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A Race to Remember

By Andria Hanley



The Junior League of Miami came out in force to support the *Race for the Cure*. More than 75 registration forms were submitted in an effort to support the Komen Foundation, which leads the fight to find a cure for breast cancer. This year, more than 203,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

The day started early, some women were there before the sun came up, preparing for a morning

filled with energy, support, emotion and time with family and friends; a time to salute those who have survived the disease and honor those taken because of it. The sea of pink shirts made their way to the stage to stand proud, and to take in all the encouragement that surrounded them at Bayfront Park early that Saturday morning.

Shortly after the survivor ceremony, all participants made their way to start the race, outlined by an arc of pink balloons. Some ran, some walked, but all made their way to the finish line and were cheered on by fans and friends.

The Junior League of Miami made a difference that day, supporting the women in our community who have faced or will face this disease.

Whether a woman went home that day and remembered to do her monthly breast self exam or called for her annual check up, raising that type of

awareness can and does save lives. And that, perhaps, is the best way we can make a

difference.

Inn Transition South Ribbon Cutting

**Tuesday, December 10
11:00 a.m.**

**Come celebrate 10
years of Women
Building Better
Communities as we
open the doors to
this amazing new
facility**

RSVP by Dec. 5: (305) 644-5127
to the "Inn Transition South
Ribbon Cutting" mailbox.

**The site is located behind
Caribbean Elementary School**

Holiday Parties

Sustainers: Dec. 8

Actives & Provisionals: Dec. 14

See inside for details!

Volunteers Make The Difference!





The Junior League of Miami, Inc.

is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Our Vision

To empower Miami's women, children, and families to conquer tomorrow's challenges and to build a united community.

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January 14, 2003 – Area Meetings in the home of your advisor.
 Look for more information from your placement advisor on the time and location.

February 11, 2003 – Miami Museum of Science
6:15 social; 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Celebration of Inn Transition South
 Come hear about the projects and fundraisers for 2003-2004

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Holiday Fun And Blessings

By Holly J. Battle
2002-2003 President



Which of the following describes you around the holiday season: (a) joyful, but broke, (b) harried, but mildly merry, (c) paralyzed with traffic and crowd-induced anxiety or (d) bah, humbug?

During this time of year, women tend to be overburdened by being expected to carry most of the family's holiday preparation and execution load. Often, however, they underestimate how much time and emotional energy they're actually expending.

So while you are hectically running around trying to make the holidays perfect, take a moment to recognize yourself for the personal contributions to your family and to your community.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Holiday Gift drive this year. Imagine the smiles on the faces of the children of our projects because of your generosity. Each one of you has truly made a difference in the life of a child this year! I hope you will have the opportunity to join us at the Holiday Open House on December 14th to have a little fun together and celebrate all the hard work we have done so far and the work we have yet to do in 2003.

It is my wish this holiday season that you take the time to laugh with your children, appreciate your family and relax. Many of us celebrate the holiday season differently. Our faiths do not separate us but strengthen us. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa may Gold Bless you and your family for the Holiday Season and the coming year.

Thank you all for Making A Difference!

Joanna's

Happy Holidays to all of our food loving friends!

It is our pleasure to serve you throughout the year, but we especially enjoy sharing this festive time with you. Our holiday catering, basket & gift menus are ready and prepared to make your holiday season a huge success! We look forward to hearing from you and hope we can be of service.

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Holiday Gift Drive going on now...for the children of our projects...drop off unwrapped children's gifts at JLM HQ...

Sip Some Wine...Pick Some Projects

By Susan Lerner,
Program Development Committee



The Program Development Committee invites all JLM members to the Project Presentations at JLM Headquarters beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2003.

Community organizations will showcase their proposed projects for the next League year and as added incentive for you to attend, the Program Development Committee and Wolfe Wines, courtesy of our own JLM member Christie Wolfe, will host a wine-tasting event as part of the evening.

Your input on January 16th is important, as the Program Development Committee will submit the final project choices to the JLM Board for its approval shortly after the Project Presentations. The General Membership has the final say on the proposed projects by vote at the March 11, 2003, General Membership meeting.

Turning to the Community Grant proposals, last year JLM awarded community grants to nine non-profit agencies and this year, JLM has also received many interesting and worthwhile community grant proposals. On January 9th, the Program Development committee selects those applicants for further consideration. Site visits will follow during February and March. The JLM Board makes the final decision on Community Grant recipients at the April 2003 Board of Directors meeting. The General Membership will have the opportunity to meet all the Projects and Community Grant recipients at the JLM Annual Meeting on May 20, 2003.

Remember. Mark your calendars for Thursday evening, January 16, 2003 at JLM Headquarters – to sip some wine and pick some projects! We look forward to seeing you there.

Junior League of Miami Hosts Organizational Development Institute, Jan. 17-19, 2003

Courses offered:

**Community Programming &
League Projects**
Creative & Successful Fund Development
**League Building:
The Role of Nominating & Placement**
Membership Retention & Motivation
Building Social Issues Advocacy

ODI's are a good opportunity for members to build leadership skills. If you are interested in attending, please contact Michele Battle, training chair, at mrbattle@bellsouth.net.



What is Placement Up To?

December

In December we will be placing the 80 Provisionals into the various Committees who have asked for additional members. Look for these new comers in January and welcome them to your team!

January

We are working diligently to prepare the January 14th Area Meeting so please save the date in your calendar and plan to attend! Your advisor will contact you beforehand with details.

There are two additional meeting credit opportunities at Headquarters:

- the **Program Development presentations** on January 16
- the **Fund Development Presentations** on January 29

February

Look for the new Placement Bulletin to arrive in your e-mail! The Bulletin is your guide for selecting your 2003-4 placement options.

Interested in Serving as a JLM Leader?

**January 28, 2003 – 6:00 p.m.
Leadership Roundtable**

On Tuesday, January 28, from 6 to 9 p.m., the Training Committee will be hosting Leadership Training at Headquarters. The training is open to everyone. All members who are interested in being leaders in the league this upcoming year, or in the future, and all existing leaders should mark this event on their calendars.

The training will be broken down into four sections. The first part will encompass a speaker from our community coming to talk to us about how the league is perceived in our community. They will also discuss the future of the league. The second portion will involve breaking up into smaller groups and trying to answer some common questions about how the league functions. The third part of the evening will again break us down into smaller groups to help brainstorm the best way to describe the Junior League of Miami to a stranger. The last section for the evening will include a panel that will answer any questions that we have about our Junior League.

ALL ARE WELCOME but space is limited. Please RSVP to Michele Battle, mrbattle@bellsouth.net or (305) 663-3491. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Spring Trainings

TRAININGS COUNT AS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

If you are a member who needs to make up a general membership meeting, don't forget, there are several Provisional training meetings that will give you an opportunity to make up a meeting as well as hear some phenomenal speakers.

January 14 — at Sylvester Cancer Center you will learn about Women's Issues.

February 3 — you have the opportunity to hear about Domestic Violence at the North Miami Public Library.

February 25 — you have another opportunity at Kristi House.

Don't Miss Done In A Day's Next Event: The Voices for Children Foundation's Ocean Commotion

By Kara Kautz-Moss



On Saturday, December 7th, the Done in a Day Committee has agreed to provide volunteers for the Voices for Children Foundation's Ocean Commotion 5K Walk & Run.

Join us at Crandon Park on Key Biscayne to lend your support to this important event!

About The VOICES FOR CHILDREN foundation

The Voices for Children Foundation is the fundraising arm of the Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) Program through the Eleventh Judicial System in Miami-Dade County. Guardians are the "voice" of abused, abandoned and neglected children before the judge, advocating for their rights and benefits. In addition, the Foundation provides the

necessary financial resources to make sure that every child's needs are met. Voices for Children also provides financial assistance to meet the children's medical, social and educational needs. With the money raised by financial contributions, Voices has enabled the GAL Program to represent more than 3,200 child victims annually.

About the Ocean Commotion

Voices for Children Foundation and the Miami Dade County's Guardian Ad Litem Program present a day long event for people of all ages that bring together Miami's diverse communities to celebrate their support for abused and neglected children. Walkers & runners will gather to participate in the 5K along the boardwalk of Crandon Park. The Ocean Commotion provides a variety of free and fun-filled activities for the entire family.

Music, soccer games, softball games, and a sandcastle contest will draw people of all ages. The Children's Pavilion has activities and entertainment geared toward children and will attract entire families to its interactive games, musical performances, and just-right-for-kids refreshments.

Like all Done in a Day events, General Membership Meeting credit will be given to those who participate! For more information call or email Kara Kautz-Moss at (305) 774-9699 or kara@ideapartnership.com. You can also register on-line for the 5K at www.active.com or www.coolrunnings.com – just be sure to let Kara know so you receive GMM credit! Come volunteer your time or participate in the 5K Run/Walk and make a difference in the lives of at-risk children!

Leadership 2003-2004: Take the Reins!

By President Holly Battle

Now is the time when we plan for the 2003-2004 year. Projects and fundraisers are being proposed, the Straw Ballot is being submitted and the next step is the Willingness to Serve. As you fill out your forms with positions you are interested in for next year, consider the inspiring women who were also members of one of the 296 Junior Leagues across this Country, Great Britain and Canada. It is truly inspiring!

LEAGUE WOMEN IN HISTORY

Betsy Bayless

Arizona State Lieutenant Governor

Judy Biggert

US House of Representatives

Florence Bird

Canadian Parliament, 1978-83

Shirley Temple Black

Child Actress, Former US Ambassador to the UN

Frances Payne Bolton

US House of Representatives

Barbara Bush

Former First Lady; Literacy Activist

Laura Bush

First Lady

Sarah Palfrey Cook Danzig

Two-time Wimbledon Champion

Mary Donahue

New York Lieutenant Governor

Jennifer Dunn

US House of Representatives

Anna Eshoo

US House of Representatives, 1954-57

Betty Ford

Former First Lady, Substance abuse prevention activist

Tillie Fowler

US House of Representatives

Isabella Selmes Greenway

US House of Representative

Margaret Hamilton

Actress, best know for her role as the Wicked Witch in *Wizard of Oz*

Katherine Hepburn

Actress; Women's issues activist

Oveta Culp Hobby

Commander of the first Women's Army Corps, US Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare

Carolyn Maloney

US House of Representatives

Lynn Martin

US House of Representatives, 1981-85

Margaret McTwain

Canadian Parliament

Sandra Day O'Conner

First Female Supreme Court Justice

Ruth Baker Sears Pratt

US House of Representatives, 1929-33

Nancy Reagan

Former First Lady, Substance abuse prevention activist

Eleanor Roosevelt

Former First Lady, author, US Ambassador to the UN

Mary Harriman Rumsey

Founder of the Junior League, Chair of a Consumer Advisory Board in the Roosevelt Administration

Margaret Chase Smith

First Female elected to the US Senate

Bobbie Sparrow

Canadian Parliament, 1984-1988

Eudora Welty

Pulitzer Prize-winning author

Preparing children for success in school and life

By Joelle Allen, Chair, Building Relationships through Family Literacy



As Planning Council member-at-large last year, Susan Bonner worked closely with David Lawrence, Jr., president of The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation and member of JLM's Community Board, to identify a potential signature program within our Early Childhood Education focus area. Last spring, JLM approved the Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership as a first year community project.

Why the focus on improving early childhood education? The statistics show the need in Miami-Dade is urgent. Thirty percent of children start first grade without a foundation to learn. Nearly 43 percent of third through tenth graders in public schools are at the lowest levels of literacy. Forty-two percent of adults operate at the lowest level of English literacy. How will our community get out of this vicious cycle?

JLM shares the vision of the Family Learning Partnership that Miami will be a place where parents and caregivers are effective as children's first, and most important, teachers. A vision that this community will offer children high quality literacy and language instruction, beginning in pre-school and extending throughout their school years. And that here in South Florida outstanding adult literacy and multiple-language programs are readily available.

Through the Family Learning Partnership, our committee – Melissa Bassett, Julia Brown, Julie Hanft, and Ramsey Sullivan – will work with a network of more than fifty community agencies through three strategy committees to ensure that all Miami-Dade's children enter school with the foundation of literacy skills they need to succeed. The determination of the Partnership's Executive Director, Lisa Blair, will help keep the strategies on track.

The first strategy, Parents as First Teachers, will provide guidance on nurturing children's literacy and information on family and adult literacy education opportunities. Strengthening literacy preparation and instruction of children from birth through second grade to ensure a strong learning continuum is the charge of the second strategy, Children's Literacy. The third strategy, Adult Literacy, will develop recommendations to improve the quality and accessibility of adult literacy education and work with local companies to build workplace literacy programs.

Instead of being overwhelmed by this huge undertaking, we are enthusiastic about putting our experience and knowledge to work. Collaborating with the best community agencies involved in literacy will result in stronger JLM community projects and eventually a signature program in early childhood education.

AJLI Fall Conference – Los Angeles

By Libby Witherspoon



I recently had the pleasure of attending the Fall AJLI Leadership conference in Los Angeles. What an amazing group of women! We should all be proud to be affiliated with such an efficient and forward thinking collection of women.

I had the privilege of representing our League at the POLL (President's Of Large Leagues) meeting on Tuesday. The ladies who comprise this group are truly "movers and shakers". The day started with Breakfast at Tiffany's and start sightings at the St. Regis (what a way to start a full day's agenda!) We then had a full day of meetings to address certain important issues that were raised at the annual conference last fall in Dallas (such as budget concerns and the level of services provided by AJLI). It was encouraging to see the POLL members not accept the status quo for an answer

and the current leadership of AJLI address each challenge in a true business like manner with a plan of action that had already been implemented to rectify several of the concerns. These women understand and appreciate the goal of the Junior Leagues and the importance that our efforts have on each respective community.

The rest of the weekend we had the opportunity to attend breakout sessions for training purposes and sharing of best practices. It was encouraging to hear that many of the Leagues, small and large, are facing the same challenges we face here in Miami. It was also enlightening to hear how far we have come in addressing issues that some Leagues are just now

experiencing for the first time. This is an amazing network of ladies all willing to work together and go the extra mile to give back to our communities.

We should be truly proud of all we have accomplished and what we are striving to achieve for the future! Take the time and realize that what you do as a volunteer really does make a difference!

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Star Talent!

By Stephanie Kirby



The Junior League of Miami has been proudly sponsoring the majestic Flamingo statue found outside Houston's Restaurant on Miracle Mile. We owe its unique style and detailed design to a bright and rising artist, 16-year old Rachel Lerner of Cooper City.

Rachel and her family were vacationing in New York City and had the opportunity to witness this city's cow statues displayed around Manhattan. When they read in the local papers that Coral Gables was embarking on a similar campaign with flamingos, Rachel decided to answer the call for artists. At her mother's urging, she applied to the ad with creative designs and was selected among many contenders to paint a flamingo. The Junior League chose her design because it represented a multicultural environment and a coming together of communities. The design is original, abstract and eye-catching. She was given a set amount of funds and several weeks to paint a giant flamingo delivered to her home. Her mother, Roz, said

they set up the studio in the middle of the living room and that the flamingo became a real part of the family.

But it was Rachel's commitment and perseverance that enabled her to meet her deadline despite a heavy schedule of school, basketball practice and homework. Many times her parents found her painting in the middle of the night after a long day.

Rachel definitely has a natural talent and she says she owes a lot to a mentor and past junior high teacher who recognized her talent and urged her to pursue it. Now as a Cooper City High School senior, Rachel is applying to colleges and hopes to integrate her love for painting into a productive career.

Rachel, the youngest of the flamingo artists, sees this as her first "big break" and an incredible opportunity that allowed her to show the cultural community her special gift. Her friends and especially her parents are truly proud of her, a young woman talented and grounded with a bright future ahead of her!



Community Project Spotlight: All-Aboard Story Hour

By Helen O'Connell

One of Junior League's community projects is the All-Aboard Story Hour, a monthly get-together with children and parents at Community Partnership for the Homeless in Downtown Miami and Inn Transition North and South. The Story Hour operates in partnership with the All-Aboard Educational Services and Tutoring/Mentoring Program of the Children's Psychiatric Center, Inc. The Center is dedicated to providing services to children in need, including prevention and early intervention, outpatient and on-site mental health treatments, day treatment, residential care, specialized foster care and educational services. The Tutoring/Mentoring Program targets kindergarten and first grade students who are academically at risk in Miami-Dade County.

The All Aboard Story Hour includes reading and telling stories, singing songs, and playing games with the children at the shelter. As mentors, volunteers provide help to the children developing reading, self-esteem and life skills. After the activities are done, every child is given a chance to select a new book to add to his or her own personal library. In addition, volunteers train parents on the importance of Family Literacy. During the Story Hours, the children's parents have the option to attend Family Literacy Training. These trainings give parents the tools necessary to establish a foundation for future academic success. The parents are also provided with an All-Aboard Children's Picture-Alphabet Book, an educational manual with Language Arts and Math exercises to help the parents meet the needs of their young children.

The All-Aboard Story Hour takes place each month at the Community Partnership for the Homeless and Inn Transition North and South. If you would like to play a guiding role in a child's life, please join the All-Aboard Story Hour Committee next year.

Community Partners Update

By Meredith Mills, Community Partner Committee Co-Chair



I am happy to update all of you on the progress we've made on our Inaugural Community Partners campaign this year. To this date, we have raised **\$64,800** towards our goal of \$92,000 and I want to thank all the companies, foundations and individuals that have contributed to help us work towards our goal.

We continue to need your help with this program. Here are some ways to help:

1. Provide us ideas and names for corporations, foundations and individuals that we might contact regarding the Community Partners campaign.
2. If you would like to take a Community Partners campaign packet directly to a personal contact – we would be more than happy to provide this to you. Just let us know.

3. If you are considering a gift to a charitable organization (because you made so much money on the stock market this year— HA !). We hope that you will consider a gift to the Junior League of Miami, either for the Community Partners campaign, the Endowment Fund or the Headquarters Debt Retirement. A gift to the Junior League of Miami is tax-deductible and would of course, be appreciated.

If you need any additional information about any of the above, please contact Community Partners Co-Chairs: Meredith Mills, mills.ma@pg.com or Maria Robbins.

Please see full Community Partners 2002-2003 listing on page 3.

The Fundraiser Application Process

By Sheri Shoup, Fund Development Chair



This year we will have an official fundraiser application process, which will mirror the process of community grant and project applications. Our goal is to develop fun and efficient fundraisers that will bring in more money, using less volunteer hours. The money earned and hours saved will be dedicated to our community projects. Our community spending budgets are based on our ability to provide this money through our fundraisers.

Using your input, we have developed a Fundraiser Criteria Template upon which all fundraisers will be evaluated. Each graded area will be assigned

certain points. Examples of these graded areas are net income, commitment required from membership, networking and social opportunity, and location of the event. The fundraisers will be chosen based on the points that they receive and their ability to help us achieve the budget needed for our community goals.

At headquarters, you can now find the Fundraiser Criteria Template as well as a Request for Proposals instruction page. The proposals are due on Monday, January 6, 2003. **The Proposal Presentations will be at our headquarters on Wednesday, January 29, 2003, 7:00 p.m. All of our members are invited to attend and you will have the opportunity to vote and receive a general meeting credit. Make your ideas heard! Please submit proposals and attend the meeting.**

If you have any questions or need help submitting a proposal, please contact myself or Kristen Holmquist-Munroe at globaldist@aol.com or kholmquist@carnival.com, respectively. Thank you for your suggestions!

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Holiday Encore Shop Donations Welcome

By Margaret Nee, Encore Shop Chair



Halloween Costumes, Pumpkins, Turkeys. these are all signs that the holidays are drawing near. Thanksgiving is days away. This is a time for all of us to count our blessings and enjoy special time with family and friends. With the holiday spirit upon us it is time to stop and take a personal inventory of not only the emotional bounty we have but also the material items we have and treasure.

Donate some of these items to the Encore Shop and share your bounty with those less fortunate. Please take a moment before the rush of holiday shopping and holiday parties to start collecting items to pass on to help make other homes happier and "better dressed" for the holidays. You will be amazed how quickly you can find items you have and don't need or want. . . perfumes, picture frames, unused hostess gifts. Make a special effort this season to find quality gently used items in your home and pass them on to the Encore Shop.

Here are some tips for collecting quota items:

- Expecting guests? Clean out the guest room and as you are making room for new accessories or flowers please pass on old frames, or-

naments and vases to the shop.

- Cluttered drawers? Can't find the cookie cutter or tape and ribbon for packages? Take a few minutes to clean the drawer out and most likely you will find some barely used utensils, ornaments and other household accessories that you have not used in ages – if ever! Donate them to Encore Shop.
- Visiting with family, friends, neighbors or work colleagues? Ask them to collect a bag of unwanted items or ask them to pass on last year's holiday garments knowing the items will be put to good use. Many of your friends may not be aware of the benefits of donating to the shop so please be sure to tell them that the benefits are many. They will receive a tax receipt, the League's programs in the community benefit directly from shop proceeds, and perhaps most importantly, our local community has a wonderful place to shop for quality merchandise at affordable prices.

A special word of thanks goes out to Whitney Ash. Recently, The Red Apple generously donated several days of Whitney's time to help refresh our merchandising plan. Whitney did a great job! Please make a special effort to come and see how wonderful the shop looks.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A PARTY!

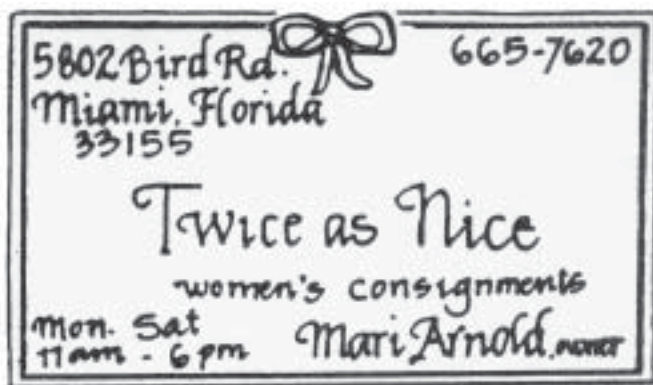
The Encore Shop will be hosting a holiday party **December 14, 2002**
12 noon – 3 pm.

Please come and join the Encore Shop Committee, staff and customers for a few minutes of holiday festivities and fun.

All of us on the Encore Shop Committee and the entire staff wish each of you and your families a very happy, healthy holiday season.

Help decide the future of our Encore Shop!

Volunteer to join the Encore Shop Ad Hoc Committee that will begin meeting in January 2003. Contact Karen Cabrera at kkc11@aol.com for more information or to volunteer.



First Annual Past President's Council Convened

By Julia Bianchi



On Friday morning, October 25, 2002, 14 of the Junior League of Miami's Past President's convened at HQ for the first annual gathering of the newly established Past President's Council. The purpose of this Council is to review the current financial status of our organization, discuss issues and ideas relevant to JLM today and yesterday and brainstorm ideas for future projects and initiatives

for our organization. Minutes from this meeting were presented to the JLM Board of Directors for review and reference. All the Past Presidents in attendance enjoyed the event so much that they would like to make it a biannual event.



Past Presidents from left to right front row: Cristina Mendoza, Lyn Pannone, Julia Bianchi, Debbie Korge, Carrol Youmans. Back row: Susan Jones, Linda Brown, Pamela Poulos, Nancy Leslie, Susan Moll, Claudia Kitchens, Priscilla Greenfield, Becky Matkov and Maggie Blake.

Board Spotlights

By Stephanie Kirby, VP Communications



With each issue of the Journal, JLM actives can learn a little about their board members – professional standing, JLM background and even some fun insight into their personal lives. Make sure to tune in each issue for Board Spotlights!

Christine Griffard – Treasurer



Christine is serving on the board for the first time after five years of active service for the Junior League. As a Portfolio Manager for Northern

Trust Bank, Christine's background in the financial arena makes her an ideal Treasurer for the League. She was born in Fort Benning, Georgia but as an "army brat," she moved around a lot. She is proud of many of her league experiences but describes her most memorable as the time she worked with Gladstone Center for girls.

"They were so excited that we were there for the sole purpose of doing something fun with them." She loves to travel and says her favorite vacation is going to Colorado in the summers and playing cowgirl.

"There is nothing like riding horses all day long and then sitting around the fire camping out on the range."



Debbie Dietz – Recording Secretary

Married for nine years with one child, five-year old Max, Debbie has served on the Board one other time as Public

Affairs Committee Chair. She has been in the League for four years and is also a native Miamian. Currently she is staying home with her son and helping her husband with his law practice but used to teach high school chemistry and physics.



Meredith Mills – Bylaws/Parliamentarian and Community Partners Co-Chair

Serving on the board for the eighth time as an active with 11 years' experience, Meredith

continues to prove invaluable to the League and Board. She is single, a native of Miami and a pharmaceutical representative for Procter & Gamble. Meredith finds it tough to pinpoint one best League experience because she has had so many but says

her most memorable would probably be the first year of Golden Palm when she was ticket chair and did marketing for the event. "It was a learn-as-you-go-along experience, a real challenge, but I learned a lot!" Meredith loves to travel and had a chance to go to Alaska this past year where she hiked on a glacier and went water rafting on a class four river. . . .all in one day! "Who says you are supposed to rest on vacation?"



Karen Cabrera – President Elect

As President Elect for the Junior League this year, Karen has her hands full playing an important role for our organization. Besides Junior

League duties, Karen is busy as a mom and wife, married 16 years with one child, three-year-old Francisco Alejandro or "Panchito", as he is nicknamed. This is her fourth consecutive year on the Board, making her a valuable and experienced League member. She is a former teacher, now professional volunteer and stay-at-home mom. Born in Orlando, Karen loves professional and collegiate sports, especially football and track, and describes her best League experience as working on Inn Transition North.

Congratulations to our SuperLeagers!

By Valerie Harvey, Chair – Placement Committee



JUNE: Erin Dolan

Erin went above and beyond to ensure that one of the Inn Transition North residents was ready to transition out on her own. Erin was instru-

mental in finding her an apartment, resolving some immigration issues, and obtaining her a donated car. She also was able to get her some financial support to help with “move-in” expenses. This woman is doing great with her son in her new apartment and should be able to start working very soon. Thank you Erin!



JULY Angel Michaels

Angel went above and beyond in securing funds, as well as organizing all applications, for the children of Inn Tran-

sition North to attend summer camp in the City of North Miami. Many of the children took advantage of this and it was in large part due to Angel’s hard work. She also started the reading program at Inn Transition North for the summer months, which was very successful last year. She practically lived at ITN!



JULY: Susy Barrera

Susy arranged for the Encore Shop to be the beneficiary of a HUGE donation of new clothing from Studio LX on Sunset. The donation is worth

thousands of dollars. Great job, Susy!



AUGUST Jennifer Chelwick

Jennifer is a member of Golden Palm and is a terrific Junior League member! Although this is her first year as an active, she has taken on a

tremendous role as Merchant Director of Golden Palm. She has been working single-handedly through the summer months and as of Septem-

ber we already had 46 merchants, including five platinum booths. She is responsive to the merchants, answering their numerous questions and getting packets out to new leads to make this the most successful market ever. Her work ethic and commitment to the Junior League is a compliment to all our members!



SEPTEMBER: Lauren Harrison

Lauren is the Chair-Elect of our Women’s Luncheon, but this is in name only, as she and Loretta Nido have been

working side by side since their assignment in May.

As the main goal for the summer months was to secure a site for the Luncheon, Lauren really undertook the lion’s share of this job, and did so with poise, diligence and professionalism. All of her communication with potential host sites and underwriters has been thoughtful and thorough. She has worked feverishly to narrow down our choices of sites, and at the same time handling a tricky career move from Anderson, where she has been for almost a decade, to KPMG. We are very fortunate to have her on our team!



OCTOBER Cybelle Santo Domingo

Cybelle who is an outstanding Membership Committee member. She volunteered to be in charge of the commu-

nication between prospective members and committee members, developed a database to pass along to the provisional chair and has been the committee liaison with the webmaster. All this while caring for her newborn son and working full-time for Burdines corporate office. Thank you Cybelle!

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Excellence in Leadership Awards



The following women have received the Excellence in Leadership Awards. These awards were established by President Holly Battle and President Elect Karen Cabrera to recognize the countless hours our committee chairs and Board members give to JLM. We do not allow our leadership team to be considered for the SuperLeaguer awards, yet many are truly amazing. Thank you to all the leaders of JLM and especially to the following:



JUNE Meredith Mills

Bylaws Parliamentarian and Community Partners Co-Chair



JULY Margaret Nee

Encore Shop Chair



AUGUST Susan Lerner

Program Development Chair



SEPTEMBER Bonita Whytehead

Project Reach Chair, GAP, Training



OCTOBER Andria Hanley

Vice President Membership

Holiday Gift Drive

Sustainers will be doing a gift drive for the children of JLM's community projects. For all of you early birds, the children at Inn Transition North range in age from 1-16. Another great project is the Girls Advocacy Project (GAP). Girls range in age from 11-18. These girls are in the detention center and can only receive books, and bath and body products. It is our goal to provide a basket for each girl with these items in it. They have established a book club so reading is a priority for them. You can bring your gifts to the December 8 party or drop them off at HQ at any time. Please do not wrap your gift so that they can distribute them appropriately.

January Luncheon

Tuesday, January 14, at the home of Jeannette Slesnick, 827 North Greenway Drive, Coral Gables, at 11:30 am Nancy Wellman will present an entertaining program on Nutrition and Aging. Nancy is a professor at FIU and Director of National Policy on Nutrition and Aging. RSVP to Linda Keyes 305-666-3183 or email her at keyesd@directvinternet.com. We hope that all Sustainers will join us for good food, good friends, and a wonderful program.

Small Dinner Parties in February

Many Sustainers signed up for the small dinner parties. This is always one of the most fun evenings. We have five homes that were offered for the dinners from eight to 12 people at each home. This is on a first-come basis. We all

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make a part of the dinner or set it up to be catered. Maggie Blake will coordinate for us. Call her to be on the list and let us know if your house will be available on February 22, 2003. Maggie can be reached at 786-268-0715 and maggiemb1@hotmail.com

New Book Club

The sustainers are starting a new book club because our old one is full. Tina Surman has volunteered to spearhead this group. Please contact Tina at 305-476-5020 or email her at surman@miami.edu. To date they have eight members and growing!

Staying in Touch with Email

We are still collecting e-mail addresses for sustainers. If you are not already receiving our monthly e-mail, please send your address to Holly Battle at hjbattle@aol.com. The information is current and arrives on the first of every month.

Sustainer News on the Web

Get all the latest news for Sustainers on the JLM website. Go to main membership section and click on Sustainers: www.juniorleagueofmiami.com/sustainers.

Other Events

Still in the planning stages is a trip to Babcock Wilderness Tour in late January. Please send additional thoughts and ideas to:

- Muriel (hallhandh@aol.com)
- Linda (keyesd@directvinternet.com) or
- Mary (hailma@aol.com).

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WOMEN WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE LUNCHEON

By Loretta Nido, Chair



Every woman reading this is a woman who has made a difference. The Junior League honors you and all women like you at our second annual Women Who Make a Difference Luncheon. The Luncheon will take place on Thursday, February 13, 2003 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Downtown Miami.

During our Women Who Make a Difference Luncheon we will be paying tribute to community leaders who have made a difference in our focus areas. We will also celebrate the critical community-changing work our League has undertaken over the last 77 years. The Luncheon will include a fashion show and a silent auction.

Join us at the event and honor the women who have made a difference to you with an invitation. Please talk to your friends, families and businesses about forming a table for this event. Perhaps your table honors a particular woman or group of women. Perhaps your original Provisional group can get together to talk about old times.

Mark your calendars and look for your invitation to arrive shortly after the holidays, or, you may use the form below to reserve your tables or individual seats.

We will be accepting nominations for this distinctive award until December 2, 2002 at 5:00 pm. You may obtain a Nomination form from our website at www.juniorleagueofmiami.com, from Loretta Nido at lcnido@aol.com or from JLM Headquarters.

You may also pay personal tribute to an extraordinary woman in your life by submitting your special dedication for printing in the Luncheon Program. You can use the form included on this page, obtain one from Headquarters or complete the information on our website and pay securely by credit card. Of, course, you can always contact Loretta for details.

For reservations, program listings, advertisements, and donations please contact the Chairs listed below, or call the Women Who Make a Difference box on our new telephone system at Headquarters: (305) 443-0160.

We look forward to seeing you at the Luncheon!

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February 13, 2002 • 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Name _____ JLM Status _____

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Honor a woman with a Personal Tribute in the Luncheon Program @\$25 each. Supply name and 25 word tribute (maximum) _____

Payment: Check Visa MasterCard Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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Send this form and your check to JLM Headquarters, Attn: Luncheon. Proceeds benefit the charitable activities of the Junior League of Miami, serving the community since 1926.

Provisionals Honor October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By Christina Sherry, Beth Painter, & Alison Simon

On October 8th, the Provisionals had the opportunity to meet at Sylvester Cancer Center to hear two great speakers on a very relevant topic: breast cancer. This meeting was very timely in that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The first speaker was a Sylvester Research Physician who presented the Provisionals with an informative overview of the challenges and progress being made through leading Cancer Centers such as UM's Sylvester Cancer Center.

He explained that clinical trials, advanced medical technology breakthroughs and dedicated medical staff are all involved in the continued search for more effective treatments and a cure for cancer. The speaker provided information

about a chip that may offer the diagnostic capability to identify DNA defects common in certain cancers. This and other advances are the hope to overcoming cancer. He also spoke about the latest cancer technologies, methods for early detection of pre-cancer cells and identification of individuals that have a genetic propensity for cancer. The Provisionals then had the opportunity to ask questions about the presentation and the facility.

Andria Hanley, VP Membership and a breast cancer survivor, also gave a dynamic and encouraging speech about her experience in fighting cancer. Several of the Provisionals used the word "inspiring" to describe her story. "She encouraged the audience to perform breast exams regularly, have

mammograms and to proactively lead healthy lives.

In addition to speaking at the Provisional event, Andria was very involved in organizing a Junior League team to participate in the Susan G. Komen Foundation's Race for the Cure on October 19th. At the Provisional meeting on October 8th, Andria gave the Provisionals more information on Race for the Cure and their opportunity to get involved.

The Sylvester Cancer Center also provided reading materials about breast cancer awareness and self-examination tips as well as patients' accounts of their fight against cancer.

Success!

Welcome to the following women the Junior League who have successfully completed their Provisional session:

Nancy Adams	Megan Courtney	Loralynn Katsikas	Kabrina Means	Katherine Rubino
Tricia Admire	Maggie Cruz-Ledon	Cheryl Keel	Mara Menachem-	Linda Salup-Shcmidt
Lanier Anzizu	Gabrielle D'Alemberte	Shontell Knox	Karlinsky	Samantha Schosberg
Carolina Azari	Courtney Damon	Jennifer Kravetz	Lynne Menke	Maria Seelig
Bentley Balzebre	Rita Dargham	Sarah Lane	Kara Nordstrom	Meredith Stewart
Melissa Bastian	Andrea Darling de	Monica Lukes	Sheri Nott	Kimberely Thompson
Michelle Beauchamp	Cortes	Jennifer Lutton	Maria Novo	Sandra Taylor
Annie Behar	Frederica Delancy	Alison Machado	Teresa Occelli	Andrea Tinder Phillips
Julie Bender	Melissa Farrell	Sheffield MacIntyre	Thornburg	Adilia Vasquez
Carolyn Blake	Zaria Goschalk	Michelle Mason	Kashia Orlando	Vcki Vernon
Christian Blalock	Catherine Grieves	Mallorie Marshall	Tamara Paula	Dienne Wenzel
Margo Bronhard	Julie Hawkins	Margaret Marshall	Laura Peck	Alisha White
Maria Byrd	Tere Hernandez	Joanne Martin	Michelle Roache	Dacia Chaffin
Britta Chambers	Melanie Hoffman	Lorrieann Martin	Joann Ramirez	Wiegandt
Sandra Cleland	Julia Islami	Visla Mckale-Rowohl	Laura Rosa	Francine Williams
Alexandra Compare	Tammi Jamison	Heather McDonough	Renee Rosen	
Cristina Courtney	Ana Maria Jhones	Veroushka McLean	Mindy Rosenthal	

Make a child's holidays happier by purchasing a gift for a child participating in our community projects!
Please drop off an unwrapped gift for a boy or a girl ages 3 to 15 years at JLM HQ before December 10. Thank you!

JLMarvelous

A special thank you goes out to everyone who made the Golden Palm Gift Market event a fabulous reality! The following MVP's need to be recognized: **Cristina Michele Benesch, Jennifer Chelwick, Tate Cicala, Tracy Courtney, Lisa Couvillion, Jacki Crabill, Deb Dennis-Moir, Diane Doolan, Carolina Fernandez, Denie Freyer, Gina Gardner, Leslie Hoy, Jessica Lancaster, Meg Luebke, Nicole Moore, Susie Orban, Jennifer Pflieger, Christine Quinones, Lynn Schwabb and Ramsey Sullivan.** An extended thank you also goes out to **Gail Scott** for her hard work and support!

Hats off to **Mariele Jones** and **Maria Berguiristian** for recruiting women to our great organization. Thanks to you and your committee for your hard work!

A special thanks to all the **members and friends** who came out to support the Race for the Cure.

Thanks to **Debbie Corbishley** for updating the straw ballot and making it look so good.

Thanks to **Valerie Harvey** for all her hard work in coordinating the October Area Meetings.

Hats off to the Women Who Make A Difference Luncheon Committee: **Ivette Berisia Human, Sheila Brewer, Tina Carlo, Rachel Denis, Tiffany Grippando, Lauren Harris, Gretchen Kirtley, Loretta Nido, Meg Stamey, Coreen Rodgers, Ashely Walter.** Your enthusiasm and hard work are certain to result in an outstanding Luncheon!

JLMarvelous would like to highlight **Loretta Nido** for volunteering to design and print the Encore Shop's new monthly coupons. Loretta did a BEAUTIFUL job designing seven postcards—each with a different holiday theme for the Encore Shop. The cards will be mailed monthly from October until April. The designs are witty and fun and will surely help boost sales at the shop. Loretta did all of this on top of the tremendous work she is doing for the Women's Luncheon.

Thank you goes out to **Kelly Hughes** for her participation in coordinating members for the Race for the Cure.

Thank you also goes out to **Jennifer Wilson** for her efforts in coordinating members for the Hands on Miami Day.

Bunches of JLM hugs and thanks to the most awesome Membership Committee, **Christy Falco, Maria Beguiristain, Lynda Colaizzi, Saria Courtney-Baigorri, Dinah Drier, Kendall Elias, Angel Michaels, Lisa Miller, Shella Sylla, Jane De Cardenas, Manjula Jegasothy** and our outstanding computer coordinator, **Cybelles Santo Domingo**, who recruited 119 wonderful women for JLM. Also, many thanks to Susan Bonner for helping to coordinate the Cunard outreach event and to Natalie Brown for the awesome new website application. Finally, thank you to all the JLM members for sponsoring so many outstanding candidates.

A special thanks to **Linda Salup, Laura Rosa and Rita Dargham**, three Marvelous Provisionals for their selfless help with the 3rd Annual Kristi House "Touch a Heart" gourmet dinner and auction.

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JLM Newborn Babies

Congratulations to **Laurel and Mark Auerbacher** on their new arrival, Macy Michelle, born on October 21st.

A "late" congratulations goes out to **Ashley and Jose Cueto** on their arrival of Madison Elizabeth Cueto, born on March 27th, weighing 6 lbs. & 10 oz.

Congratulations to **Cathy & Rafael Lorie** on the birth of Mary Catherine on April 14th. Mary weighed 7.2 lbs.

JLM Katherine Menke Miller Scholarship Recipients

Personal pain, heritage, and tolerance lead to community service

By Leslie Cooper, Chair, Community Service Award



The Katherine Menke Miller Community Service Awards are given by the Junior League of Miami to a graduating high school girl at each Miami-Dade Public

High School. Each high school awardee is eligible to apply for an annual scholarship award toward college from the League. This year, three outstanding senior girls received a scholarship from the Junior League. The Program is named in memory of League member Katherine Menke Miller.



Tina Chiara Fregeolle, a 2002 graduate of MAST Academy, has logged over 2,200 hours of community service, largely in the pharmacy at Miami Children's Hospital.

Tina remembers spending time as a patient at Miami Children's Hospital. This led her to a rewarding volunteer experience in the pharmacy, a critical area. There, she learned to move orders out to patients quickly to relieve pain. This volunteer work helped her make the decision of majoring in Biology at Barry University.

Tina has also volunteered at the Research Institute, Miami Seaquarium Summer Camp, and the University of Miami Research/Summer Camp. Receiving numerous awards for serving our community, Tina believes community service projects can build an awareness of the needs of our community. Volunteering also allows individuals to work together to achieve the goal of creating a successful environment for all to live in.



Mariya Orlova, a June 2002 graduate of Dr. M. Michael Krop Senior High School, attributes her Russian heritage as the key that opened the doors to commu-

nity service. Mariya has been a volunteer at Mt. Sinai Medical Center translating for Russian-speaking out patients, spanning over 4 years. Mariya offered comfort and reassurance to elderly patients, especially those on Medicare.

Volunteering, by Mariya standards, is a positive and effective way to communicate with people. She has spent time teaching senior citizens in the Aventura community to utilize computers and the Internet, and tutored high school students in mathematics.

Serving the community, particularly at Mt. Sinai, has exposed Mariya to a diverse atmosphere. She plans to study mathematics and economics at the University of Chicago.



Mallory Kazinger stated that, "one stands tallest, when you bend down and help someone." This recipient began volunteering at the age of seven, starting with her

brother's Cub and Eagle Scout troop projects. Volunteering progressed to the Special Olympics, book drives, and Mitzvah Miami, a project picking vegetables for the homeless.

At Miami Sunset Sr. High, Mallory organized a club called, STARS (Students Teaching About Reducing Stereotypes). The purpose of the club was to allow people to recognize their own prejudices, overcome them, and reduce discriminatory practices and stereotyping.

Mallory believes the role of volunteerism in our society is vital, because those in need cannot rely solely on the help of social service and government agencies, as their resources are limited.

Mallory is attending Indiana University.




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December 7

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February 8

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At Mercy Hospital
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Letter from an Inn Transition North Resident

To the Junior League:

I have called Inn Transition North my home for almost a year now. However, it has meant so much more than that for my son and I. When we came here from Safespace we were scared and alone. We felt displaced and we carried a lot of emotional baggage from living in constant fear and turmoil caused by my former spouse and my son's father. I have no family here and I had nowhere to turn, Inn Transition saved our lives. I am not speaking figuratively but rather emotionally. The progress that we have made since coming here on an emotional level is like night and day. We are finally able to have the freedom to be ourselves and we both feel like we have become part of a family.

For someone who has never lost everything they ever had it is hard to understand and myself I never imagined that I would ever be in a situation like this. I have a Masters degree, I had a great job, I had a house, I had everything, and more. It has been in many ways transforming to lose everything because in the process we have found ourselves.

Before I came here I had never heard of Inn Transition. I had no idea what the organization was but now because of the wonderful women of The Junior League I have come to respect and appreciate the wonderful dedication and hard work you all do for us. I want you all to know that you are making a difference in so many women's lives. Susan Lerner is my personal hero and my former mentor here. The things she has done for my son and me, she didn't have to do. My life will forever be affected and most importantly I know that we now have a chance to be healthy emotionally and I know that my son will not become an abuser like his father. The children here are happy and secure and you have given them a chance to be children, and to live like all children should. Living here with other women who have lived with violent men is invaluable because we all understand each other and we all realize that while our former husbands might have different names they could be the same man, regardless of education, ethnicity, and background.

My son and I have a different outlook on life now and we no longer feel displaced nor are we scared. Thank you for doing what you do and thank you for caring. The Junior League has changed our lives and I will always be grateful for everything you have done. I can't say what would have happened to us if we hadn't come here. We would probably have been homeless and hopeless. Instead you have given us a future.

*With all my gratitude and love,
Cleo Loefman-Zapata*

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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 2002

3	Board Meeting	Headquarters	6:00 PM
5	Provisional Placement Interviews	Headquarters	TBA
7	DIAD Guardian Ad Litem Walk	Crandon Park	TBA
8	Sustainers Holiday Party	The Kelly Home	6:30 PM
10	Inn Transition South Ribbon Cutting Provisional Commencement	ITS; Behind Caribbean School Headquarters	11:00 AM 6:30 PM
14	Holiday Open House	Libby Witherspoon's Home	6:00 PM

JANUARY 2003

7	Board Meeting	Headquarters	6:00 PM
11	Provisional Super Saturday	Fairchild Tropical Garden	8:30 AM
14	Area Meetings Provisional Meeting/Training	Advisors' Homes Sylvester Cancer Center	6:30 PM 6:00 PM
16	Program Development Presentations	Headquarters	6:30 PM
28	Leadership Roundtable	Headquarters	6:00 PM
29	Fund Development Presentations	Headquarters	7:00 PM

FEBRUARY 2003

3	Provisional Meeting/Training	N. Miami Public Library	6:00 PM
4	Board Meeting	Headquarters	6:00 PM
5	Spring Journal Deadline	ilmjournal@yahoo.com	
11	General Membership Meeting	Museum of Science	6:30 PM
13	Women Who Make a Difference Luncheon	Hotel Inter-Continental Miami	11 AM-2 PM
25	Provisional Meeting/Training	Kristi House	6:00 PM
28	Deadline for Willingness to Serve submissions	kkc11@aol.com/Headquarters	

MARCH 2003

1	Dues Due		
4	Board Meeting	Headquarters	6:00 PM
5-6	Budget Hearings	Headquarters	TBA
11	General Membership Meeting/Placement	Museum of Science	6:00 PM
14	Community Grant Deadline	Headquarters	4:00 PM
16	Chili Splash	Miami Seaquarium	12:00-3:30 PM
25	Provisional Meeting/Training	Miami Museum of Science	6:00 PM

Chili Splash Is Well On It's Way

By: Diana Huling, Chair and Jamie Adams, Co-Chair



made our event such a huge success our very first year! We raised \$40,000 and had attendance of over 900! That's an amazing feat for a first-time event!

This year our event will be one month earlier, **Sunday, March 16, 2003**, from 12 noon to 3:30

The Chili Splash Committee is gearing up for our second year. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank each League member, their family, and friends who attended and

p.m. Hopefully, that means cooler weather! We will have more children's activities, more food and beverages, along with entrance to all the great shows at the Seaquarium, our host again this year.

We are in the process of signing up restaurants; if you have any contacts that we should look into, please let us know. We are hoping for 30 restaurants to participate this year; up from 22 last year.

Again, we thank all our members for their support and enthusiasm for our event and look forward to our Second Annual Chili Splash.

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