, to work to improve child health, nutrition and literacy among immigrants living on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Inspired by her friend Mary, Eleanor Roosevelt joins the Junior League of The City of New York in 1903, teaching calisthenics and dancing to young girls at the College Settlement House.

1907-1920 • The Movement Expands - The second Junior League is formed in Boston, MA in 1907 and is soon followed by the founding of the Brooklyn, NY Junior League in 1910. In 1912, The Junior League of Montreal becomes the first League in Canada. Junior Leagues shift their focus from settlement house work to social, health and educational issues that affect the community at large. The Junior League of Brooklyn successfully petitions the Board of Education to provide free lunches in city schools. In 1914, the founders of the Junior League of St. Louis march for women’s suffrage. During World War I, Junior Leagues play an active role, selling bonds and working in Army hospitals. The San Francisco Junior League forms a motor delivery service that serves as a model for the nationwide Red Cross Motor Corps.

1920s-1930s - In 1921, approximately thirty Junior Leagues create the Association of Junior Leagues of America (AJLA) to provide professional support to the Leagues. Dorothy Whitney Straight becomes the first AJLA President. During the 1920s, the Junior League of Chicago pioneers children’s theater, an idea that is subsequently taken up by more than 100 Leagues across the country. Junior Leagues respond to the Great Depression by opening nutrition centers and milk stations. They operate baby clinics, day nurseries for working mothers, birth control clinics and training schools for nurses. Junior Leagues also establish volunteer bureaus to recruit, train and place much-needed volunteers in the community. Many Leagues create State Public Affairs Committees (SPACs) to influence public welfare policy. The Junior League of Mexico City joins the Association in 1930, further expanding the international nature of the organization. By this time more than 100 Leagues are in existence.

1940s - During World War II, Junior League members play a major role in the war effort by chairing hundreds of war-related organizations in virtually every city where Junior Leagues operate. Canadian and American League members serve overseas. Oveta Culp Hobby, a Houston League member, leads the Women’s Army Corps. In 1940, the first Junior League cookbook, a compilation of recipes by The Junior League Augusta titled Recipes from Southern Kitchens, appears and begins a tradition of fundraising through cookbook publishing.



1950s - By the 1950s, nearly 150 Junior Leagues are volunteering in remedial reading centers, diagnostic testing programs and programs for gifted and challenged children. Leagues collaborate in the development of educational television and are on the forefront of promoting quality programming for children. In 1952, the Mexico City League establishes the Comité Internacional Pro Ciegos, a comprehensive, international center for the blind. By the end of the decade, Junior Leagues are involved in over 300 arts projects and multiple partnerships in many cities to establish children's museums. The 1950s also marks the growth of regional Junior League cookbooks as a key fundraising tool, spearheaded by the Charleston League who aggressively and successfully markets its Charleston Receipts cookbooks to food editors and critics around the country.

1960s- In this period of great turbulence and social change, Junior Leagues rise to meet many challenges. As the decade progresses, nearly half the Leagues spearhead health and welfare projects, including alcohol programs, adoption services, clinics, convalescent care and hospital services, and many Junior Leagues begin to add environmental issues to their agendas. The Junior League of Toledo produces the educational film, Fate of a River, a report on the devastating effects of water pollution. Leagues also establish programs addressing the education, housing, social services and employment needs of urban residents. By now, more than 200 Leagues are part of the Association, which dedicates itself anew to building leadership skills and increasing membership diversity.

1970s - In 1971, the Association changes its name to the Association of Junior Leagues, Inc. (AJL). Throughout the 1970s, Leagues expand their participation in public affairs issues, especially in the areas of child health and juvenile justice. In 1973, almost 200 Leagues work with the National Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the U.S. Justice Department on a four-year program seeking to improve the criminal justice system. In Canada, the Canadian Federation is formed to promote public issues among the Canadian Leagues. In 1978, the first Junior League outside North America is established in London.

Junior League History

1980s - 211 Junior Leagues - During the 1980s, Junior Leagues in the U.S. gain recognition for advocacy efforts to improve the child welfare system. U.S. Leagues also help gain passage of the first federal legislation to address domestic violence. More than 100 Leagues develop the “Woman to Woman” campaign that actively and comprehensively tackles the impact of alcohol abuse on women. The Canadian Federation holds its first national conference focusing on violence against women and the negative impact of pornography. In 1981, Junior League of Phoenix member, Sandra Day O’Connor, becomes the first woman to be appointed a Supreme Court Justice of the United States. In 1988, the Association officially becomes the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI), better reflecting the international scope of the member Leagues. In 1989, the Association is presented with the prestigious U.S. President’s Volunteer Action Award.

1990s - 294 Junior Leagues - In the early 1990s, 230 Leagues participate in a public awareness campaign to encourage early childhood immunization called “Don’t Wait to Vaccinate.” In 1998, Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker becomes the first Hispanic President of the Association. The Junior Leagues renew their dedication to the Junior League Mission. The Association’s Board adopts goals to guide and position the Association for its second century. The goals stress the importance of the Association in helping Junior Leagues develop women for community leadership, achieve a shared, positive identity, and function as strong, viable and healthy organizations, consistent with The Junior League Mission.

2001-Present - The Junior League’s Second Century

In 2001, Deborah Brittain, the Association’s first African-American President, presides over The Junior League’s centennial celebration. Maya Angelou, Nane Annan, and Gloria Steinem, among others, address the members at the Association’s Annual Conference in New York City, site of the first Junior League. AJLI co-chairs the U.S. Steering Committee for the United Nations’ International Year of the Volunteer (IYV) with the Points of Light Foundation. As part of IYV activities, President Vicente Fox recognizes the Junior League of Mexico City’s members for their “high level of social leadership and human quality.” In 2002, the Association launches the Junior League PR/Marketing Campaign, which includes a new brand logo and tagline. The Association’s Board of Directors also launches its “Healthy League Initiative,” a formal self-evaluation process designed to ensure that each League continues to achieve its full potential in its community by assessing its strengths and weaknesses. In 2006, more than 225 Junior Leagues participate in the launch of Junior Leagues’ Kids in the Kitchen, an initiative to address the problems associated with childhood obesity and poor nutrition. The initiative is taken on long-term in 2007, with more than 255 Junior Leagues participating across four countries. In 2008, The Association of Junior Leagues International wins the Award of Excellence in the 2008 Associations Advance America Awards program, a national competition sponsored by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) and The Center for Leadership, Washington, D.C. for its Kids in the Kitchen program.

President's Message

Dear Members and Friends
of our League,

As our 2017-2018 League year comes to a close, I am reminded of all our amazing accomplishments and the incredible impact we've made on our community. We began the year with the focus of being "Mission Driven, Member Centric" and we have truly lived out this theme through our dedicated work. Last summer, I asked our League for words that describe our members and their work. Among many positive affirmations, I received the responses of "servant-leader", "impactful", and "passionate", which perfectly describe the members of our League.

Our committee chairs and Board members constantly demonstrate what it means to be a servant-leader. I witnessed over and over again how they would lead by their own hard working example. Chairs and Board members took on the most challenging tasks, while simultaneously mentoring their committee. Members were inspired by their example and focused on helping and supporting each other. This drive to serve of our committee chairs, members, and Board led to the incredible success of our fundraisers and projects.

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President's Message Continued

Through our "Why I JLGWH" signs we learned how deeply we all believe in the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven's mission. Our members strive to make a profound impact on our community as we passionately work to grow and develop our projects and fundraisers. We also work tirelessly to train women leaders within and outside our League. The desire to live out our mission is what has brought us all together and keeps us in the League.

I am so excited for our League and our community as I pass the torch to Aleah Pratt. Her enthusiasm for meaningful community impact will be seen in all aspects of our League. We are truly blessed to have such a positive, uplifting leader!

It has been such an honor to serve as President this year. I am so thankful to our incredible Board and all our members for their encouragement and support. I have learned so much from each of you.

Sincerely,
Anna Bostick
President, 2017-2018



Junior League Happenings





President-Elect Report

During the 2017-2018 year, under the leadership of our amazing president, Anna Bostick, the members of the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven committed to making a difference and improving the lives of local citizens. The JLGWH pulled together and made a difference each and every day, not only through hands-on involvement in our community, but in the development of future civic leaders within our league. Becoming a trained volunteer is one of the results that make this organization unique among volunteer opportunities in Greater Winter Haven.

This year, I had the pleasure of serving as the President-Elect. While serving under the guidance of Anna, I also embraced having the role of LINKS coordinator. I was inspired by the outpouring of love our members showed each other in the highs and lows of life. We are blessed to work with such an incredible group of women in the JLGWH.

I have loved serving as President- Elect under Anna's leadership. I have learned so much from her and other former Presidents of our league. I am honored and overjoyed to serve as your President next year.

Sincerely,
Aleah Pratt, President-Elect



Membership Report

What a wonderful year for our League! We strive to improve our community and develop the potential of women. The League accomplished this through the hard work and dedication of our members. It was amazing to see the connections made throughout the year through our time volunteering together and attending socials. We supported and learned from each other.

We started the year off welcoming potential new members at our summer social. Due to hurricane damage at the Country Club of Winter Haven, we moved our meeting location to Bambu Cafe. It was a delightful new meeting location with a relaxed atmosphere and delicious food, allowing for our members to socialize prior to and after our meetings. During our monthly meetings, we were able to focus on preparing for and brainstorming ways in which to better our events and fundraisers.

We were able to get to know each other better during our social events throughout the year. During our cluster meetings in December, we were able to spend time creating wreaths at Lasater Flowers, enjoying a nice lunch at Arabella's and enjoy warm conversation at The Wine Bar. Our social at Cob and Pen gave members an opportunity to get better acquainted with our potential new members and vice versa. We worked up a sweat and lots of laughter during our group exercise class at Honor Gym.

This year, the League chose to relieve members of required hours. We all go through different seasons of life. Members were able to choose where they wanted to give. As a board, this allows us to see where the majority of our members choose to give their time. This will help with planning on how we can meet the needs of our members each year.

It has been a privilege to serve as Membership VP this year. I look forward to all our future has to hold. We are in this together and it is a joy to serve beside such brilliant and passionate women!

Peace and blessings to you,
Allison Futch





Community Report

The Junior League of Greater Winter Haven strives to positively impact the Winter Haven community. We partner with local organizations, participate in “Done in a Snap” opportunities, volunteer at events and focus on women, children and education.

We believe that motivated and inspired teachers are a dynamic force in shaping students. This year the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven recognized 16 amazing teachers with Teacher Mini Grant Awards up to \$250 each. These teachers proposed innovative programs, participated in high quality professional development experiences, had a need for resources, or presented an experience that profoundly affected their students achievement.

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Making an Impact in Our Community



Teacher Mini Grant Recipients

Congratulations to the following educators:

Amanda Bataille
Bethune Academy

Brandi Miller
Caldwell Elementary School

Colleen Blanton
St. Joseph Catholic School

Michelle Gibson
Alturas Elementary School

Niki Fernandez
Polk Pre Collegiate Academy

Debra Young
Berkley Charter School

Christi Holby
Denison Middle School

Paula Chapple
Donald E. Woods
Opportunity Center

Auburn Thompson
Polk Pre-Collegiate Academy

Kathryn McGillin
St. Joseph Catholic School

Aaron Marino
Victory Ridge Academy

Jhoanna Mukai
St. Joseph Catholic School

Ashley Byrd
Bartow High School

Lori Edwards
St. Joseph Catholic School

Jennifer Barnett
Bartow Elementary

Theresa McCawley
Rochelle School of the Arts

In addition to our Teacher Mini Grants our organization also has the privilege of recognizing High School Seniors who have exemplified volunteerism in our community. These students will receive our Silver Tassel scholarships at Spring Dinner. We will also honor an individual who serves others through leadership and exemplifies the volunteer spirit with our Golden Glove Award. This year the JLGWH will make a \$250 donation to the qualifying nonprofit 501 c3 organization of the recipient's choice.

The Junior League of Greater Winter Haven prides itself on supporting our local community and giving back through volunteerism. Thank you for supporting our organization and our mission.

Sincerely,
Katie Campbell-Barris
JLGWH Community Vice President 17-18

CRPD Report



This year the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven continued our three fantastic projects: Kids in the Kitchen, the Mobile Food Pantry and Stork Pile.

Kids in the Kitchen - Kids in the Kitchen was a success again this year. This project, designed to promote children's health and wellness, provided nutritional and educational after school sessions at Girls Inc. to elementary school students. Once a month, League members shared healthy snack ideas and recipes, introducing different healthy foods that are fun, delicious and easy to prepare. This year the girls had fun with many themed snacks, such as, healthy dips, fruit pizzas, and reindeer made from celery, peanut butter and pretzels.

We owe a very big thank you to Mary Beth Jackson and Katie Brooks for spearheading Kids in the Kitchen this year. Their vision is to turn Kids in the Kitchen into a year-round project. Their passion is contagious!

Mobile Food Pantry - Now in its sixth year, we were able to host four mobile food banks different high need areas within our service area and feed more than 600 families in the community. This year we returned to Guadalupe Catholic

Church and Grace Lutheran Church and added the Lake Wales Care Center and the Winter Haven Neighborhood Service Center. While we were taken by surprise midyear by Agape's announcement that it would stop its food bank program in our area, we found a wonderful partner in Feeding Tampa Bay. This partnership allows us to continue to provide fresh produce and meat as part of our pantry.

Kaelynn Willis and her team worked diligently through setbacks such as a hurricane and Agape's discontinuance of service to ensure that we kept our commitment to the community.

Stork Pile - Our Stork Pile Project is designed to provide new mothers in need with laundry baskets full of diapers and much needed items for both babies and mothers before they are discharged from The Women's Hospital in Winter Haven. Now in its second year, Stork Pile made its first delivery of baskets to Winter Haven Hospital of a dozen baskets on February 27th with many more in progress. Each basket is valued between \$125 and \$150.

Aleah Pratt and her committee continue to reassess the content of these baskets to meet the needs of mothers and newborns in need in our community. There is even a Target Baby Registry for Stork Pile!

Each project committee put forth a great deal of effort to ensure we were serving our community and we are extremely grateful for all the time and dedication they gave. These projects would not have been successful without your commitment!

Thank you! ~Lisa Davis

CRPD Chair

Fund Development

It's hard to believe we have completed another amazing year! Once again, it has truly been an honor to serve our community alongside you. Being part of the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven has been so impactful for me and I cherish each friendship that has blossomed and grown during my time with you.

While each event offered some form of challenge, our ladies accepted and overcame these "learning lessons" and made the best of each opportunity. From downtown construction re-routing our 5k, hurricane Irma, a broken tent, to LIFE in general- it's been an adventure. Honestly, I could not be prouder of every single one of these committee chairs and all our league ladies!

Our 3rd annual bowling event, "Light Up the Lanes" was held October 19th, just weeks after hurricane Irma. While this was a devastating time for our community, Christi Holby stepped up as chair and continued to make this a successful event. She and her committee offered us a much needed evening to relax and have fun. We enjoyed bowling, silent auction, and even a secret dance contest (hopefully none of those photos are floating around)! Fabulous job, Christi!

Our 6th annual "Light Up the Night" was chaired by the incredible Rachelle Williamson. She and her committee worked tirelessly to make this year another huge success! We had a safer finish line, even more lighting and fantastic awards. Due to construction downtown there were some route issues, but Rachelle and committee made it work. Great job, Rachelle!



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Fund Development Continued

Eva Jarrell chaired our Cookbook Committee. She has done a great job of moving these beautiful books! We had a couple of great markets and new selling opportunities. This year we experimented with “swapping” with other leagues to offer some variety to our members and reduce our inventory. She has also offered great suggestions to streamline our distribution process. Well done, Eva!

Two new items this year, a capital campaign exploratory committee and the Winter Haven Charity Challenge were added to our landscape.

Marie Straughn and Krista Mahalak bravely stepped up to co-chair our Capital Campaign committee. These two ladies were the perfect candidates to begin this exploratory project. They did an incredible job of research and analyzing feasibility and sustainability of procuring an official site for the league. They offered a great report to the board which will be studied further in the coming months. Huge thanks, Marie and Krista!

Finally, our league decided to participate in the Winter Haven Charity Challenge. The original plan of this event was to break a Guinness World record by forming the largest human ribbon for cancer awareness. Local non-profits were invited to join in and each would receive a donation based on participation. Again, hurricane Irma changed this plan drastically. We did receive a check from event organizers even though original event was postponed. The event was finally held in April 15th. I want to offer a personal thank you to all who attended this event!

As this year ends, I excitedly look forward to my next year of service and new opportunities that await our league. Again, I encourage all of you to experience our different events and find your passion!
We can't do it without you.

Most kind regards, Rhonda Todd
Fund Development Chair



Provisional Class Report

2017 - 2018 Provisional Class

Susan Aird-Baldwin Amanda Frankenberg
Lauren Jahna Sweety Taropawala
Amanda Bataille Jessica Garrett
Heather Reuter Kristin Woolf
Heather Bell Amy Jahna
Carol Shannon
Lorena Cordero
Reema Tamney



What an amazing group of women we have had for a provisional class! You all blew me away with how eager and motivated you were with every project, fundraiser and event. You were so patient as well with all of the meeting changes due to hurricane Irma, so thank you for bearing with us. I am extremely excited for what your future holds within the League. I appreciate your dedication to the League and to our community. Often we set out to make a difference in the lives of others only to discover we have made a difference to our own. Thank you for being part of something bigger than yourself.

Love,
Megan Gillis
Provisional Class 2017-18

