



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
RACINE

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New Community Initiative

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF RACINE

The past several years, our Community Committee has been focused on researching the top issues facing Racine County and determining a more specific focus for a community initiative. The committees have completed a needs assessment, met several times with our Community Advisory Council and surveyed active members. This year's committee has taken the research completed and determined that the greatest need in Racine County that JLR can help address is mentoring youth. The committee has met with several partner organizations on how to advance this new focus through a specific initiative. (Cont'd on page 04).

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A Note From Our President

BY ANDREA BUKACEK



*Transforming League.
Transforming Communities.*

This year has been all about change. As the Junior League of Racine, we have embraced those changes to move our organization forward as a resource for women and a community thought leader. I am so proud and humbled with all that we have accomplished this year. The women of The Junior League of Racine have proven how they can maneuver, adapt, evolve, and transform. In our changing community, this is a vital skill.

These skills we have developed are directly applicable to our new community initiative of Mentoring the Youth. Through our research of the community needs, we learned this issue is an area where the Junior League of Racine can make a direct impact. As such, we are using our training skills to work with the local non-profit organization, Big Sisters of Greater Racine. With both The Junior League of Racine and Big Sisters of Greater Racine working alongside each other, Racine is now presented with a unique opportunity to provide mentorship to our youth from two local and long-standing organizations.

Both JLR and Big Sisters of Greater Racine have rich histories of community activism with focuses on; the dedication to improving the lives of women and children of the Racine community through effective action and trained volunteers;



and a commitment to providing positive growth of young girls in our community by pairing them with caring volunteer women and encouraging friendships that foster guidance, motivation, and hope, respectively. We are excited to provide supplemental training to the Big Sisters of Greater Racine members with potential topics such as self-confidence, social media training, body image, and much more. The Junior League of Racine is looking forward to implementing this initiative while continuing to provide a legacy of trained volunteers.

Separately, we thank everyone who supported our fundraising efforts this year from sponsors, donors, members, and friends of JLR. We hosted an incredible "Wines and Steins" event raising over \$12,000 all going back directly into Racine. Without you, JLR would not be possible!

~ Andrea Bukacek
President 2018-2019



TIK Talks

A WORD FROM OUR SUSTAINERS



When is it the right time to join league?

This I Know....

When is the right time to join Junior League of Racine? The answer is different for many of us. I joined as my now grown children were in college and high school. I was looking for a new way to stay involved in our community. My first active year, I served on the Program committee. That was quite a year of observing and learning and getting to know fabulous women in league. I had another good year serving on the Membership Development committee and could relate well to what it felt like to be new to the organization.

Quickly, through participating in the opportunities that arose, I learned my favorite role was community service. Junior League of Racine has an extensive legacy of meeting the needs of our great community in many ways over more than 100 years. I came to spend the bulk of my active time as a Community Impact member and ultimately chaired that followed by the combined Community Impact and Research committees. Some of my league friends remember me saying I would not be interested in leading, only in serving.

This I know; I am glad I said yes to taking on some leadership roles. My knowledge base and confidence grew. I developed close friendships with fellow members as well as those in the community with whom we were fortunate to collaborate and serve. The great secret is I was never in this alone to lead a committee. I had the great support of many knowledgeable sustaining members and particularly helpful sustaining advisors who helped frame the responsibilities and foster community relationships. They helped me sort through the detailed records of

those who served before me and showed me best practices for keeping detailed records of our committee's work. I had the support of leadership board and members. I worked with insightful, dedicated committee members. Together, we proudly accomplished great service to our community. Providing and painting the Born Learning Trail in collaboration with United Way at Knapp Community School with a great group of league friends was a particular highlight during our 100th year.

If you are looking for something different, whether you are 21 or, ahem, more than twenty years older than that, get to know Junior League of Racine. Like me, you will be glad you did.

~Colleen Andersen



Calendar of Events 2018-2019

Wednesday, May 8th
General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 5th
Annual Dinner

Fundraising Initiatives

BY: KATIE JENSEN

Annual Grand Gala: Wines and Steins from Around the World

The fund development team would like to thank all of our sponsors, local businesses and all who attended our Grand Gala: Wines & Steins Around the World fundraiser at the Racine Country Club on March 15th. Guests were transported around the world, enjoying a variety of wines, beer and delicious food from many different countries. In addition, there were over 50 silent auction items, live auctions and raffles to suit all interests. We had the pleasure of watching members of The Trinity Irish Dancers perform a few dances for us. Thank you to all of those that attended our event. Because of your support we raised \$11,300.00. Without your contributions, we would not have been able to meet our fundraising goal.



In addition to the Gala, our committee has worked hard to raise funds to support our organization. This year, we tried a new initiative by partnering with the Marcus Theater of Performing Arts. Community members were offered Broadway performance tickets at a discounted rate. This new initiative helped us raise \$465.00. This money will be used to support both our community programming as well as our members through a variety of training opportunities.



Helping Our Community

BY: KATE GRUETTNER



Big Sisters of Greater Racine

Jeanne Tyree-Francis of Big Sisters of Greater Racine, attended our October General Membership Meeting and spoke to our membership to about their organization, the impact they've made in our community as well as their goals and what they need to continue to support young girls in Racine. JLR determined that this would be a perfect new initiative and partnership for our organization.

Scope of Mentoring Program

JLR will develop a half day workshop for both adults and youth to take part in where they can learn about the pros and cons of social media and the power that it can have.

Workshop Goals

- * Increase the understanding of the various social media platforms that youth engage with
- * Improve understanding of general online rules, overview and social media safety
- * Increased skill in identifying and reporting concerns to appropriate authorities
- * Improve parents'/caregivers' ability to talk to their child about online expectations and techniques for monitoring their child's digital spaces
- * Improve a child's ability to use the Internet effectively, how to talk to their friends about privacy and what you need to know to be safe
- * Social Media contract for tweens and teens

Workshop Description

JLR will develop an education and training that would support, guide and strengthen existing mentoring relationships. This will be accomplished through the development of age specific workshops that utilize games, crafts, and other hands on activities to educate youth and the adults who play a role in their life on social media. JLR will:

- * Leverage external experts and resources to develop education and training on our areas of interest: social media, bullying, confidence, self-esteem and leadership
- * Bring that education and training to both "Big Sisters" and "Little Sisters" in a formal setting while using informal activities to engage both groups in the education
- * JLR would "own" our education and training which would give us the ability to expand the program in future years.

Measuring Success

Goals will be updated with specific numbers in order to truly measure the impact of the workshops. In addition, a post-workshop survey will be given to adults and youth evaluating them on the workshop's goals.



Visit Big Sisters of Racine's website for more information: <http://bigsistersracine.org/>

Welcome New Members



Jessica Knautz

What is the one thing most people don't know about you?
I was an exchange student in Costa Rica for a year during high school, and I also lived in Spain for a year during college.

Where is the most interesting place you've been?
IBurano, Italy



Charity Brown

What is the one thing most people don't know about you?
People don't know the story behind my name.

What are you most looking forward to in becoming a member of JLR?

I am looking forward to developing new friendships and leaning about the community while giving back to the community.



Jane Hogan

What is the one thing most people don't know about you?
I studied interior design and love architecture!

What's one skill/strength you can bring to JLR?

Public affairs, communications and event management experience



Annie Frankovis

What is the one thing most people don't know about you?
I actually live in Milwaukee, and I secretly love karaoke.

What are you most looking forward to in becoming a member of JLR?

I'm really looking forward to being able to give back to the community that helped raise me and the connections I can make by being a part of JLR.



Erin Herang

Where is the most interesting place you've been?

Prague. I was in Germany for a conference and we traveled there. It's right out of a fairytale.

What's one skill/strength you can bring to JLR?
A fresh eye is always helpful!



Kris Duffy

What are you most looking forward to in becoming a member of JLR?

I most look forward to getting to know a great group of women while learning about Racine and helping the community.

What is the one thing most people don't know about you?

Most people don't know that I moved to 4 different states in less than 8 years (as an adult).



Frannie Mann

What is the one thing most people don't know about you?

Despite constant meal prepping and being very health focused, I LOVE Taco Bell.

What's one skill/strength you can bring to JLR?

I am very analytical, and I've recently discovered I'm pretty entrepreneurial. I love finding new solutions to old problems!

New Member Events

BY NOELLE VOELZ

Wow! The 2018-2019 league year has been fantastic! The membership committee tried a new approach to reaching out to the women of Kenosha and Racine this year. Instead of calling women to come to us, we decided to go out into the community and bring League to the ladies. This new approach allowed us to branch out and spread the word about The Junior League and it lead to great success! The Membership Committee would like to welcome our fabulous new members. We are excited to announce that we have 10 marvelous women joining the Junior League of Racine. Each of these amazing women have so much to offer the community. We can't wait for them to jump in!

Super Saturday

On March 23rd we gathered at The Prairie School for Super Saturday. On this day, the 2018 Board, the Marketing and Membership Committee, and our New Members gathered for a day of training.

Super Saturday is a day for New Members to learn the ins and outs of league and further deepen their understanding of our organization and the



parent organization The Association of Junior Leagues International Inc, (AJLI). This is the final step before they become full League Members at our June meeting. Please welcome our New Members...



Annie Frankovix
Ashley Storvick
Beth Pramme
Charity Brown
Erin Herang
Frannie Mann
Jane Hogan
Kris Duffy
Traci Verway
Jessica Knaus

IT STARTS WITH A WOMAN

CALLING ALL WOMEN WHO DO GOOD AND WANT TO BE INSPIRED!

*Interested in Joining JLR?
Contact us today!*

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Interested in joining our dynamic group?
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