

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



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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

6/1/16-5/31/16

Net Fundraiser Income - \$21,252.40

- Light up the Lanes - \$5,639
- Light up the Night - \$12,890.99
- Cookbooks - \$2,722.41

Grants - \$2,500

Florida's Natural dedicated to our Junior League Mobile Food Pantry
Rotary for Storkpile - \$250.00

Community Project Expenses- \$13,135.86

Mobile Food Pantry - \$5,883.55

Grants for Greatness - \$3,600

Kids in the Kitchen - \$152.31

Silver Tassels - \$2,000

Golden Gloves - \$250.00

Checking as of 5/5/17- \$20,767.42

Savings as of 5/5/17- \$53,209.78



**Courtney Pate,
Finance Vice
President**

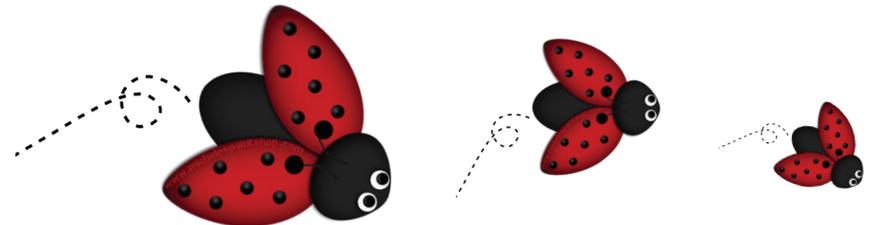
Junior League Legacy

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



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.

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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. (AJLI). 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.

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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

Dearest Members, Friends and Supporters,

Since January 1, 1981, The Junior League of Greater Winter Haven, Inc., formerly the Junior Service League of Greater Winter Haven, Inc. has been serving Winter Haven and the surrounding communities. As each decade passes, the needs of our communities change and along with it so does our League. Our fundraisers may change location or theme, our projects may shift in focus or reach, our members change with the phases of their lives but one thing remains constant and that is our mission. For over 35 years our League has been driven to promote voluntarism through our organization and other like-minded organizations, improve the community through effective action and to train our members to be mindful volunteers. That is still our mission today.



As we close out the year celebrating our 35th year of service, it's only natural that we reflect on our past. I can envision all 45 charter members coming together with the idea of making our community better through a service league. The time they put into establishing our organization; the planning, the paperwork, the meetings, the thoughtfulness of each decision. And the original 8 board members whose names are forever associated with the beginning of our League. To them all, we are grateful, for we may not have an organization of women to bond with, to learn with or to serve with if it weren't for them.

In the first year, the League began fundraising activities by participating in the Tournament of Champions Ladies Tennis Tournament with Grenelefe Resorts and United Airlines. The League realized a percentage of advertisement sales and box seat sales made by the members. The League also planned to host a Gala and Fashion show which they felt would receive a good response from the community. With the proceeds

President's Message Continued

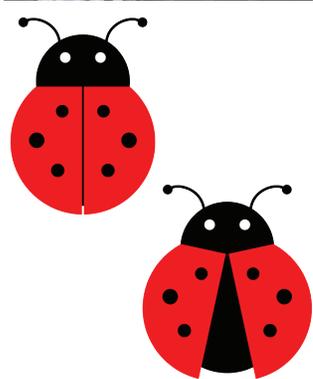
raised by these two fundraisers, the League engaged in committee work, and educating and training members in community affairs and volunteerism. The Community Research Committee began investigating the needs within the community for volunteers, looking into such programs as spouse abuse, parenting project, drug abuse, performing arts, etc. Whatever program to be selected, the League would help both financially and by providing volunteers, with a commitment that another agency would assume responsibility within a 2 or 3 year period. Even after the responsibility had been turned over, the League would continue to give volunteer help and work in an advisory capacity. The first example of this is the Women's Resource Center of Florida, Inc. which began as a project within the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven, Inc., became its own organization in 1983 and is still operating today.

The more I learn about our Leagues history, the more I feel so fortunate to be a part of this amazing group of women who have built such a wonderful organization. More so, I feel honored to have had the opportunity to serve as President this past year. Our members have worked so hard this year in keeping with our mission; I hope you enjoy reading all about their wonderful accomplishments!

In Service,

Jennifer Schaal
President 2016-2017

Junior League Pictures



President Elect Report

Guided by Jennifer's determination and dedication, the 2016-2017 year was a fantastic one for our League! Our members experienced community impact through our meaningful projects, learning opportunities through guest speakers at our general membership meetings, and volunteerism at our profitable fundraisers.



Throughout the 35 th year as the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven, our members showed their commitment to making a meaningful, lasting impact in our community. This was seen through the hard work of our project chairs, committees, and member volunteers of Kids in the Kitchen, Mobile Food Pantry, Teacher Mini Grants, Silver Tassel, and our newest project- Stork Pile. I am so excited to watch our outreach through these projects grow!

Our fundraisers were greatly enjoyed by our members and our community, while being very rewarding to our League. I am so appreciative of the chairs and committee members of Light Up The Lanes, our cookbook, and Light Up The Night, who worked tirelessly throughout the year to create such engaging events. I was so proud at each fundraiser to see our spirited members come together to support each other and our League.

This year I appreciated 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 Jennifer'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,
Anna Bostick, President-Elect

Membership Report

What a year for the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven! The mission of the league is to promote volunteerism while promoting the potential of women and improving the community. That spirit of volunteerism and community involvement was on full display this year with our membership on pace to exceed the 784 volunteer hour mark!

The year kicked off in August as we held socials for potential new members, followed by our first General Membership Meeting in September. For our General Membership Meetings we continued to gather at the Country Club of Winter Haven. This atmosphere provided us the opportunity to socialize with each other while meeting with committees prior to the GMM. During our monthly meetings we focused on our projects and fundraisers as well as brainstorming ideas for the future.

This year the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven continued our flexible hour requirements. This is the fourth year with these hour requirements previously laid out by an ad hoc committee. The flexible hour requirements have given many of our league members the opportunity to be involved in several different areas of the league. Active members are required to earn 20 volunteer hours during the course of the league year. Members are encouraged to divide their time between fundraising, projects, and placement. Several of our members contributed more than double their required hours this year!

With the devotion and commitment shown by our members, JLGWH continues to shine brighter than ever! Thanks to all the dedicated and hard-working Provisionals, Sustainers, Advisory Actives, and Active Members for making this year another success!

-Aleah Pratt

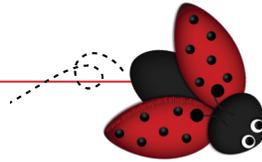


Community Report

The Junior League of Greater Winter Haven has the privilege of gifting local teachers with mini grants ranging from \$50-\$200. This year we were able to award 20 teachers in total with up to \$200 for educational projects in their classrooms. Additionally, JLGWH honors high school seniors with the Silver Tassel scholarship for community service in the amount of \$500. These winners will be announced at our spring dinner. Also at our spring dinner, the winner of the Golden Gloves award will be announced. This award goes to a member of our community who has contributed to the Winter Haven area through volunteering.



Leigh-Ann Hemenway-Pou



Community Project Pictures



Community Projects

This year the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven continued our two wonderful projects, Kids in the Kitchen and the Mobile Food Pantry, as well as adding in another project, Stork Pile. These projects allowed us to directly connect with our community and continue our focus on education, health and child hunger.



Kids in the Kitchen, a partnership with Girls, Inc. was a success again this year. This project provided nutritional and educational after school sessions to elementary school students. Once a month, League members shared healthy snack ideas and crafts, introducing new healthy foods that are fun, tasty,

affordable and easy to prepare. This year the girls had fun with many themed snacks, such as, banana butterflies, grape flowers and carrots made from goldfish snacks. Leftovers were sent home with the girls or donated to the Girls, Inc. kitchen. We also had the opportunity to set up a booth at the Lake Wales Art Festival. Over 200 children participated in this wonderful event.

This was the fifth year for our mobile food pantry. We teamed up again with Agape Food Bank to continue our success with this project. Thanks to the busy committee, JLGWH was able to host 5 events this year serving over 15,000 pounds of food and helping over 800 families.



Community Projects Continued



This year we returned to Guadalupe Catholic Church and Abundant Believers Church. The committee was very excited to add Dundee United Methodist, Grace Lutheran Church and Denison Middle School for the first time, reaching new families in our community. This amazing outreach project was unanimously voted in for another 5 year term by our league members.


Delivered by the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven

This year the league added one more project to our list! This project provides laundry baskets full of necessary baby items for mothers in need at the Winter Haven Women's Hospital. Everything in the basket is new and each basket is valued at about \$150.

The project committees have worked very hard and we are extremely grateful for all the time and dedication they gave. A very big thank you to and Courtney Boynton and her team for thinking of yummy, healthy snacks for the Kids in the Kitchen girls, Ashley Adkinson and her team for a successful year of Mobile Food Pantry and Nicole Nikdel and Dorian McGill for all their hard work getting a brand new project up and running!

Best wishes and blessings to you and yours,

Allison Futch, CRPD

Junior League Pictures



Fund Development

Greetings, Ladies!

It has truly been an honor to be a part of the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven. The friendships, experiences and opportunities have been amazing! I encourage all of you to attend our different events to experience and appreciate what the League has to offer.



So many of our dedicated ladies stepped up, making our signature events incredibly successful! The Junior League of Greater Winter Haven's events are thoughtfully vetted, approved by the membership, and reconsidered (typically) after 5 years for viability. This year, we raised over \$20,000.00 via 2 such events and by selling our cookbook. These funds allow us the opportunity to continue our work in the community to benefit women, children and our community in general. These funds also help us provide scholarships.

Our second annual bowling event, "Light Up The Lanes" chaired by the fabulous Lisa Davis, was a great success! She and her committee secured sponsors, offered a fabulous auction, and filled the lanes. Great job, Lisa!

Our 5th annual "Light Up The Night" 5k was chaired by the incredible Ashley Krieger. She and her committee made some small changes that allowed this great event to become even better! With additional lighting, slight route tweaks, and an after party at Grove Roots, this was our best 5k yet! Congratulations, Ashley!

Our ongoing fundraiser of selling our spectacular cookbook was once again chaired by the amazing Holly Worrell. She and her committee have done an amazing job of selling, distributing and tracking. Well done, Holly!

I am looking forward to my next year of service and the exciting opportunities ahead for our league. Again, please be sure to experience our different events and find your passion! We can't do it without you.

Very best regards,
Rhonda Todd

Provisional Class Report

2016-17 Provisional Class

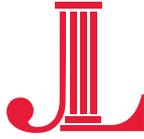
Crystal Magee	Kathryn Brammer
Jennifer Landback	Katie Salomon
Tori McLean	Michelle Henne
Valarie McCutcheon	Abby Bowman

Greetings Lovely Ladies of the League!

The 2016-17 Provisional Class has been quite busy this year! From jumping right in at our first meeting to plan the Haven Holiday Market to having a presence at all of the Mobile Food Pantries, and everything in between, this fine group of women have made a tremendous impact on not only our League, but our community, as well. As they rise into active status with the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven, they will undoubtedly continue to serve and to lead our organization to many new heights! They have supported our existing projects, brought their own spirit into the League, offered their talents and expertise to ensure our successes, and shared their insight on how to grow for the future. I have had the privilege of being their teacher, mentor, and friend this year and look forward to working with them all in the future.

A special thank you to the League, especially the board members, for welcoming our Provisionals this year to make sure we are all working together for the common good of our community!

Cheers!
Christi Holby



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