

League At A Glance

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President's Message

As they saying goes – “Time flies when you’re having fun!” Can this Junior League year really be coming to end for me as President? As we bid farewell to the cold winter months and long for the bright days of spring and the warmth of summer, I ponder how quickly the last 11 months have come and gone. I am so thankful for the women of the JLS Board who were by my side during this 2013-2014 year. Their patience, ideas, resilience and dedication kept me going and the future looking bright for the Junior League of Spokane. We welcomed more than 20+ new members to join us on this enriching journey we call the Junior League. We welcomed new babies and transfers and we bid farewell to some great members who have moved away.



Personally, I am grateful for many things this year. We kicked things off with a successful turnout at our annual Touch A Truck event despite poor weather. We reached out to various non-profits to learn more about what they do and how we can help them: American Childhood Cancer Organization, Ronald McDonald House, Mission Community Outreach Center, and the Transitional Living Center for Women. Our new members made a major impact by redecorating two rooms for Hearth Homes as part of their new member project.

Our members voted to continue with Foster Santa Breakfast for one more year. This year’s event will continue as years past, but it will also be the final one for the JLS. In this transitional year, we will look at handing this event over to one or more organizations or groups willing to take on this 18 year tradition. *Bittersweet!*

We are getting closer to our goal in adopting an Issue Based Community Impact or new focus area. Members narrowed the focus are down to Foster Care and Childhood Development. After two tie votes, the Board decided to continue to engage and educate our members on these two topics. We felt members needed more information to feel confident in their choice. We look forward to another vote in December 2014. This new focus area will guide us in new volunteer opportunities and fundraising goals to help us be better acquainted with our community needs, and in turn our community better acquainted with the Junior League of Spokane!

Thank you to all our members who participated in the Annual Fund Drive. We exceeded our fundraising goal of \$3,000. This is wonderful news! We are also on our way to working on a balanced budget that will better guide and sustain us in the future.

We instituted a new Mentorship program that pairs up current members with new members to bridge the communication gap and keep things top of mind and more personal for our new members, especially during our summer months when we are on hiatus! Add to that, our new Platinum Membership program. This program allows women who are thinking about sustaining to stay an active member but with fewer obligations and more options for specific involvement.

We are so close to reaching the 75+ member mark. Our Membership team did an AMAZING job this year! We also instituted a new protocol in which there are two provisional classes, allowing more flexibility and options for new members who want to join!

Gratitude abounds for our families, friends and spouses who are joining us at our community events and who are supporting us at home. We continue to be blessed by our sustainers who are mentoring us as committee advisors, who are sustaining us with their dues and donations, their history and their wisdom, and who are welcoming us into their homes.

I am inspired daily by the wisdom and dedication of our phenomenal women. A profound thank you for sharing your gifts, talents and your precious time in leading the JLS! Thank you for making my Presidential year a great one!

With much gratitude!

Heather Byrd

Junior League of Spokane, President 2013-2014

IMPACT SPOKANE



Impact Spokane prepared a taco dinner for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House Spokane on February 13th. Top row from left: Chrissy Dunham, Tricia Morgan, Colleen Fox, Heather Byrd, Lauren Warrick, Sally Stopher, and Kate Heidergott. Front row from left: Anne Fink, Casey Lawrence and Amy Dowell with our new friend Georgia.

Toiletry Collection

For May, Impact will be collecting toiletries for Mission Community Outreach Center. Often needed items include: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, bar soap (travel/sample size or full size) feminine hygiene products and diapers. Please bring items to the May 20th GMM.

Sustainers are welcome to donate and may drop items on the south hill at Carolyn Louthian's home (534-3187) or at Tricia Morgan's in the Valley/Liberty Lake area. Questions? Tricia Morgan at 255-6175 or rgolden2000@aol.com

Thank you!!

Membership News

The membership committee has been very busy this year recruiting and training new members and we couldn't have done it without the great referrals that have been coming in from our active members and sustainers. Thank you!!! We voted in 15 new members at our April General Membership Meeting. With the 7 members we voted in at our January meeting, and 2 transfers, we have increased the size of our league by 24 new members this year!

We have also been working on retention of our current membership and are in the process of starting a mentorship program for our new members to help keep them connected and engaged throughout the Junior League year and also during the summer months when we are not meeting. We look forward to seeing our retention improve as well as helping our new members to feel more connected and engaged.

The summer is almost upon us and we are already planning for some great socials and meet & greets. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 30th when we will be hosting a social at the Spokane Indians baseball game!

If you know someone who would be an asset to the Junior League, we are always looking to recruit energetic, talented women to join JLS and help us make an impact on our community. If you have any friends or family who you think would be great additions to our League, please send the names and email addresses of any interested women to membership@jlsokane.org.

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New Member Project



The 2014 new members class redecorated two bedrooms at Hearth Homes on April 5th & April 12th for their new member project. Pictured: Anne Fink, Jessica Kiser and Ann Smith. Not pictured: Emily Arneson, Andi Koslowsky, and Kim Siler

NEW MENTOR PROGRAM

If you've been in the League for two or more years, now is your chance to sign up for the inaugural mentor program. With as little as 30 minutes a month you can ensure valuable relationships and connections emerge for the League's newest members. Not only are relationships formed, but mutual understanding and League knowledge grows. This is an essential program to retain and grow League membership plus a great excuse for a happy hour or lunch outing with other League members! Please contact Liz Fleming at Elizabeth.fleming2@providence.org or 474-4653 with questions or to sign up.

Junior League Night at Spokane Indians Ballpark

Please join us for a summer social event at a Spokane Indians Ball Game.

Wednesday, July 30th



Save the Date!

SUSTAINER DINNER



June 4th
Manito Golf & Country Club

MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



The White Room – 117 W. Pacific
6:00 p.m.
Please join us on Tuesday, May 20th for our year end meeting and party! The meeting will be catered and is \$15/person.

Kids in the Kitchen and Bean Sprouts

The Junior League and Bean Sprouts, a nationally recognized kids café, have partnered with a new app to get kids excited about healthy eating and trying new tastes. The app, Bean Sprouts: Cooking Fun for Kids, launched March 7 for iPhone and iPad. The app cost is \$0.99, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Kids in the Kitchen initiative.

To learn more about the app visit beansprouts.com/app or you can download it here: <http://bit.ly/beancookingfunkids>. There you can find created materials to help promote the app, including a downloadable flyer and poster, along with fun ideas to drive word of mouth and app downloads. To access these materials, go to: <http://kidsinthekitchen.ajli.org/the-village/beansprouts/>.

Also, please don't forget to rate and/or review the app in the iTunes store!

If you have any questions contact:

Kids in the Kitchen chair Sarah Clifford at KITK@JLSpokane.org
Tracy Baldwin on behalf of Bean Sprouts at tracy@flowmarcom.com

Always Gold'n

Inspire your inner chef with cookbooks from the Junior League of Spokane. Our cookbooks feature recipes that are sure to impress with distinctive Northwest ingredients. What's even better?

All profits go back to our community. Gold'n Delicious and Still Gold'n are \$12 for Junior League members and \$15 for non-members if purchased at the JLS office or JLS website

www.jlspokane.org Our cookbooks are also sold at Mel's Nursery, Aunties's Bookstore and Northern Quest Casino.

GLAMAgain

May 1-3, 2014
126 N Washington at
Main

Spokane's premiere upscale clothing and accessories consignment sale. Please stop in to shop! A percentage of sales will be donated to the Junior League of Spokane!

Visit www.glamagain.com for more information about the sale. Or contact JLS Member, Susannah Stoltz at susannah.stoltz@gmail.com

Slate of Officers for 2014-2015

2014-15 Slate of Officers

President.....Jackie Worobec
President Elect.....Leslie Culley
Treasurer.....Marie Cahill
Treasurer Elect.....Wendy Harvey
Sustaining Director.....Trish McFarland
Parliamentarian (nominated by President).....Jessica Kiser
Presidential Assistant (nominated by President).....Ann Smith

Administrative Director (1 year).....Kim Koch
Communications/Marketing Chair.....Colleen Fox
Meetings & Arrangements Chair.....Lauren Klundt

Community Director (2 years).....Tricia Morgan
Foster Santa Chair.....Open
Impact Spokane and Project Research &
Development Chair..... MaryLynn Boardman
Kids in the Kitchen Chair.....Liz Flemming
Public Policy/JWLS Delegate.....on hold

Funding Director.....Michelle Tompkins (1 year)
Funding & Resource Management and Cookbook Chair.....Anne Fink
Touch-a-Truck Chair.....Kate Heidergott/Ann Smith

Membership Director.....Amy Dowell (1 year)
Membership Development Chair.....Lauren Warrick/Casey Lawrence
Placement Chair (Combined with LDC)
Leadership Development Chair.....Chrissy Dunham
LDC (1 year).....Heather Byrd
LDC (1 year).....Michelle Grover
LDC (2 year).....Marnie Schroer
LDC (2 year).....Sally Stopher

Dear Sustainers,

Happy Spring! Aren't we glad to see longer days and grass getting greener? I love this time of year!

An important date to add to your calendar is the **Junior League Sustainers Dinner on Wed, June 4th at Manito Country Club. You will be getting more information about the cost and time.**

Another important piece of news for all of you is that the active members voted to have the Foster Santa Breakfast for one more year, with the intent of finding another group or groups to turn it over to in 2015. As you know, we have put on this amazing event for 18 years, and it is time to turn it over to another group so that we can focus on other areas of need in the community. The membership is taking important time to research two topics of need that fit well with us. Those are Early Childhood Development and Foster Care - with an emphasis on older foster children aging out of the system. This is important work and we don't want to rush a decision. There is very good support for both, so it will be interesting to see how this concludes!

The Annual Fund set a goal of \$3,000 for this year, and I am so proud to tell you that we surpassed our goal by almost \$1,000!! Thanks to each and every one of you who sent a donation! Participation was very high from both actives and sustainers.

Speaking of that, our sustainers are growing in numbers again! Many of you have re-enrolled (is that a word?) and we are back up to over 250 due paying members! That is such a boost to the budget as well.

Being the Sustaining Director has been such a joy for me and I am going to repeat the honor next year. I have loved working with Heather Byrd and her board. I look forward to working with Jackie Worobec and a new slate of leadership! I encourage all of you to stay connected, like us on Facebook (the Sustainers have our own page!), and tell your younger friends to consider joining. We have added two classes of Provisionals this year and they are very impressive.

I hope to see you on June 4th!

Trish McFarland
Sustaining Director

2014 Calendar

May 2014	6	Board Meeting
	20	General Membership Meeting
	TBA	AJLI Annual Conference
June 2014	4	Sustainer Dinner Manito Golf & Country Club
July 2014	30	JLS Evening at Spokane Indians Ballpark

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Junior League Book Club
February Meeting

Board of Directors

President: Heather Byrd - Pres@JLSpokane.org

President-elect: Jackie Worobec - PresElect@JLSpokane.org

Treasurer: Tammy Everts - Treas@JLSpokane.org

Treasurer-elect: Maria Cahill - TreasElect@JLSpokane.org

Sustaining Director: Trish McFarland - SustainingDirector@JLSpokane.org

Administrative Director: Kim Koch - AdminDirector@JLSpokane.org

Community Director: Michelle Grover - CommDirector@JLSpokane.org

Membership Director: Amy Dowell - MembershipDirector@JLSpokane.org

Funding Director: Michelle Tompkins - FundingDirector@JLSpokane.org

LDC Chair: Julie Munson - LDC@JLSpokane.org

Parliamentarian: Christi Gerhardt - Parliamentarian@JLSpokane.org

Presidential Assistant: Lesley Culley - PresAsst@JLSpokane.org

Committee Chairs

Meetings & Arrangements: Mary Lynn Boardman - MA@JLSpokane.org

Communications/Marketing: Kerri Stubb - MarCom@JLSpokane.org

Membership Development: Sally Stopher - Membership@JLSpokane.org

Placement: Cynthia Gustafson - Placement@JLSpokane.org

Foster Santa Breakfast: Colleen Schneider and Anna Poole -
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PR&D/Impact: Tricia Morgan - Impact@JLSpokane.org

Kids in the Kitchen: Sarah Clifford - KITK@JLSpokane.org

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Our Mission:

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

We reach out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

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