



Summer 2010

the COMMENTATOR

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ABILENE

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we begin our Junior League of Abilene year, I am truly honored to serve as President of our great organization for 2010-2011. We have an exciting productive year ahead of us in which we will contribute hundreds of volunteer hours and give more than \$65,000 back to the Abilene community through our community projects: Kids in the Kitchen, Providing Assistance and Volunteer Experiences (PAVE), Community Partners, Backpacks for Kids, Suds Buds and Make-A-Wish.

The theme for the 2010-2011 year is "A hero lies in you!" Christopher Reeves (aka Superman) stated, "A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles."

Every woman in the Junior League of Abilene makes a difference, and in order to accomplish the mission we need every member. How successful we are depends on our participation and how focused we are. The fact is we have the opportunity to be more than just ordinary volunteers: We are "Hero" volunteers.

There is an old saying "You reap what you sow!" You get out of the Junior League what you put in. It will not always be easy but what's important is we are committed. Utilize every opportunity, have fun participating and promote and encourage others to do the same. We need and want your dedication.

So, I challenge everyone to ask themselves: What can I do? How can I help? Membership in the Junior League of Abilene means being a part of a talented, diverse group of women who value the opportunity to make meaningful contributions to the community around them while developing their own leadership potential. A hero lies in you.....Junior League of Abilene.

Kari



Kari Polk, President

★ LEAGUE HOUSE RENOVATION ★

We are excited to be so close to the completion of the renovations to the League house! We are currently awaiting the counter tops for the work room shelves and lastly, a new League sign to replace the one in the front yard. The renovations have taken a little more time than anticipated but the outcome has been rewarding to see. Thank you again to all those that helped along the way. Let's help each other keep the house looking good! Room reservations are made by contacting Nancy Allen at the League house. Nancy is available during her office hours Monday-Thursday from noon until 4:00 PM. You can call her at (325) 677-1879 or contact her via email jrlleague@abilene.com.





Glenna Cordray

Glenna Cordray was honored at May Dinner as the Junior League of Abilene Member of the Year for her service during 2009-2010. Glenna has been an active member of the Junior League for five years. She has exemplified an eagerness to be trained, as well as to train others. She shows a true passion and dedication for this organization and our Mission, and is quick to promote and recruit anywhere and everywhere she goes - including while renting a car. When asked over a year ago to research and develop a new training course for our incoming members, she met the challenge head on, researched what other Leagues were doing across the country, and put together a course, full of information, while at the same time, six months shorter than previous courses. She not only recruited and led one Provisional Course this year, she led two, bringing in almost 60 new members to our organization. Thank you, Glenna, for your passion!

Article submitted by Chesley Martin, 2009-2010 JLA President



Kerry Di Gioia, Tammye Smith,
Kelley Messer, Jenny Reece



Angelique Moore, Pam Yungblut,
Johanna Morrow



Angela Aycock, Amy Brazell,
Kayla Stringer, Casee Harwell



Tami Galloway, Sara McBeth, Rachael
Hubbard, Stephanie Trowbridge



Pam Rosenbaum, Sheryl Kendrick,
Denise Bailey, Kristi Thaxton



Denise Jones, Denise Bailey, Lisa Cedillo,
Kari Polk, Carey Arrington, Randy Pool

Co-Chairs Jamie Belz & Erica Brewer

Junior League of Abilene is committed to serving the children of Taylor County. One of the ways we help the children is through our annual Suds Buds project. Each year, JLA assembles hygiene packets and distributes them to the Title I schools in Taylor County. Title I campuses include Locust (Head Start), Woodson (Head Start), Ortiz, Fannin, College Heights, Tye, Reagan, Bowie, Lee and Long. Every child in each school receives a packet, and this year we have requests for 3,345 packets!



Jamie Belz



Erica Brewer

Items placed in the hygiene packets include travel-size soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, a toothbrush, dental floss, and a Suds Buds note to explain the program to recipients.

In addition to the hygiene packets, we also provide laundry detergent and lice kits to the schools to be distributed as needed. We have requests for 77 tubs of detergent and for 420 lice kits.

Suds Buds is a wonderful project, and we need a lot of hearts and hands to ensure the children receive these necessities. Our annual packet assembly day is Saturday, September 18. We will meet at the Food Bank, located at 5505 N 1st. Shift sign-ups will be available on the JLA Web site as the date nears. For more information, please contact Suds Buds Co-Chairs Jamie Belz or Erica Brewer.

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Return Service Requested

August Birthdays

8-1 Tenia Fitts A
8-1 Lisa Gore-Etter S
8-2 Lanita Zachry S
8-3 Jody DePriest S
8-3 Shari Fitzhugh A
8-3 Sue Ivey S
8-4 Mary Ann Fergus S
8-5 Michelle Senter S
8-5 Sue McWilliams S
8-6 Judy Voelter S
8-7 Kristin Avery S
8-9 Angela Aycok A
8-9 Amy Brazell A
8-10 Catherine Cathey S
8-10 Tiffany Loftin A
8-11 Barbara House S
8-11 Courtney Wells A
8-12 Betty Bradshaw S
8-12 Carolyn Strain S
8-13 Erica Brewer A
8-14 Nelle Hooks S
8-17 Dina Patel A
8-17 Virginia White S
8-18 Mary Gerlach S
8-18 Jennifer Smothermon A
8-20 Tamela Henington S
8-22 Kay Alexander S
8-22 Shannyn Taggart A
8-22 Cynthia Carr P
8-23 Eleanor Hoppe S
8-23 Billye Proctor Shaw S
8-24 Tammie Bayouth S
8-24 Sherry Hirsch S
8-24 Rebecca Johnson S
8-24 Dot Kendrick S
8-25 Mary Anderson S
8-25 Veronica Bartosh A
8-25 Adriana Hayes A
8-26 Stephanie Trowbridge P
8-27 Pat McCleskey S
8-29 Shannel Anderson AA
8-29 Lana Zullo A
8-31 Lale Estes S
8-31 Shelly Wallace A

September Birthdays

9-01 Dawn Trammell S
9-03 Kris Ross A
9-03 Dorothy Shoemaker S
9-04 Joan Byram S
9-04 Camille Kovsky P
9-05 Vickie Burdine S
9-05 Brooke Knight A
9-06 Jan Cole S
9-06 Robyn Sharp A
9-08 Lea Hutt A
9-08 Nancy Reed S
9-09 Autumn Redwine S
9-11 Mary Ann Brady S
9-12 Susan Bowles S
9-13 Erica Gooding A
9-13 Mary Elizabeth Jones S
9-13 Jessica Owen A
9-14 Linda Dehlinger S
9-17 Susan Haynes S
9-17 Jerita Howard S
9-17 Mary Payne S
9-18 Erin Schroeder A
9-19 Mary Anne Sides S
9-21 Dottie Ingalsbe S
9-22 Frances Gordon S
9-22 Elizabeth Gene Warren S
9-22 Jennifer Reece A
9-22 Sue White S
9-23 Katie Alford A
9-27 Sheila Warren S
9-27 Claire Mehaffey A
9-27 Johanna Morrow P
9-28 Donna Haynes S
9-28 Jennifer Woodard A
9-29 Diane Leggett S
9-29 Rozlyn Love S
9-30 Nancy Estes S

October Birthdays

10-1 Cheryl Leonard S
10-1 Amy Milam A
10-2 Nancy Anderson S
10-3 Allison Cowling A
10-3 Sue Warren S
10-5 E.J. Jessup A
10-6 Sandra Broesche S
10-8 JoBeth Willis A
10-9 Elsie Jones S
10-10 Dixie Bassett S
10-10 Sharon Dickey S
10-10 Lynn Roeder S
10-10 Debbie Perry S
10-11 Jane Beard S
10-13 Judy Hughes S
10-13 Sandi Saringer S
10-14 Nelda Hodges S
10-16 Jackie Redwine S
10-16 Misti Webb A
10-17 Brooke Barte A
10-19 Vanessa Roberts A
10-21 Becki Harrison S
10-21 Becky Poindexter S
10-21 Regina Rains A
10-24 Sara Graham S
10-24 Brenda Sandifer S
10-24 Candy Scarborough S
10-25 Becky Rentz S
10-26 Ann Lee Barr S
10-26 Kristina Jones S
10-26 Debbie Senter S
10-26 Lesli Andrews A
10-27 Susan Pate A
10-28 Sue Schackmuth S
10-29 Alison Sims S
10-31 Vicki Arthur A



Name: Kate Raetz
Occupation: District Director,
State Rep Susan King
Food: anything Italian
Magazine: The Economist
Book: Pride & Prejudice
Hobbies: tennis, reading,
traveling
Movie: Casablanca
Organizations: Abilene Leaders of
Tomorrow, USTA Tennis, church
Collections: fridge magnets

FAVES

If you knew you could not fail... I'd be an astronaut.
What do you hope to contribute to League? My ability to
network, and I love the opportunity to help kids



Name: Lauren Kimball
Occupation: Marketing
Communications Dir., United Way
Family: Husband Mark
Food: hot wings
Magazine: Real Simple
Book: Blink
Hobbies: tennis, crafts,
interior design
Movie: Pride & Prejudice
Organizations: Abilene Junior
Women's Club
Collections: memories with friends

FAVES

If you knew you could not fail... I'd launch a magazine for
eco-friendly interior designers.
What do you hope to contribute to League? A positive
attitude, and a genuine desire to make a difference



Name: Rachael Hubbard
Occupation: Abilene Christian
University Development
Family: Husband Brad, Ryan (10),
Emerson (2)
Food: good Mexican food
Magazine: Food Network,
Parenting
Book: Water for Elephants
Hobbies: reading, shopping,
scrapbooking
Movie: The English Patient
Collection: shoes

FAVES

If you knew you could not fail... I would learn to sew.
What do you hope to contribute to League? to give
generously of my time, talents & positive attitude



Name: Samantha Hart
Occupation: Mom, Teacher
Family: Husband Christopher,
Ryder (6 mos)
Food: Mexican!
Magazine: various magazines
Book: anything by Jodi Picoult
Hobbies: traveling, gardening,
baking, shopping
Movie: Pretty Woman,
Dirty Dancing

FAVES

If you knew you could not fail... I would feed all of the
starving children in the world.
What do you hope to contribute to League? all of the time
and all of the love that I am able

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
August 2010	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				

8-3 Leadership Council
8-5 Provisional Meeting
8-10 General Membership meeting
8-14 Kids in the Kitchen Event 11-3
8-16 Christmas Carousel Meeting
8-24 Board Meeting
8-26 Carousel Workshift Sign-Up

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
September 2010				1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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	26	27	28	29	30		

9-2 Provisional Meeting
9-13 Christmas Carousel Meeting
9-14 General Membership meeting
9-18 Suds Buds Packet Assembly
9-21 Community Adv. Board Luncheon
9-27 Christmas Carousel Meeting
9-28 Board Meeting

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
October 2010						1	2
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	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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10-5 Leadership Council
10-7 Provisional Meeting
10-11 Christmas Carousel Meeting
10-12 General Membership meeting
10-24 Punch & Pastries
10-25 Christmas Carousel Meeting
10-26 Board Meeting
10-28 Sustainer Event

2010-2011 PROVISIONAL MEMBERS



Name: Angelique Moore
Occupation: Homemaker
Family: Husband Jacob, Niah (1 1/2)
Food: hamburgers at Perini's
Magazine: Southern Living
Book: Hind Feet on High Places and the Bible
Hobbies: cooking, shopping, traveling, and going to the spa
Movie: The Sound of Music
Organizations: Beltway Park, ACU Alumni Association
Collection: drinking glasses

FAVES

If you knew you could not fail... I'd open a boutique.
What do you hope to contribute to League? My service, friendship, creativity, and passion



Name: April Fountaine
Occupation: Homemaker
Family: Husband Mike, Luke (18 months)
Food: pizza, salmon, crab
Magazine: Shape, Parenting
Book: Nora Jones novels, The Bible
Hobbies: fitness, cooking, socializing & family time
Movie: Mama Mia
Organizations: Bluebonnet Festival

FAVES

If you knew you could not fail... I'd be a personal trainer.
What do you hope to contribute to League? New ideas, values & friendships



Name: Camille Kovsky
Occupation: Project Manager, AbileneMoms.com
Family: Husband Richard, Drew (10), Madison (7), Logan (4)
Food: Mexican, chocolate
Magazine: Southern Living
Book: Do kid's books count? That's all I have time for.
Hobbies: shopping, kids' activities & decorating
Movie: Hope Floats
Organizations: CPAS, Jazzercise

FAVES

If you knew you could not fail... I'd remodel my bathroom without help.
What do you hope to contribute to League? more involvement in the community



Name: Johanna Morrow
Occupation: Stay-at-home Mom, Teacher
Family: Husband CJ, Jillian (2)
Food: pizza
Magazine: Southern Living
Book: East of Eden
Hobbies: cooking, reading, running, and spending time with my daughter
Movie: Working Girl
Collection: roosters, antiques

FAVES

If you knew you could not fail... I'd be a contestant on Jeopardy.
What do you hope to contribute to League? Hard work and a cooperative attitude

PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP FORMS

The Punch & Pastries event for new Provisional candidates of membership is scheduled for October 24th. Provisional Forms are available on the JLA Web site, and those forms may be submitted at any time. Please sponsor at least one fabulous woman for membership in the Junior League of Abilene!

Candidate requirements

- * A candidate must be at least 23 years of age
- * A resident candidate must reside in the Abilene area (within a 60 mile radius from city limit to city limit) at the time of proposal, election to, and acceptance of provisional membership
- * A candidate must agree to engage in community service through the Junior League and agree to complete the Provisional course

Guidelines for sponsoring a candidate are outlined on the JLA Web site. Please contact the Admissions Chairperson Dulcey Fulenwider at dulceyf@suddenlink.net. Share your excitement for Junior League of Abilene with the women you know!

"The road to success is not crowded. Because while most are looking for ways to take, the truly successful people are finding ways to give. With a giving attitude, every situation is an opportunity for success."
Unknown

INSPIRED TO GIVE

"With my resources
And your resources
Everyone will benefit."
New Zealand Maori Proverb

"I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody."
Actress Lily Tomlin

HEROES CALLED TO SERVICE

Any active member interested in serving on this year's **Project Evaluation Committee** please email Linda Stanley at Istanley@abilenedc.com no later than August 27th. Those interested must be willing to commit to attending all Project Evaluation Committee meetings, which are scheduled to be held on January 4th at 5:30 pm, January 6th at 5:30 pm, and January 9th at 2:00 pm. In order to be considered for this opportunity, you must have fulfilled all of your 2009-2010 obligations.



Rachael Hubbard, Jennifer Plantier, and Stephanie Trowbridge assist with the CSC Blue Jean Drive.



Denise Brandon volunteers at the CSC Blue Jean Drive



League members serve at the Day Nursery Annual Mexican Dinner



Kari Polk attends the ticket booth as a service to Abilene Performing Arts Company for a PAVE work shift.

Is it your desire to hold a **Board position** sometime during your Junior League career?

AJLI is offering training October 15-17, 2010 in Houston, and if you are interested in taking advantage of that training opportunity (at no expense to you), please email Linda Stanley at Istanley@abilenedc.com no later than September 10th. In order to be considered for this opportunity, you must have fulfilled all of your 2009-2010 obligations.

APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN FOR AJLI GOVERNANCE POSITIONS

Now is an especially exciting time to be a part of The Association of Junior Leagues International! The Strategic Roadmap process creates a unique opportunity to reflect upon the legacy of our rich history and dream of the unlimited possibilities for our future. This process will define and explore potential paths for membership development and community transformation in the rapidly changing 21st century. AJLI governance service provides a unique opportunity to shape the future of the Junior League movement and to apply, on an international level, the leadership skills you honed locally.

The AJLI Nominating Committee is now accepting applications for open positions on the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee with terms beginning June 1, 2011. Governance positions are open to all Actives and Sustainers in good standing.

The link to the Nominating Application packet: (http://www.ajli.org/?nd=nom_appli_special_notice)

Please note the application deadline is **September 7th**.

Job Descriptions, Available Positions, Qualifications and Instructions are included in the Application packet. Have questions regarding the available positions or the application process? Contact Lorraine Mellon at lferm@aol.com.

POLICY CHANGES COMING TO A LEAGUE NEAR YOU!

During the May JLA Board meeting, changes to the Policies were voted on and approved. Unfortunately, the current policies, while clear on the membership obligations, were not very specific about the consequences of failure to meet those obligations. The result has been that very little or no action has been taken in regard to members who fail to meet obligations. It is important to put more emphasis on encouraging all members to meet the requirements that tie back to our mission: voluntarism, training, and community service.

With the above mentioned in mind, the Board discussed, voted and approved to revise Section I.3 of the Policies, "Failure to Meet Obligations of Membership". The revised Policies have been posted on the Member Resources Section of the JLA Web site. Please review them for the specific wording and formatting changes. Note that while we encourage anyone with unmet obligations from 2009-2010 to complete those obligations, the new Policies and Procedures will begin with the 2010-2011 League year.

Submitted by Megan Cheek, President-Elect

CHRISTMAS CAROUSEL 2010

Our theme, "Feathers, Flappers, & Fedoras" is centered around the "Roaring 20s" era.

Following World War II, the social culture of America changed with women stepping out into leadership roles. For the first time, women got the right to vote, and they became more involved in their communities. Junior League women, during this time, operated baby clinics and day nurseries for working women. The movement of this era was embellished by wealth and power as the Dow Jones hit a high of 100!

People lived lavishly until 1929. Feathers were largely seen in nightclubs and worn by many women. The new brazen woman of the time was referred to as the "cat's meow" or a flapper. She cut her hair, shortened her dress, and for the first time, was introduced to makeup.

The men, on the other hand, were busy in smoke rooms, casinos, and "speakeasys" where they could go to drink alcohol since it was prohibited during the time. Gangsters erupted and crime went on the rise. The most notorious gangsters wore hats called fedoras.

The 2010 Christmas Carousel committee would like to take you back in time to the luxurious, fast paced, and fun time of the "Roaring 20s" It will be a ride you won't want to miss! See ya in November!



Stacy Hammond
Christmas Carousel Chair



2010 Christmas Carousel Committee

Chair

Stacy Hammond

Assistant Chair

Erica Gooding

Auction

Carolyn Gerney
Kelley Grimes
Casee Harwell

Cafe

Toni Diller
Tiffany Loftin

Concessions

Jessica Melson

Decorations

Traci Holmes
Jessica McGaughey
Lindsay McGill

Events

Allison Baldwin
Regina Rains
Abby Walla

Merchants

Jennifer Plantier
Angela Tomlin

Marketing

Randi Guerrero
Kasey Kearney

Sponsorships

Crystal Nichols
Jennifer Woodard

Style Show

Tiffany Sipe
Jessica Wilson

Tickets

Tenia Fitts
Misti Webb

T-Shirts/Resale

Carey Arrington
Lana Zullo

Treasurer

Katie Browning

Backpacks for Kids... Coming Soon!



The Backpacks for Kids project will be a collaboration with the JLA, the West Texas Food Bank, and Reagan Elementary School. This project was adopted by membership in Spring of 2010, and it is being developed under the leadership of co-chairs Angela Aycock and Jennifer Smotherman. The Backpacks for Kids Committee will be sending home backpacks full of food every Friday afternoon for 35 kids who attend Reagan Elementary. Once the school year begins, the committee will meet at the Food Bank one Saturday morning each month to fill the bags, which will be stored at the Food Bank throughout the month. When the start date has been identified, League members will be notified so that active, provisional, and sustaining members can join us in the packing! This exciting new project is not only a great way to earn community service hours, but it is also a fun way to get to know other members better!



Angela Aycock
Co-Chair



Jennifer Smotherman
Co-Chair

PAVE

PAVE workshifts are listed on the JLA Web site. As the PAVE committee votes on, and approves, PAVE Applications submitted by local non-profit organizations, shifts are added to the site. Please remember to wear your Junior League T-shirt to PAVE shifts so that we are recognized by host organizations and the community. Submit questions to Co-Chairmen Veronica Bartosh and JoBeth Willis at pave@jrleagueabilene.com.

Watch the WAVE and Shift Sign-Ups for upcoming PAVE opportunities. There are some very rewarding volunteer experiences for your entire family through serving PAVE events. Also, please ensure that you notify PAVE members when you must cancel a shift you have registered for. It reflects poorly on JLA when we notify an organization that they will have the help of 10 JLA volunteers and only 2 show up to work the shift.

PAVE & Community Service

All League members are required to serve 4 hours of community service each active year. Two of those hours *must* be from a PAVE event, found under shift sign-ups on the JLA website. It is permissible to have all four community service credits earned through PAVE work shifts. PAVE shifts are awarded to other local non-profit organizations who submit an application to JLA for a grant and/or volunteer assistance with a project their organization is conducting. "Community Service" shifts are work shifts that help provide "work-power" to the projects we as a League are doing (such as Suds Buds, Kids in the Kitchen, and Community Partners).



Little Leaguers in Action!

Serving our community at "Special Olympics Spring Meet" and at "Dream Night at the Grace"



LITTLE LEAGUERS

Junior League of Abilene Little Leaguers consists of Member daughters and granddaughters who want to volunteer with the Junior League. They are exposed to different areas of the League through volunteering with our projects and Christmas Carousel. Little Leaguers must be between 3rd and 12th grade.

Little Leaguer Chairman Lesli Andrews and committee members Risha Sanders and Shelly Wallace are planning some fun activities to teach these girls about the rewards of voluntarism and fellowship. Little Leaguer sign-up forms are available on the JLA member Web site under Member Resources.



Haleigh Bumann, London Weilert, and Peyton Sanders helping at the CPS Fall Festival

COOK SOMETHING UP WITH

Recipe: *Easy Bulgur Salad*

Ingredients: 1 cup bulgur wheat (regular or light)
2 cups water
1 can white beans
1 avocado*
1/4 tsp garlic powder
1/4 tsp salt
1/8 cup balsamic vinegar

Directions: 1. Prepare bulgur wheat according to package directions.
2. Season with salt and garlic to taste.
3. Mix in one can white beans.
3. Drizzle with balsamic vinegar.
4. Serve warm with sliced avocado.

Notes: This recipe makes a delicious, healthy meal; or serve in smaller portions as a side dish instead of potatoes or rice. *To try different variations, substitute the avocado with cherry tomatoes or steamed asparagus. Bulgur wheat is very versatile... experiment with different ingredients to create your very own tasty dish!
Makes 4-6 servings.



JUNIOR LEAGUES'

Kids in the Kitchen

