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# IMPACT Tomorrow Today!

As I sit down to pen my very first article for *The Commentator*, I must say again what an honor and a privilege it is to serve as President of the Junior League of Abilene. I am very excited to lead an organization of such wonderful women.

I chose the theme *Impact Tomorrow Today* because I believe that we all have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others with each day that we're given. The small actions that we choose to do or choose not to do today can make a difference in the life of someone tomorrow.

I am asking that you make a decision to give just a little more of yourself to the League this year. I'm not asking for a lot more....just a little.....

- Attend just one more meeting than you did last year – you just might be inspired
- Give one more hour of community service than is asked of you – you just might be touched by the difference you've made in the life of another

- Meet one more person in League – you just might make a lifelong friend



*The small actions that we choose to do or choose not to do today can make a difference in the life of someone tomorrow.*

If each of us makes the decision to do just a little more and we multiply that extra effort by the number of exceptional women we have in our League, this community and the Junior League of Abilene will be IMPACTED!

I love the Junior League of Abilene! I love the League because of the difference we make in the community. I love the League because of the difference we make in the lives of each other. And I love the League because of the difference it has made in me.

I want to thank those women who have agreed to serve in a leadership position in our League. Thank you for agreeing to take the challenge of giving more of yourself to the League this year.

I hope that you are all rewarded for your efforts!

Thank you again for allowing me this incredible opportunity. I look forward to working with each of you to *IMPACT Tomorrow Today!*

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## Christmas Carousel 2008!

By Sara Field

Calling all Junior League Starlets! Christmas Carousel is sure to be a star studded affair you don't want to miss.

Prepare to walk the red carpet at "A Starlet Christmas" – Christmas Carousel 2008 - November 6-9. Your Carousel Committee is bringing

modern Hollywood style and glamour to Abilene for an unforgettable three day event. You don't want to miss out!

Make plans for "Premier Night" November 6th and explore "The Shops on Rodeo Drive" for a first glimpse of the many Christmas treasures in Market Hall. You definitely want to get your table reserved for "Red Carpet Style" as Dillard's presents the latest in Fall fashions, Friday November 7th. Come back Friday night with your starlet friends for a fantastic wine and cheese event for ladies only. Wine connoisseurs will enjoy learning from our special guests the secrets of pairing wines with holiday dishes. We will be "Sippin, Shoppin and Stylin on the Boulevard" with you!

Saturday night is sure to be the crown event of the social season! The fantastic KLOCKS are coming back to dazzle us with their amazing talents, and the auction committee is preparing an amazing array of items from trips, to furniture, to secret items that will fill

your head with stars! Also, for the first time in a while, we will be serving a plated dinner. Pick out that new gown, dust off your main man's tuxedo, and be prepared for the ultimate in Hollywood stardom as you enter "The Governor's Ball" gala and dinner.

Children are sure to delight in "Cooking with Santa" Saturday morning. A local celebrity chef will engage children as they prepare their own healthy snack. Santa just might make an appearance too...we hear he is looking for tips on how to win Hollywood's Most Fit Man Award next year! Let's not

forget Sunday when we will present "Starring the NCCIL at Carousel." The NCCIL will bring acclaimed children's author and illustrator Mo Willems for an interactive presentation Sunday afternoon. Children will participate in fun art activities and hear from Mo how they too can be famous illustrators! We are very proud to offer the Sunday event free of charge to the Patriotic Heroes of Abilene – the military families.

So save the dates, November 6-9, 2008! Get your Gown and Stilettos ready as we walk the red carpet for "A Starlet Christmas" - Christmas Carousel 2008!



# May Dinner

As the 2007 - 2008 year comes to an end, nothing could celebrate a year well done better than attending the May Dinner. This time allowed everyone the chance to cherish the memories made, the tears that were shed, and laughter that was shared. Each member of The Junior League of Abilene has their own special memories of this past year

and moments they will hold on to forever. Many league members were recognized during the dinner because of their willingness to help out, desire to be a leader, and compassion for the league's values. The following league members were recognized for their perfect attendance:

- ★ Jamie Belz
- ★ Megan Cheek
- ★ Holly Cowan
- ★ Karen Dillewyn
- ★ Stacy Hammond
- ★ Chesley Martin
- ★ Jenny Reece
- ★ Risha Sanders
- ★ Tifani Smith

The next three women were honored with special awards:



## Provisional Member of the Year:

### Karen Dillewyn

*Karen had perfect attendance at both general and provisional meetings. She fulfilled her Christmas Carousel obligations and more than fulfilled her community service hour obligations.*



## Junior League Member of the Year:

### Jamie Belz

*Jamie had perfect meeting attendance and fulfilled her Carousel obligations along with completing 17 hours of community service!*



## JL Volunteer Spirit Award:

### Kris Ross

*Kris was constantly seen devoting her time to Christmas Carousel by choosing to work numerous shifts...always with a smile. She also stepped up to co-chair a committee this year, even though she was facing more personal challenges than we would ever want to face. Thank-you for continually inspiring each of us!*

*Recognition was also extended to each committee member this year for all of their hard work and success, which continues to strengthen the Junior League of Abilene.*

# Suds Buds Project Spotlight

## Co-Chairs – Patricia Malm and Katie Browning

The Suds Buds Project is continuing to help children affected by poverty in the Head Start and selected Title I schools in Taylor County. The goal of Suds Buds is to provide basic hygiene items for students at the following elementary schools: Bowie, College Heights, Fannin, Lee, Locust Head Start, Long, Ortiz, Reagan, Tye, and Woodson Head Start. This year, we will also provide hygiene packets to refugee children at Thomas Elementary. Each hygiene packet includes toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant soap, deodorant, shampoo, and detergent. This project helps over 3,800 students and their families who would otherwise not have these basic hygiene items. Additional supplies will be available for those assisted schools who request extra packets beyond the initial distribution.

Over 5,000 hygiene packets will be assembled during the “Packet Assembly and Distribution Day” at the Food Bank of Abilene (5505 North 1st Street) on Saturday, September 13th from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM in two overlapping shifts. We are extending an invitation to all Provisionals, Actives, Sustainers, Little Leaguers, and family members to help us with this incredible opportunity to help the children in Taylor County who do not have basic hygiene products.

We would like to thank the following people who have helped us with this project: Jody Houston, Executive Director of the Food Bank of Abilene and Ron Ramsaire at Lawrence Brothers IGA. Jody Houston ordered the hygiene products through Second Harvest and will help prepare for the assembly and distribution day. Lawrence Brothers IGA will supply the detergent.

\*\*Last year Suds Buds had a surplus in the budget and learned that there was a need in our schools for lice kits. As many kits as possible were purchased and distributed. They were greatly appreciated! Our budget will be tighter this year, so we are asking for lice kit donations at our September 16th General Meeting.

For more information or questions about Suds Buds Assembly & Distribution Day on Saturday, September 13th, at the Food Bank of Abilene, please contact Patricia Malm, Co-Chair, at 672-7480 or [pkmalm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pkmalm@sbcglobal.net) or Katie Browning, Co-Chair, at 677-8532 or [cadekatie@yahoo.com](mailto:cadekatie@yahoo.com).

## Art Carts

### Chair: Allison Winklepleck

The Art Carts committee is gearing up to bring fun and excitement to the children and families at Hendrick Medical Center and Abilene Regional this fall. From coloring in a coloring book to making a craft project, volunteers will be able to provide families a short break and children an opportunity to express themselves through art. These art projects are a simple way to brighten a child's day while in the hospital. I can't think of a better way to spend a couple of hours each week or even one hour a month with these precious children of the Big Country.

Art Carts provides an opportunity for volunteers to spend time at Hendrick Medical Center on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays and Abilene Regional on Mondays. Don't worry about needing artistic ability, because I know I don't have much. What I do have

is a willingness to invest a few hours of my time in hopes of making a difference in the life of a child. I know you share my desire to impact others. Isn't that what we are about?

Make Art Carts a part of your schedule and anticipate a lot of fun and a tremendous blessing.

Volunteer Training will be offered to each League Member who would like to participate. Mark your calendars for our upcoming training events. Hendrick Volunteer Training will be August 27th from 12p.m.-1:30p.m. or 6p.m.-7:30p.m.. Abilene Regional Training is tentatively scheduled for September 9th from 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m.. For more information

on Art Carts, please email Allison Winklepleck at [allisonwinklepleck@hotmail.com](mailto:allisonwinklepleck@hotmail.com) or call 692-2648.

*I can't think of a better way to spend a couple of hours each week than with these precious children...*

## 2008-2009 Provisionals



This year's provisional class has 44 fabulous provisionals this year! We have already hit the ground running, we have had 2 meetings so far, and the ladies have learned about the Junior League Organization and about Christmas Carousel. They have been assigned to help with either the Decorations or Auction committees and are excited to begin learning about all of our projects.

## New Positions

### Membership Enrichment

The Membership Enrichment Committee will coordinate activities or events that will enhance the experience of the members. This committee will also coordinate the general membership in reaching out in support of league members during a time of need.

The committee will consist of volunteers from the general membership who are willing to serve on this committee in addition to their regular placement.

To submit information contact Shannel Anderson at shannelanderson2@aol.com

### Public Relations

The External Public Relations Chair will coordinate publicity for the League's community projects and other activities.

The Internal Public Relations Chair will recognize the League's members and promote the League's projects at general membership meetings.

Internal PR: Amy Etchison  
etchison@suddenlink.net  
External PR: Laura Madison  
laurasmadison@hotmail.com

## SUSTAINER SALUTE



### Pam Rosenbaum, YA 1993(ish)

**Current JLA Volunteer Position:** Sustaining Advisor for Christmas Carousel 2008-2009.

**Most Vivid Memory:** I was President the year that 9/11 occurred and we had the AJLI (Association of Junior Leagues international) then-president

Debra Britton scheduled to fly in to address JLA. We had to reschedule that because there were no flights available. We decided to go ahead and hold the Provisional meeting scheduled for the evening of 9/11 just to keep a sense of normalcy, but it was an optional meeting. JLA raised over \$2000 and donated it to the Junior League of New York to help them with projects.

**Fun Memory:** I never knew that presidents got called for everything! The police called me at 3:00 a.m. one morning because the windows had been broken out of the warehouse.

**Favorite Placement:** Carousel Chair . . . I'm sort of a Carousel junkie.

**Advice for New Members:** Get involved! Don't think there something you cannot do. I was a Home Economics teacher from Hico, Texas and never imagined I would be President of JLA!

**Think-On-Your-Feet Question:** Boxers or briefs? Boxers. (Note: She didn't miss a beat when asked this question!)

*You know you've been out awhile when your daughter's friends are Provisionals!*

## August Sudoku

1	6	7	9		3	8		
	4		8		5	9	7	
	9		6			4		3
9		6		5	8			1
8	3		4	7			9	
7	5		1	6		2	3	
		5		8		1		
6	8	9	7				2	
4	1	2			6	3	8	

4	8	3	6	9	5	2	1	7
6	9	7	3	1	3	7	5	4
3	7	5	2	8	4	1	6	9
7	5	4	1	6	9	2	3	8
8	3	1	4	7	2	6	9	5
9	2	6	3	5	8	7	4	1
5	9	8	6	2	7	4	1	3
2	4	3	8	1	5	9	7	6
1	6	7	9	4	3	8	5	2

August Sudoku Answers

# Volunteer Opportunities & Birthdays

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>JULY 08</b>		1 Graham, Nan (S)	2 Henson, Gretchen (S)	Stanley, Linda (A)	4 Treasor, Willys (S)	5 Courter, Cristi (A)
6	7 Gollihar, Jessica (P)	8 Maples, Jonell (A)	9 Harvey, J'Lynn (P) Thames, Gail (S)	Chadwick, Holly (A) Tom, Misty (P) Moosbrugger, Erin (A)	11	12 Nussbaum, Kim (A) Windham, Amy (A)
13	14 Parker, Dottie (SE) Hubbard, Dodge (SE)	15 Fournier, Cara (A)	16 Belz, Jamie (A) Deupree, Darcy (P)	17 Smith, Traci (P)	18	19 Hunter, Mary (SE) Ballard, Barbara (S)
20 Preston, Dottie (S)	21 Woodward, Jan (S) Percival, Pamela (S) Duhon, Robyn (A)	22 Harrell, Maryana (S) Gamble, Shanna (A)	23 Arrington, Carey (A)	24 Fry, Mary Lou (S) Breland, Ginny (S) Green-Westby, Nikki	25 Daniels, Judy (S) Sandquist, Jennifer (A)	26
27 Crenwelge, Tonya (A) Tyler, Angie (P)	28 Bloomer, Lisa (S)	29	30	31 Houston, Monica (P)		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>AUGUST 08</b>					1 Gore-Etter, Lisa (S)	2 Zachary, Lanita (S)
3 DePriest, Jody (S) Ivey, Sue (S) Fitzhugh, Shari (A)	4 Fergus, Mary Ann (S)	5 McWilliams, Sue (S) Sentor, Michelle (S)	6 Prier, Judy (S)	7 Fitts, Tenia (A) Miers, Barbara (S) Avery, Kristen (A)	8	9 Aycock, Amy (A) Aycock, Angela (A)
10 Cathey, Catherine (SE) Loftin, Tiffany (P)	11 House, Barbara (S) Baker, Connie (S) Leech, Courtney (A)	12 Strain, Carolyn (S) Bradshaw, Betty (S)	13 Brewer, Erica (P)	14 Hooks, Nelle (SE)	15 	16 
17 White, Virginia (SE) Patel, Dina (A)	18 Gerlach, Mary (S) Smotherman, Jennifer A	19	20 Henington, Tamela (S)	21	22 Alexander, Kay (S)	23 Hoppe, Eleanor (S) Shaw, Billye Proctor
24 Middleton, Marjorie (SE) Kendrick, Dot (SE) Hirsch, Sherry (S) Johnson, Rebecca (S) Bayouth, Tammie (S)	25 Anderson, Mary (S) Bartosh, Veronica (P)	26	27 McCleskey, Pat (S) Flanagan, Diana (A)	28	29 Anderson, Shannel (A) Zullo, Lana (A)	30
31 Estes, Lale (S) Bloomfield, Tonya Wallace, Shelly (A)	 Volunteer Opportunity: Hendrick Home for Children Aug. 15 <sup>th</sup> 9-5 / Aug. 16 <sup>th</sup> 8-1am Multiple shifts, contact Tifani Smith					

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<b>SEPTEMBER 08</b>						
	1 Trammell, Dawn (S)	2	3 Shoemaker, Dorothy (SE) Ross, Kris (A)	4 Byram, Joan (S) Cook, Tiffany (P)	5 Burdine, Vickie (S) Knight, Brooke (P)	6 Braaten, Susan (S) Cole, Jan (S) Sharp, Robyn (P)
7	8 Lane, Cathy (A) Reed, Nancy (A) Hutt, Lea (A)	9 Redwine, Autumn (A)	10 Roberts, Nancy (S)	11 Brady, Mary Ann (S)	12 Bowles, Susan (A)	13 Jones, Mary Elizabeth Owen, Jessica (P) Gooding, Erica (A)
14 Dehlinger, Linda (S)	15	16	17 Payne, Mary (SE) Haynes, Susan (S) Howard, Jerita (S)	18 Schroeder, Erin (A)	19 Sides, Mary Anne (S)	20 Williams, Kyle (S)
21 Ingalsbe, Dottie (S) Lunney, Jeannie (A)	22 Gordon, Frances (SE) Warren, Elizabeth (SE) White, Sue (S) Reece, Jenny (A)	23 Alford, Katie (A)	24	25	26	27 Warren, Sheila (S) Mehaffey, Claire (A)
28 Haynes, Donna (S) Woodard, Jenn (P)	29 Love, Rozlyn (S) Leggett, Diane (S)	30 Estes, Nancy (S)	★ Volunteer Opportunity: Suds Buds Assembly & Distribution 8:30- 3:30, Food Bank 5505 N. 1st (2 separate shifts)			