



Giving Tuesday

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF RACINE

We want to say THANK YOU to all of our family, friends and the Racine community for making our #GivingTuesday campaign such a success! With your generous donations, we surpassed our goal of \$2500.

The Junior League of Racine is grateful for all of your support. Because of your donations we are able to make our community stronger. Thank you for making a difference.

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YOU**

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A Note From Our President

BY: ANDREA BUKACEK



*Transforming League.
Transforming Communities.*

Welcome to 2019! A New Year always bring on new changes and new ideas. We are excited to start the new year, but also thankful for an exciting 2018. We ended 2018 on a high note with a successful Giving Tuesday campaign, raising over \$3K in support. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and contributed. It would not have been possible without you! We look forward to continuing this new tradition next year as a way to engage local donors on a national day of giving. We were also able to celebrate the addition of 4 new members. We are excited about the opportunities these provisional women will have and what experiences they can share with us.

For those that are not as familiar with Junior League, we are a women's training organization whose mission is to develop the potential of women and improve the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Within the Junior League training format, each active member is part of a committee where they are afforded the opportunity to learn about our community. One of the committees in JLR is the Community Committee. This year, the Community Committee is working towards our new community based issue: Mentoring the Youth.



This is a pivotal time for JLR as we look to provide meaningful impact of this specific issue in our community. Being a training organization for women, we feel as though we are well equipped to foster the development of our youth and provide hands on training, experiences, and influential programs that can be carried through from generation to generation. We are forward thinking, and looking into 2019, we are motivated to continue to evolve and be driving force for change in the community.



TIK Talks

A WORD FROM OUR SUSTAINERS



Hitting the Ground Running, Jumping Right In

I moved to Racine from Chicago, 26 years ago with my husband and two small children. Unfortunately, I didn't discover the Junior League until seven years ago when I was invited to attend the Wine Tasting Fundraiser. I was totally impressed with the rich history of the Racine Junior League and their mission, which was focused on helping women and children in the community. I quickly joined and hit the ground running.

My initial interest was focused on the LIOUD program. LIOUD was a birth to three preschool education program that the League had developed and was beginning to implement in the community the year I joined. I really felt compelled to get in on that project as it launched. It required volunteer involvement from all members. I was on the committee that was responsible for making sure it ran smoothly. I quickly gained leadership skills and transitioned into the role of chair for the LIOUD committee the following year.

My leadership in league didn't stop there. Instead, I was nominated and elected to serve as president for the 2017-2018 league year. That year was a busy and challenging year but also the most rewarding. Serving and working along side the amazing women this community has and meeting lifelong friends is irreplaceable.

If you have a passion for social justice, enjoy opportunities for community outreach and volunteer activities, as well as leadership training then Junior League is for you! I will never forget the overwhelming feeling of pride and awe I had at the Annual AJLI conference last year in Memphis Tennessee sitting amongst more than 800 women representing Junior League's from the US, Canada, Mexico, and the UK, I remember thinking, "What an impressive group of women!"

I am currently in the processes of moving to Minnesota to be closer to my family and as I begin this new chapter in my life, I too am beginning a new chapter in my league career. As this league year comes to an end I will be transitioning from an Active member to a Sustainer. As I write this article I am reflecting on the friendships and many experiences that the Junior League has given me. I will always remember my time in the Junior League as a positive, impactful, and meaningful part of my life. If you were considering joining The Junior League I would encourage you to take the leap. It will require hard work and dedication but it will repay you 10 fold for your time and energy.

~Julie Soyka
President, 17-18



Calendar of Events 2018-2019

Saturday, February 23rd ***Empty Bowls Painting Party***

Join us at On A Whim [9415 Durand Ave]
from 1:00-3:00pm as we
paint bowls for the Empty Bowls Fundraiser.

Friday, March 15th

Wines & Steins Around the World Gala
Save the date for our annual fundraising event.
Stay tuned and check out our website and
Facebook for more details.

High school Scholarship Applications **CHECK OUT PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS.**

Our General Membership Meetings are held
on the first Wednesday of each month at
6:30pm. Check out our website for location
updates.

Fundraising Initiatives

BY: KATIE JENSEN

Annual Grand Gala: Wines and Steins from Around the World

The Junior League of Racine empowers civic-minded women through training and volunteer opportunities that address Racine County's most urgent needs, to create lasting and meaningful change.

Please join us for our annual fundraising event Wines and Steins Around the World. The funds raised at this event will be used throughout the year to support training opportunities for our members, support our Specials Aids Grant, as well as our high school scholarship promoting Voluntarism in the Racine Community. The funds will also support our most recent community impact project, which focuses on mentoring local youth.



Ticket price includes wine and beer tastings, wonderful hors d'oeuvres, dancing entertainment by the Trinity Irish Dancers, as well as the opportunity to participate in our amazing live/silent auction and raffles.

Friday, March 15, 2019

**Racine Country Club
2801 Northwestern Ave,
Racine, WI 53404**

Registration: 6:00-6:30pm

Event: 6:30-10:30pm

Cost: \$65.00

**Tickets can be purchased on our
website at www.jlrracine.org**

Images From Past Galas

Wines & Steins 2018, Prom Through the Decades, The Great Gatsby and A League of Our Own



Helping Our Community

BY: KATE GRUETTNER

Special Aids Grant (SAG) Winners Announced

The Community Committee is proud to announce the 2018-2019 SAG winners:

*** Big Sisters of Greater Racine is a mentoring program which relies on volunteer BIG sisters to help young girls ages 6-18 (LITTLE sisters), become productive young women who are assets to the community. The grant money will go towards implementing the "Best Thoughts Academy" program in which BIGs will help teen-aged LITTLES create their individual vision board. The goal of the program is to create an enhanced mentoring experience and inspire future endeavors for both BIGs and LITTLES.

***Caledonia Historical Society (CHS) oversees the Caledonia Historical Village, which includes the 1877 town hall, the 1902 Milwaukee Road Depot, a reconstructed blacksmith shop and livery stable, the c. 1840 Ruud log cabin, and a 1919 machine shed. The grant money will go towards purchasing a train table, train tracks, and wooden trains for children to use when visiting the Milwaukee Road Depot.

*** Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) - The SCAN program teaches child abuse prevention in all RUSD elementary and middle schools, most Racine private and parochial schools, and many schools in western Racine County. Last year, SCAN taught over 12,000 youth to recognize abuse, report it if it occurs, and identify sources of support. The grant money will go towards continuing their prevention programming in the schools.

Cops N' Kids Book Fair

The Community Committee organized participating in the Cops 'n Kids Book Fair in December. Active and sustaining members, and numerous family members helped at the gift wrap table this year. Thank you to our members and their families for helping bring holiday joy to the kids!



Focus on Community Game Night

Our members participated in Focus on Community's game night at Mitchell School on Jan. 17th. We helped register over 25 families with children who attend Mitchell. Members served dinner and the families got to play their free board game before heading home! Thanks to participating members for helping with a fun evening for local families!



Now Accepting 2019 Scholarship Applications

We are proud to announce that we are now accepting applications for the annual high school scholarship program. If you know a female who lives in Racine County, attends a Racine County high school, & demonstrates a commitment to volunteering, please share this opportunity with her!

**Applications can be downloaded at
<https://www.jlrracine.org/scholarship/>.**

Deadline for applications is March 15, 2019.

New Member Events

BY: NOELLE VOELZ

This year the Racine Junior League's New Member Committee decided to change up the way we reach out to potential new members. Instead of hosting Open Houses, we planned special events where League members could invite potential new members to join us for an interactive information session. The New Member committee wanted to take on a more personal approach to seeking out new members.

On Saturday October 13th, the Membership Committee held our first new member information session in Kenosha at Alpaca Art. We felt it was important to reach out to local women in the Kenosha area, who we thought embodied the Junior League Vision. At our Alpaca event, we had two potential new members join us for snacks, painting, and to hear more about what League has to offer. We had a great time getting to know the women on a more personal level and having the opportunity to share with them the mission and vision of The Junior League. After our first information session, we had our first official new member.



On Saturday November 10th, we held our second new member information session. We kicked off the giving season by inviting potential new members to a League member's home for a fun filled pie-baking event. Four new women attended and we spent time baking together, and donated 6 pies to the Hospitality Center in Racine, a community meal event our League has been a part of for years. After spending time baking and getting to know more about League, we were excited that two of the women decide to join!

With our New Member class growing, we are looking forward to the talents these wonderful new women can bring to The Junior League of Racine. We will be hosting another information session in the coming weeks. Watch for details on our Facebook pages and website.

Become A Member

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

*Interested in Joining JLR?
Contact us today!*

On Facebook:
@Junior League of Racine

On the Web:
www.jlracine.org

By email:
info@jlracine.org

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Racine, WI 53408	

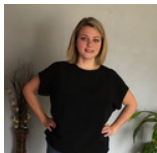
Interested in joining our dynamic group?
Check out our upcoming
New Member Events located on page 02

Bunco Night

Pictures from Bunco Night, our New Member social.



Welcome New Members



Jamie Delles

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

I am the first person in my family to graduate from college. I got married shortly after high school. I worked full time and had two children but still managed to earn a Master's degree in Accounting thanks to my incredible husband's support for those 8+ crazy years!

If money were no issue, where would you travel and why?

I would love to spend a few months traveling around overseas ... Germany, Italy, Ireland, the Netherlands... everywhere!

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

I am looking forward to connecting with other women from the community and doing my little part to help make our town a better place to help raise our families.



Ashley Storvick

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

One thing most people don't know about me is I participated in the Illinois Snow Sculpting Competition in Rockford, IL in the high school division in 2001. Our team won first place and people's choice award for sculpting "Revenge of the Goldfish" which was a goldfish being flushed down a toilet. There is a lot more to this story for another time :)

If money were no issue, where would you travel and why?

I would like to travel to Egypt to see the pyramids and sphinx. I love art history and have always been interested in Egyptian art and history and would like to see these ruins in person.

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.

A Special Thank You to our Local Sponsors!



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