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Heavenly Christmas

Please join us for the 29th Annual Christmas Carousel, Heavenly Christmas. We are looking to the skies to bring you the ultimate shopper's heaven where traditional Christmas elegance meets celestial flare.

The Heavenly Shops of Carousel offer over 100 booths featuring out-of-this-world shopping with merchants attending from coast to coast, including those joining us from Seattle, California and Florida.

We have many surprises in store from daily Market Hall drawings and give-aways to special performances on our Rising Star Children's Performing Arts Stage. This is a weekend you don't want to miss!

Shop early and in style at the Thursday night Preview Party, where guests will get the first look at the gifts and treasures while enjoying beverages, live music and appetizers.

Don't miss our Annual Style Show featuring the latest fashions from our fabulous Carousel Merchants, sure to leave you Starry-Eyed and wanting more.

Ladies, it's time to indulge those bad habits! Shopaholics and Chocoholics alike will enjoy this evening of shopping, desserts and special music.

Bring your Children Saturday morning for a healthy Breakfast with Santa and then watch their eyes light up when they see the magic show. Also, a holiday dance performance and of course a visit from You Know Who!

Saturday evening, we'll toast the night at the Patron Party for sponsors and then enjoy elegant dining and dancing in the Moonlight to

the superior rhythms of the STUDIO 54 BAND. The perfect evening out for couples or friends! You don't have to Wish Upon a Star to get what your heart desires...just check out the Silent and Live Auction items!

We "Thank Our Lucky Stars" for the generous sponsors that have helped to make Carousel 2009 a success. That support combined with the hard work and dedication of



**ALLISON COWLING,
CAROUSEL CHAIRMAN**

Active, Provisional and Sustaining members comes together to make this very important weekend possible. I am honored and humbled to be a part of such an extraordinary event and such an accomplished group of women.

Remember, by supporting Christmas Carousel, you too are helping the Junior League provide children with clothing and hygiene products,

educate them about making healthy choices and grant their wishes through a national program. Together we are making a difference in the lives of these children in our community!

Last but not least, a special "Thank You" to my amazing Heavenly Committee. You each possess incredible talent, strong spirit and giving hearts that have made this an unforgettable and enjoyable experience. Your many hours of hard work and your commitment to the League are appreciated by all.



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CHRISTMAS CAROUSEL NOVEMBER 5-8, 2009**

Mary Whatley Jones

By: Nancy Reed

Recently we paid a special visit to Junior League of Abilene Charter Member and Sustainer Emeritus Mary Whatley Jones to interview her for the Commentator Sustainer Salute. Joining us were her daughter, Harriet Jones Bass and dear friend, living a few doors down, Dot Kendrick.

To put the title Charter Member into perspective, Mary just turned 95 years old. She was 34 years old, a wife and mother of two girls, in 1948 when a group of 24 Abilene women formed the Abilene Junior Service League (the group later joined Association of Junior Leagues of America in 1956).

At the time there were older women active in volunteering in Abilene, but this group believed that there should be a role and place for younger women to be involved. The mission of the group appealed to Mary because of her family tradition to help other people and the belief that “if you have the extra time, you can use it wisely helping others who need assistance.”

Mary said, “Abilene is big enough (to have needs) and small enough that you can make a difference.”

When asked about how these ladies organized, Mary responded that this group of young women were capable and knew they could take on projects in the community — they didn’t know the world was so big or that they could fail.

The experience was satisfying because Abilene is full of good will, and they felt there was a need for this group to organize and serve.

She remembered that early meetings sometimes took place at the Abilene Women’s Club and sometimes even in vacant rental houses she and her husband, Morgan Jones owned, near Butternut and on Leggett. (She assured us that the ladies did sit on chairs although she doesn’t recollect where the chairs came from.)

The projects have always focused on the needs of children and families. In the 1940’s the group determined that two great needs were assisting handicapped children and forming a central agency to organize and train volunteers. These projects later would become the West Texas Center for Rehabilitative Services and the R.S.V.P. program. The Junior Service League raised money for their projects by cooperating with the Barbershop Quartet Singers and presenting a “Harmony Show.” Mary also remembers working on the League’s first cookbook, “The Party Cookbook.”



Mary said that then it was a less busy time and acknowledges that it is increasingly difficult for women to find time to volunteer now. She still believes though that volunteering in the community is important — especially our community. As then, Abilene still needs projects to involve women; women need to be familiar and know about Abilene; and Abilene needs to connect and recognize the beneficial role that women — Junior League of Abilene women in particular — serve in the community.

Volunteering has been an integral part of Mary’s life, and her work has touched Abilene through 8 decades of service in the Junior League of Abilene, Girl Scouts, and Alliance for Women and Children (formerly the Y.W.C.A.). She also sees there is still more work to be done and encourages the ladies in Junior League to continue their good work.

Mary, we salute you and will continue to carry on your tradition of service!

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL UPDATES

Education & Training

Chair: Alecia McDaniel

The Education and Training committee is comprised of one person and is designed to highlight community programs that promote JLA objectives and serve JLA members for team building, encouragement and personal growth. Speakers are brought in from various venues to speak on topics of interest. This year the committee has featured a talk from the National Healthy Marriage Initiative and fund-raising ideas. The committee is working with other community organizations and a prominent national speaker, Vicki Clark, to present at the first of the year. Very exciting!

Finance

Chair: Kimberly Scarborough

As everyone was gearing up for the new JLA year in their new position, I didn't even know that I was going to be serving as treasurer (again). But when a work transfer took our incoming treasurer to a different state, I received a phone call asking me to step in. "Great!" I thought. I have all the knowledge and experience from the first time around, so this should be a breeze...right? Well, the experience certainly helps, but many things have changed in the three short years since I served as treasurer.

We have truly moved to a modern age with the new and great Digital Cheetah program that allows JLA to offer the same convenience and ease as other Web sites. You can now pay dues, buy Carousel tickets, and do some JLA shopping from wherever, whenever.

As you all know, we are currently facing a slumping economy which makes it hard to be dependent primarily on fund-raising. Just as my family has had to make changes, the League has changed as well. Gone are the days where we use two reams of paper for each meeting and carry around overstuffed notebooks. We have made the push to go "green" in order to have more green going into projects. Carousel has had to make smarter decisions to stretch their dollars further, and the projects are no longer encouraged to spend every last cent in their budget if they can accomplish the job with less.

Now, more than ever, we are truly grateful for each member, each sponsor, and each ticket sold because that is what allows us to do what makes the Junior League such a special organization.



FROM THE PRESIDENT



Chesley Martin

School is in full swing, the temperatures are falling and we are venturing into a season of thanksgiving — this is my favorite time of year. It also means that Christmas Carousel is moments away.

The "Heavenly Christmas" Carousel Committee has been working for 10 months, creating a spectacular event for everyone who enters the doors. Carousel opens the holiday season with a bang and truly gets everyone in the mood for the holidays with a generous spirit of giving

and thanksgiving.

Do you know that most Junior Leagues around the country have multiple fund-raisers to raise the money they put back into the community each year? We have one! In just a few short days, we are able to raise funds to support our Mission and give back to our fine community through our projects — to the children of our community. This is an amazing feat. But it takes each and every one of us.

As we come together this year and work our work shifts, attend the fabulous events and shop with our extensive list of merchants, I challenge you to fulfill our Mission:

1. **Promote Voluntarism** – Meet 5 new people in League – this should be easy with a new Provisional Class beginning at Carousel Rally. Show these women how we jump in with both feet and make this event a success.
2. **Develop the Potential of Women** — Come early, have fun and stay late — Seize the moment... take the time to train and be trained. It is a significant part of our Mission and we want members to complete work shifts with more knowledge than when they began.
3. **Improve our Community** — this is it...our one fund-raiser...our one opportunity to raise the most money possible to fund our projects. Let's make it successful with bright, eager faces, positive attitudes and thankful hearts.

Lastly, I challenge us all to give thanks — from the moment we step in the building, let's take time to thank 10 people while we are there. 10 volunteers, merchants, shoppers, sponsors... If all our members thank 10 people, we might cover about half of those deserving our thanks.

I feel extremely blessed to be serving as President of this wonderful organization.

Shopping Under the Stars

Music by Zach Harmon Band, Cash Bar by Copper Creek
Thursday, Nov. 5th, 7:00pm - 10:00pm; \$30 per person

Project Highlight: PAVE

Sponsored by **Bill Reed Distributing Company**

Starry-Eyed Styles

Fashions: Carousel Merchants; Hair/Make-Up: Texas College of Cosmetology
Friday, Nov. 6th, 11:30am - 1:00pm; \$30 per person

Reserved Tables of 10 Available, Broadcast by KRBC-TV

Project Highlight: Community Partners

Sponsored by **Frank Johnson/Susan Stroud @ MorganStanley SmithBarney & Inwest Pension Management**

Heavenly Shops of Carousel

Friday, Nov. 6th, 10:00am - 6:00pm; Saturday, Nov. 7th, 10:00am - 6:00pm;

Sunday, Nov. 8th, Noon - 5:00pm

\$5 / \$3 Seniors (55 & over); 3-Day Pass: \$10 / \$6 Seniors

Sponsored by **First National Bank Baird**

Shopaholics & Chocoholics Evening Out

Music by Zach Harmon Band, Cash Bar by Copper Creek

Friday, Nov. 6th, 7:00pm - 9:00pm; \$15 per person

Project Highlight: Suds Buds

Sponsored by **Gold's Gym**

Dessert Bar Sponsored by: **Classic Fare Catering, Cookies by Design,**

McKay's Bakery, Misty's Artistic Cakes and Pastries, One Smart Cookie, Sweet Celebrations, Sweet Retreat
Chocolates - Manufactured by **Disability Resources, Inc.**

Breakfast with Santa

Featuring Healthy Cooking Tips from Chef John Kuzma
of Abilene Regional Medical Center followed by Magician
Randi Rains; Pictures with Santa Available

Saturday, Nov. 7th, 9:30am - 10:30am; \$10 per person

Project Highlight: Kids in the Kitchen

Sponsored by **Abilene Regional Medical Center**

Moonlight Gala & Auction

Join us for an elegant plated dinner and then
dance in the moonlight to the music of the Studio

54 Band. Cash Bar by Copper Creek

Saturday, Nov. 7th, 8:00pm - Midnight; \$75

Reserved Tables of 8 Available

Project Highlight: Make-A-Wish

Sponsored by **KTAB / KRBC / BigCountryHomePage.com**

"Thank Our Lucky Stars" Patron Party

Sponsors will enjoy Complimentary Appetizers & Cocktails

Saturday, Nov. 7th, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Sponsored by **Classic Fare Catering**

Taste of Heaven Cafe

Sponsored by **United Supermarkets & Abuelo's**

Galaxy Grill

Sponsored by **Chick-Fil-A Southwest Drive**

Beverages

Sponsored by **Coca-Cola**

Project Sponsors

Community Partners: Funeral Directors Life Insurance Co.

Kids in the Kitchen: Abilene Regional Medical Center

Make-A-Wish: First Financial Bank

PAVE: Cumulus Broadcasting

Suds Buds: Dodge Jones Foundation

Carousel Committee



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 SuddenLink Communications
 Texas Rangers Baseball
 Texas Steak Express
 The Hair Parlor
 Vickie Haney Burdine
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Market Hall Merchants

Abilene Boudoir - Abilene, TX
 Acuff Art Glass - Eden, TX
 Amber Shing Collections - Abilene, TX
 Arbonne International - Frisco, TX
 Bargain Fair - Varico, FL
 Blanton-Caldwell Trading Co. - Albany, TX
 Bow Jangles - Shallowater, TX
 Braided Silver - El Paso, TX
 Broken S Designs - Baird, TX
 Carrousel Gift: Mische Bags - Temple, TX
 Ciao Bella - Abilene, TX
 Charles Lynn Jewelers - Abilene, TX
 Come In To This House
 & Sugar Daddy Desserts - San Angelo, TX
 Company's Comin' - Hearne, TX
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 Diane Abbott Designs - Lubbock, TX
 Dimples and Dots - San Angelo, TX
 Discovery Toys - Flower Mound, TX
 Dorothy's Creations - San Angelo, TX
 Down Madison Avenue - Fort Worth, TX
 Dusty Crossroads - Odessa, TX
 Full Sun Boutique - Hamlin, TX
 Holiday Farms - Lampasas, TX
 Homemade Gourmet - Robinson, TX
 Jassalyn Claire Studios - Abilene, TX
 Jewelry Box - Cleburne, TX
 Katherine's Collections - Dallas, TX
 Kids Village - Abilene, TX
 Kiss & Tell: Beijo Bags - Rockwall, TX
 Kristi's Est. 1993 - Stamford, TX
 Latria's - Sweetwater, TX
 Laura's Boutique - Abilene, TX
 Magic Pens - Lubbock, TX
 Minky Dink - Austin, TX
 Nubiantots Presents Quilts,
 Tea & Crumpets - DeSoto, TX
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 Plantation Delicacies - Granbury, TX
 Provence Distributions Inc - San Diego, CA
 Pure Photography &
 Hope Chest Clothing Co. - Abilene, TX
 Happy Feet - Haslet, TX
 Rags & Rhinestones - Tye, TX
 Roman Productions - Encinitas, CA
 Root & Beulash's - Fredericksburg, TX
 Seattle Accessories - Seattle, WA
 Scentsy-Ind. Consultant - Abilene, TX
 Shelli Kay Studios - Abilene, TX
 Stafford Enterprises - Denton, TX
 Stella & Dot - Irving, TX
 Stokes Chic Antiques - Abilene, TX
 Stork Vision - Abilene, TX
 That's a Good Idea - Canton, TX
 The Sue Renfro Collection - San Angelo, TX
 Super Shami
 (Performance Marketing Co.) - Round Rock, TX
 Tamara Gabriela - San Antonio, TX
 Texas Elk Company - Lubbock, TX
 The Arrangement - Abilene, TX
 The Awakening Soap Company
 & Serenity Soapworks - Abilene, TX
 The Creative Mill - Shiner, TX
 The Farm Divas - Tahoka, TX
 The Gypsy Trunk - San Angelo, TX
 Wild Hearted Cowgirls - San Angelo, TX
 Wishing Well - Midland, TX
 Tree House Creations - Ft. Worth, TX
 Touch of Class Cakes - Abilene, TX
 Uniquely Yours Interiors - Plano, TX
 What A Girl Wants
 Exclusively @ Vanity's Salon - Abilene, TX
 Village Shoes & Boutique - Abilene, TX

2009-2010 Provisionals



NAME: Crystal Nichols
BIRTHPLACE: Snyder, TX
OCCUPATION: Respiratory Therapist
FAMILY: Husband-David, Internal Medicine Physician; Children-Madelyn(3)
HOBBIES: Riding horses, painting, shopping
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU KNEW YOU WOULD NOT FAIL: Start my own clothing line...and I am trying to accomplish this within the next three years!
WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO CONTRIBUTE TO LEAGUE: I want to help make a difference in this community and I know by being a part of

this organization we achieve that daily.

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: George Bush



NAME: Kayla Stringer
BIRTHPLACE: Nashville, TN
OCCUPATION: Senior Development Officer
FAMILY: Husband-Lee, Contractor
HOBBIES: Movies, hanging with girlfriends, traveling
ORGANIZATIONS: United Way
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU KNEW YOU WOULD NOT FAIL: Administrator at large metropolitan hospital
WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO CONTRIBUTE TO LEAGUE: I see myself in a leadership position in the future

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: Oprah Winfrey



NAME: Allison Baldwin
BIRTHPLACE: Atlanta, GA
OCCUPATION: Music Secretary, PDBC
FAMILY: Husband-Andrew, Commercial Real Estate Appraiser
HOBBIES: Decorating for events, shopping, teaching step aerobics, baseball games
ORGANIZATIONS: PDBC Choir
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU KNEW YOU WOULD NOT FAIL: Own fashion store
WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO CONTRIBUTE TO LEAGUE: I believe that being people-

oriented and having determination are important traits I can contribute.

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: My grandmother



NAME: Judy Lanman
BIRTHPLACE: Ft. Hood, TX
OCCUPATION: Mom
FAMILY: Husband-Phil, Director of Operations, Champion Stone Company; Children-Ginger(8)
HOBBIES: Working out
ORGANIZATIONS: Abilene Junior Women's Club
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU KNEW YOU WOULD NOT FAIL: Write a children's book
WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO CONTRIBUTE TO LEAGUE: Mostly time; I am truly interested

in all League provides to the children of Abilene.

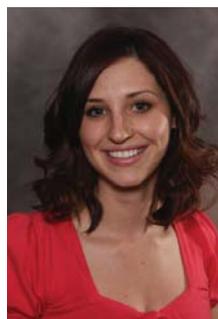
PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: Laura Bush



NAME: Stephanie Duncan
BIRTHPLACE: Abilene, TX
OCCUPATION: Therapist
FAMILY: Husband-Jeff, Auditor
HOBBIES: Running, traveling, HGTV
ORGANIZATIONS: National Assoc. of Social Workers, Juvenile Diabetes Supportive Services
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU KNEW YOU WOULD NOT FAIL: Become a wildly successful fiction writer
WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO CONTRIBUTE TO LEAGUE: I work for a non-profit, so I understand the importance of voluntarism. I'd

like to support community organizations through participation in JLA.

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: Phil Keoghan, the host of the Amazing Race (be a competitor on his show)



NAME: Maloree Munn
BIRTHPLACE: Albuquerque, NM
OCCUPATION: Hair Stylist
FAMILY: Husband-Chris, Assistant Director of McNier Scholars at ACU
HOBBIES: Running, church, health, travel, family, doing hair for photography
ORGANIZATIONS: Abilene Runners Club
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU KNEW YOU WOULD NOT FAIL: Try out for Shear Genius; start a charity
WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO CONTRIBUTE TO LEAGUE: Friendship, service

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: Rob Pattinson



NAME: Megan Myers
BIRTHPLACE: Rhineland, TX
OCCUPATION: Attorney, Asbury Law Firm
FAMILY: Fiance-Matt Bell, Sales Rep, Mueller
HOBBIES: Reading, estate sales, playing with my nephews and traveling
ORGANIZATIONS: Abilene Bar Association, Abilene Young Lawyers Association, Abilene Community Theatre volunteer
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU KNEW YOU WOULD NOT FAIL: Open my own restaurant
WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO CONTRIBUTE TO LEAGUE: As a result of my job, I've been able to network with many people and organizations in the community. I hope that these connections help to bring in more donation dollars.

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: Britney Spears. For some unknown reason, I'm absolutely fascinated by her.



NAME: Amalyssa Johnson
BIRTHPLACE: Richmond, TX
OCCUPATION: Psychologist
FAMILY: Husband-Ben, Professor at HSU
HOBBIES: Taking our Hungarian Vizsla for walks, watching movies, scrapbooking, and working out
ORGANIZATIONS: American Psychological Association
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU KNEW YOU WOULD NOT FAIL: Head chef at a gourmet restaurant
WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO CONTRIBUTE TO LEAGUE: Time and genuine love for helping children
PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: Taylor Swift

Community Partners

Chair: Veronica Bartosh

In May 1997, Abilene Community Partners was created with a mission to promote public and private partnerships that benefit abused or neglected children served by Child Protective Services (CPS). Community Partners is a standing committee of the Taylor County Child Protective Services Board.

1,989 children and families were served by Community Partners during the last fiscal year, through the Bluebonnet Room and Adopt-A-Caseworker.

Since its beginning, Community Partners has been associated with the Junior League of Abilene. This partnership has resulted in enhanced community awareness of child abuse and neglect and help for caseworkers in meeting the needs of local CPS children and their families through cash and in-kind donations and volunteer service hours. An added benefit for CPS staff has been a reduced sense of stress and isolation, thanks to a supportive network of interested citizens and the community's involvement.

Community Partners is fulfilling its mission in part through the Bluebonnet Room, an onsite emergency resource center containing new items for infants, children, and teens. Items are donated or purchased through direct contributions, grants, and fund-raising. The program is designed to strengthen the community's knowledge of child abuse and neglect and enlist community support in empowering families to become safer for children.

Through community partnerships, this program provides emergency material resources to caseworkers for their clients. Through the provision of such resources, family stress is eased. Reduction of family stress helps prevent child abuse and neglect that can lead to the removal of children from their homes.

Another way that Community Partners fulfills its mission is through the Adopt-A-Caseworker program. This program matches community donors with CPS caseworkers to provide monetary and in-kind donations to directly meet the children on their caseloads. In addition, this leads to less stress for the caseworkers, freeing them to more fully meet the needs of the children they serve.



Community Partners is an active committee throughout the year with meetings on the second Thursday of every month and the following events:

March: Winter - Spring Bluebonnet Room Change-out; JLA Baby Shower meeting

April: Child Abuse Prevention Month and Champion for Children Conference; Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Prom party

May: PAL Graduation Party, providing funding for the party and gifts for graduates in CPS care

July: Back-to-School/Christmas in July Fundraiser

August: Stuffing backpacks for every child in CPS care

September: Staff training/Appreciation luncheon

October: Summer - Winter Bluebonnet Room Change-out; Fall Festival for CPS Children; Greater Texas Community Partners Conference

November: Thanksgiving Baskets to families in CPS care

December: Christmas donations; Christmas presents for children in CPS care; Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

ITEMS OF NOTE

- The Make-A-Wish project recently completed its first send-off party for a 15-year-old girl who received a shopping spree to San Diego. The Wish recipient and her family enjoyed a lunch at Olive Garden, followed by a limo ride to the Paramount where they saw a private viewing of Confessions of a Shopaholic.
- Volunteers (Actives) are needed to mentor members of the Provisional Class who will graduate to Active membership at Carousel Rally on 11/3. *Glenna Cordray, glennacordray@sbcglobal.net*
- With a new Junior League year, comes exciting new opportunities to assist deserving organizations. Jennifer Woodard, Project Research Chairman, wants to know your ideas for projects for 2010 - 2011. *Jennifer Woodard, jenncate@hotmail.com.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

- Susan and John Pate on the birth of Hannah Grace, born 9/8 at 7 lbs and 19 inches
- Cara and Rick Fournier on the birth of Henry, born 9/9 at 8 lbs, 7 oz and 20 inches
- Lisa Chavez-Owens and Lanny Owens on the birth of Lili Provence, born 9/29 at 6 lbs 3 oz and 19 inches
- Amanda and Steve Teeton on the birth of Auby, born 5/26 at 7 lbs 15 oz and 20 inches
- Jamie and Blake Snider on the birth of Jordan Henley, born 9/22 at 6 lbs 3 oz
- Holly and Chad Cowan on the birth of Cecelia, born at 7 lbs 5 oz and 19 inches

WEDDINGS

- Jessica Rosenbaum McGauhey and Crystal Love Nichols on their recent nuptials this summer

SYMPATHIES & CONCERNS

- Our sympathies go to Kyna Grigsby and her family for the death of her grandmother
- Our sympathies go to the family and friends of Kyle Williams, Sustaining Member of the League, and dear friend to so many
- Shannon Robinson remains in Houston as her daughter Landry continues treatment for cancer. You can send a note to them at 2121 El Paseo #1911 Houston, TX 77054

Return Service Requested

OCTOBER

10-01	Warren, Sue	SE
10-02	Anderson, Nancy	S
10-03	Thompson, Kelly	S
10-06	Cowling, Allison	A
10-05	Hughes, Judy	S
10-06	Broesche, Sandra	S
10-08	Williamson, Lyndsey	A
10-09	Jessup, E.J.	A
10-09	Wilson, Patricia	S
10-09	Wright, Yvonne	A
10-10	Bassett, Dixie	S
10-10	Pearson, Cynthia	S
10-10	Robinson, Keri	S
10-10	Dickey, Sharon	S
10-11	Webb, Misti	A
10-13	Sandifer, Brenda	S
10-13	Hodges, Nelda	S
10-14	Harrison, Becki	S
10-14	McDaniel, Alecia	A
10-16	Rains, Regina	S
10-16	Rentz, Becky	S
10-17	Bartee, Brooke	A
10-21	Harbin, Tonya	A
10-21	Perry, Debbie	S
10-21	Poindexter, Becky	S
10-24	Gooch, Janelle	S
10-24	Saringer, Sandi	S
10-24	Roeder, Lynn	S
10-25	Redwine, Jackie	S
10-25	Moosbrugger, Erin	A
10-26	Barr, Ann Lee	S
10-26	Schackmuth, Sue	A
10-26	Jones, Elsie	SE
10-26	Graham, Sara	S
10-27	O'Sullivan, Jen	A
10-28	Scarborough, Kimberly	A
10-29	Loftin, Tiffany	A
10-29	Senter, Debbie	S
10-31	Arthur, Vicki	A

NOVEMBER

11-01	Hunter, Tonya	A
11-05	Hamp, Jackie	NR-S
11-05	Lovelace, Teri	S
11-06	Heidenheimer, Clarise	S
11-06	Sanders, Risha	A

11-07	Jacobs, Melissa	A
11-08	Watson, Carolyn	S
11-08	Lara, Sarah	A
11-10	Kendrick, Sheryl	S
11-11	Jones, Denise	S
11-11	McPhail, Suzy	S
11-12	Wilson, Claudie	SE
11-12	Frizzell, Linda	S
11-12	Hall, Carol	S
11-12	Morris, Carol	S
11-12	Weilert, Valerie	S
11-12	Davis, Lou Ann	S
11-13	Waldrop, Lenore	SE
11-13	McFarland, Jeanne	SE
11-13	Wells, Margie	SE
11-14	Patton, Sue	S
11-14	Glover, Ashley	A
11-16	Herron, Mary	S
11-17	Galloway, Mary Lou	SE
11-17	Cordray, Glenna	A
11-18	Stonington, Anne	S
11-19	Gee, Bobbie	SE
11-20	Thomas, Kim	S
11-22	Calcote, Lynda	S
11-22	Knight, Patty	S
11-22	Haynes, Lois	S
11-23	Townsend, Georgia	S
11-23	Brandon, Denise	A
11-23	Callahan, Ridglea	A
11-24	Lawler, Sharon	S
11-27	Holloway, Patti	S
11-28	Burditt, Frances	S
11-28	Smith, Tifani	A
11-29	Flores, Jill	A

DECEMBER

12-01	Shaw, Jayree	S
12-02	Webb, Martha	S
12-04	Lee-Shultz, Jennifer	A
12-08	O'Loughlin, Trina	S
12-09	Brewington, Barbara	S
12-10	Fulham, Rolanda	S
12-10	Gooch, Janelle	S
12-10	Wilson, Patricia	S
12-12	Field, Sara	A
12-12	Schaffer, Norma	S
12-13	Matthews, Judy	SE

12-13	Williams, Nancy	S
12-14	Trotter, Peggy	S
12-15	Hanna, Donna	A
12-16	Malm, Patricia	S
12-16	Martin, Chesley	A
12-19	Chittenden, Lori	NR-A
12-20	Day, Ruby Jo	SE
12-20	Winklepleck, Allison	NR-A
12-20	Diller, Toni	A
12-20	Eplen, Helen Grace	SE
12-21	Brown, Melanie	S
12-22	Springer, Susan	S
12-23	Williamson, Mary Wyley	SE
12-25	Cooksey, Mary	S
12-25	Haynes, Carol	S
12-25	Phillips, Shirley	A
12-28	Dozier, Shari	NR-S
12-28	O'Connell, Kayla	A
12-30	Ake, Debbie	S
12-31	Melson, Belinda	NR-S

JANUARY

01-01	Hammond, Stacy	A
01-05	Bailey, Denise	S
01-08	Dyer, Laura	S
01-08	Melson, Jessica	A
01-10	Robinson, Keri	S
01-10	Pearson, Cynthia	S
01-11	Statler, Sherri	A
01-12	Richardson, Amy	S
01-14	Ramsey, Suzie	S
01-15	Faehnle, Chris	S
01-15	Richardson, Sheila	S
01-16	Robinson, Lucy Kay	S
01-16	Barnhill-Rodriguez, Carolyn	S
01-18	Batjer, Jackie	S
01-18	Corder, Kristen	A
01-18	DeShazo, Holly	S
01-18	Taylor, Stephanie	A
01-20	Dickey, Lynn	S
01-21	Rothwell, Linda	NR-S
01-22	Clause, Holly	S
01-22	Grohman, Julie	A
01-23	Cox, Jackie	S
01-24	Kuntz, Lisa	S
01-26	Beckham, Peggy	S
01-29	Miller, Elizabeth	A

PAVE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Mister Mark School Programs

- 11/9 at various Abilene schools; *Contact at Event: Victoria Spangler*

Abilene Philharmonic Tour of Homes

- 11/14 from 10:30-5:30 at various homes; *Contact at Event: Christopher Munoz*

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake

- 11/14 from 10:30-5:30 at Abilene Bowling Lanes; *Contact at Event: Michelle Parish*

Salvation Army Angel Tree

- 11/27 from 10:00-1:00 & 5:00-8:00, 11/29 from 1:00-7:00, 12/13 from 1:00-7:00 at Mall of Abilene; *Contact at Event: Cecilia, 677-1408*

Abilene State School Santa Pictures

- 12/7 - 12/10 from 6:00pm-9:00pm at Shirley's Cinema at Abilene State School; *Contact at Event: Cindy Arellano*

Toys for Tots Christmas Toy Drive

- 12/21 from 7:30am - 3:30pm at Abilene Civic Center; *Contact at Event: Espinosa/Rivera*

To find available shifts, log on and sign up through the shifts tab of your Member Home Page at www.jrleagueabilene.com.