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A Historical Review

1980s

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1980-1981: Eleanor Calvert Crowder, President

- Fundraising Projects: Encore Shop nets \$31,000 and Designers' Show House
- Community Projects: "Miami, The Magic City" premiere, Citizens Action Conference on Education, Co-sponsor seminar on violence in schools, and organize the Governor's Challenge Grant Conference, "Leadership for Florida"
- Major Milestones: League records computerized and Tropigram developed as an "In League" communication tool
- Volunteer of the Year Award: Jeanett Slesnick

1981-1982: Dale Chapman Webb, President

- Fundraising Projects: Encore Shop nets \$42,640 and Designers' Show House
- Community Projects: Public Education Task Force institutes Ambassadors for Public Education Program, First Governor's Challenge Conference on Leadership, \$1,000 for Miami Citizens Against Crime, \$10,000 for establishment of a Group Home, \$3,000 for the Human Relations Program and \$2,000 for production of PSAs on public education

1982-1983: Betty Cortina Huck, President

- Fundraising Projects: Encore Shop and Designers' Show House nets \$55,000
- Community Projects: CHARLEE Project, Sponsor of "Creative Crime Solutions", Co-sponsor Ambassadors for Public Education, \$20,000 in funding for GATE, Informed Families, Art Path, Human Relations program and the Ronald McDonald House

1983-1984: Maggie Maessen Blake, President

- Fundraising Projects: Encore Shop nets \$33,000, Designers' Show House and Holiday Bazaar nets \$7,400
- Community Projects: CHARLEE, "Miami's for Me", "Give a Hand to Miami", Co-sponsor the Power of Volunteerism: Energizing Communities, Corporations and Individuals' Conference, GATE, Self-Guided Historic Tours, Multi-Media, Partners in Progress, "Chemical People" T.V. special and related Town Meetings, Art Path, Art Pac, Ronald McDonald House, SPAC Legislative Breakfast, Miami Citizens Against Crime, Governing Board of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and Oktoberfest
- Major Milestones: Encore Shop's 50th Anniversary

1984-1985: Dorothy Collins Weaver, President

- Fundraising Projects: Encore Shop and Designers' Showcase \$50,000
- Community Projects: CHARLEE, Child Abuse Hotline media blitz, Host for SPAC Annual Legislative Breakfast, Drug Prevention Conference with Informed Families, Youth for Educational Success (YES) and \$5,000 grant from Florida Department of State for Historic Preservation Committee
- Major Milestones: First Year for The Kathryn Menke Miller School Volunteer Award for female Dade High School Seniors and the establishment of the League Endowment Fund

1985-1986: Rebecca Roper Matkov, President

- Fundraising Projects: Encore Shop nets \$40,000, Miami Magic nets \$86,000, Hair Cut-A-Thon nets \$3,100 and \$5,000 from 1986 Virginia Slims Florida Tennis Tournament
- Community Projects: Art Path, \$10,000 contributed to CHARLEE Family Care Homes, GATE, Red Ribbon Day-"Just Say No To Drugs", Informed Families Conference, "Miami Our Town: Creating a Drug-Free Environment for Our Children", Inside Track, SPAC Legislative Breakfast and Kathryn Menke Miller Award

- Major Milestones: League establishes a Community Advisory Board of civic leaders

1986-1987: Susan Tamny Jones, President

- Fundraising Projects: Encore Shop nets \$65,000 and Miami Magic nets \$100,000
- Community Projects: Art Path, Historic Tours, Parents Anonymous, Informed Families Conference, CHARLEE, School Based Clinics, Inside Track, SPAC Legislative Breakfast, and Kathryn Menke Miller Award
- Major Milestones: Endowment of the Rebecca Herndon Bush Award presented annually to the outstanding Junior League Volunteer for efforts for the community
- Rebecca Herndon Bush Award: Berta Batchelor Blecke

1987: **Sherrill Wood Britton**, President (Transferred prior to assuming her position)

1987-1988: Mary Kononoff Lynch, President

- Fundraising Projects: Encore Shop nets \$47,000 and Miami Magic nets \$90,000
- Community Projects: Art Path, Ballet for Children, CHARLEE, Historic Tours, Informed Families/Junior League Conference, Inside Track, McLamore Center, Modello Housing Project, School Based Clinics, SPAC Legislative Breakfast, Woman to Woman and Kathryn Menke Miller Award
- Major Milestones: Enabling Fund established to set aside money to readily respond to community needs
- Rebecca Herndon Bush Award: Claudia Crimmen Kitchens

1988-1989: Cristina Laguerela Mendoza, President

- Fundraising Projects: Encore Shop and Miami Magic
- Community Projects: Historic Tours, Legislative Breakfast, Transitional Living, Modello, Kaleidoscope and Kathryn Menke Miller Award
- Major Milestones: AJLI Certificate of Achievement for Modello, PR brochure receives special recognition at AJLI Annual Conference
- Rebecca Herndon Bush Award: Sara Barli Herald
- Super Leaguer Awards: Jeanie Bonner, Karen Boyd, Mary Therese Delate, Sara Herald, Stephanie Kelley, Lynn Lidell, Beckie Smith, and Betsy Tilghman
- Volunteer of the Year Award: Madelin Menacho

1989-1990: Ronni Weksler Bermont, President*

- Fundraising Projects: Encore Shop nets \$65,000, Burdines A Taste of Italy nets \$10,000, \$3,500 YWCA Network Holiday Happening and Miami Magic nets \$90,000
- Community Projects: Day-care funding for a low income housing project, pre-school program for abused children, "Lindy Live", Historic Tours, Inn Transition, SPAC Legislative Breakfast, \$6,000 of the Enabling Fund given to community organizations, RDS (Resource Development System) initiated, Breakfast with the Boss and Kathryn Menke Miller Award established
- Major Milestones: JLM selected as a model project presenter at the AJLI Annual Conference. Inn Transition received the BMW Merit Award. Additional Inn Transition awards include: Dick Moran Peace and Love Award from the Miami Coalition for Care to the Homeless, The Honorable Harry Cohen Award from the Office of Victim Services, Metro-Dade County Government, and a Proclamation from The City of North Miami
- Rebecca Herndon Bush Award: Ronni Weksler Bermont
- Super Leaguer Awards: Amy Brigham, Lyn Buscaglia, Michelle Eckhoff, Deborah Hasty, Barbara Jamerson, Mary Joffre, Janie Kerestes, Deborah Petarek, and Barbara Sibley

