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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the Junior League of Miami (JLM) nears its 90th anniversary, I have spent time reflecting on the profound impact that JLM has made in the Miami community – from starting a child guidance clinic in 1926 to opening the Junior Museum of Miami (now the Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum of Science) in 1949 to implementing a Guardian Ad Litem program in 1980 to opening Inn Transition North in 1990. While times have changed through the decades, one thing remains constant: JLM members are trained volunteers dedicated to making Miami better for women and children. My hope is that we can build upon our past to grow for the future.

In this issue of the *Magazine*, you'll read about ways JLM is growing: through The Showhouse, an exciting fundraiser (brought back from its heyday in the 1970s), which will be held at The Kampong, a historic property in Coconut Grove, from April 7 to April 24; through its impressive leadership team; through its compelling community projects; and through its leadership training programs that empower members.

JLM is an organization of nearly 1,000 diverse, all female members and it's entirely run by volunteers. Thank you to all of the volunteers who make JLM possible – our community is better for it.

Emilie Goldman Wernick  
President 2015-2016



FROM THE EDITOR

I'm honored to kick off another year as the Editor of the *Junior League of Miami Magazine* and I'm thrilled to work with a great group of community-minded women.

This year is full of exciting events ahead, especially the Junior League of Miami Showhouse. As a member of the Showhouse committee as well this year, I can confidently assure you that this fundraiser is going to be spectacular. With the talented duo of Carla Crossno and Helen Picard at the helm, as well as a stunning location at The Kampong, this multi-week event will showcase art and design projects in a dynamic and inspiring manner. And the best part about it? All proceeds will go toward our mission of serving women and children in need in the community.

I'd like to recognize the members of my committee (Alicia Brown, Alexandra Kagan, Tammy T. Reed) for working hard to put together this issue, as well as Michelle McClaskey, Vice President of Communications, for her support and guidance. And last but not least, I'd like to thank Emilie Goldman Wernick for her incredible leadership and for coming up with the idea to bring back the Showhouse in the first place – brilliant.

Kara Franker  
Editor 2015-2016

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Can't wait for the @JrLeagueMiami Showhouse at #TheKampong on April 7 to April 24, 2016. #jlmiami



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Kicking off our Junior League of Miami year at our first GMM! Plus I'm super excited to get our directory! #jlmiami

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The Provisional Happy Hour at Batch Gastropub in Brickell was a huge success!



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Wine tasting, grocery shopping and hanging out with the ladies of the @JrLeagueMiami. #WholeFoodsCoralGables #GivingBack #jlmiami

Michelle @Vidamiami

So honored to have been a part of today's @JrLeagueMiami Provisional Super Saturday. Wishing you ladies the best! #nopressurenodiamonds

Deidre Krause @DeidreKrause

Shout out to the #NominatingCommittee at @JrLeagueMiami! #jlmiami



Junior League of Miami

JLM's 2015-2016 Board & Executive Management Team getting inspired and motivated while learning how to maximize our individual strengths as a team with Florida International University's #LifeWellLed coach, Monique Catoggio, and all of our amazing and inspirational leaders.



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Congratulations to Deborah D. Korge, our 2015 Women Who Make a Difference Honoree and past JLM president, for becoming the Director of Development for the Women's Fund!



Junior League of Miami

At this morning's Miami-Dade County Public Schools Board meeting, JLM was honored to be recognized for its work in support of education, including providing over \$60,000 in scholarships to date to deserving MDCPS students. President Emilie Goldman Wernick spoke on behalf of JLM to express our thanks and emphasize the ongoing education initiatives championed by the League.



# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## GROWING FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

by Kara Franker & Alexandra Kagan

Taking care of our community is an important mission of the Junior League of Miami. At a glance, here are some of the projects we're working on this year.

### BREAKTHROUGH MIAMI

[breakthroughmiami.org](http://breakthroughmiami.org)

#### GOAL

Provide free academic enrichment programs for under-resourced middle-school students, so that they can increase their future opportunities for success and entrance into college.

#### HOW WE HELP

Volunteers assist in developing college-bound programming.

#### CHAIRS

Laura Van Gorden, Rachel Vargo

### "DIAD" DONE IN A DAY

[jlmiami.org](http://jlmiami.org)

#### GOAL

Complete short-term events that assist local organizations within the League's focus areas.

#### HOW WE HELP

Past events have included assisting Lotus House in creating a meditation garden and establishing the Beehive Module at the Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum of Science.

#### CHAIRS

Emily Hill, Jennifer Williams

### INN TRANSITION NORTH AND INN TRANSITION SOUTH

[jlmiami.org/inn-transition-north](http://jlmiami.org/inn-transition-north)

#### GOAL

To provide housing and resources to women and their children who are survivors of domestic violence.

#### HOW WE HELP

Volunteers provide life skills training and mentoring to survivors of domestic violence.

Also, JLM built and continues to manage the 21-unit apartment complex for survivors living at Inn Transition North.

#### CHAIRS

Fernande Saintilis (North), Angela Carillo (South), Ela Hernandez (South).

### COORDINATED VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CENTER

[miamidade.gov/socialservices/care-violence-victims](http://miamidade.gov/socialservices/care-violence-victims)

#### GOAL

To help women become workforce ready.

#### HOW WE HELP

Volunteers will guide various workshops and trainings to assist women in the acquisition of soft skills required to interview and successfully gain employment.

#### CHAIRS

Jessica Delgado, Marcella Vieco

### THERAPY DOGS

[therapydogs.com](http://therapydogs.com)

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Encourage students to read through the "Paws to Read" literacy program at Miami-Dade Public Libraries.

#### HOW WE HELP

Volunteers and their certified dogs participate in reading sessions with children.

#### CHAIR

Michele Nicole Pino



The Junior League of Miami is now accepting applications for community projects for the 2016-2017 League year (Sept. 2016 - April 2017). We provide volunteers and funding for community projects that fit within our mission and focus areas. Non-profit organizations interested in being considered should apply at [jlmiami.org](http://jlmiami.org) by Dec. 10, 2015. Additionally, we run a signature community project called Done in a Day to assist community organizations with short-term projects that can be accomplished in one day. To submit your project for consideration, please download an application form on our website and send to committee chairs Emily Hill and Jennifer Williams at [diad@jlmiami.org](mailto:diad@jlmiami.org).

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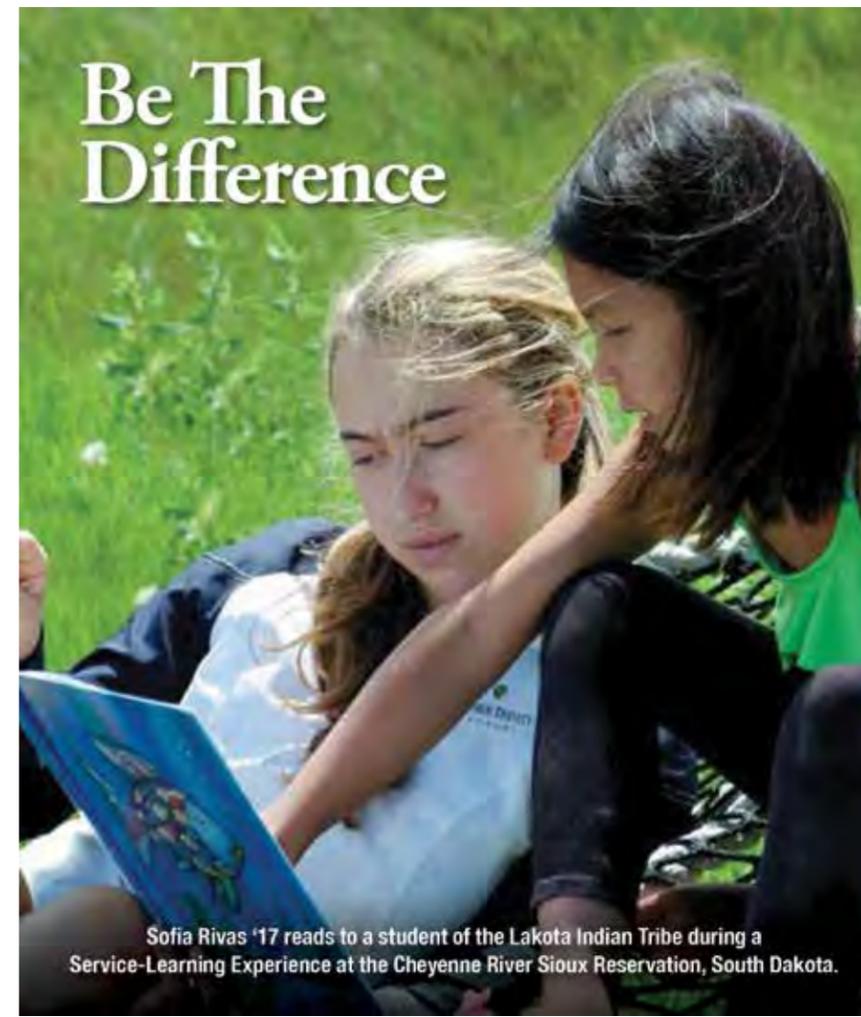
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# THE KAMPONG, MIAMI'S SECRET GARDEN

by Kara Franker

Explore the home of the Junior League of Miami Showhouse, also listed on the national register of historic places.

### *"Not all those who wander are lost."*

You'll recognize this often-recited quote by fantasy fiction author **J.R.R. Tolkien**. Those words, etched onto a red bench overlooking Biscayne Bay, take on a distinct tone, considering the context and the surroundings. Everything about **The Kampong** in Coconut Grove is imaginative—it's like you've been transported inside the pages of a living storybook. A tale of unexpected tranquility hidden inside a thriving metropolis.



At the entrance to The Kampong, a red iron gate and white coral rock wall are guarded by a thick layer of banyan trees that tower toward the sky and interlace to create a shaded canopy. I've passed the entrance on Douglas Road dozens of times by car and bicycle, and even on foot, but I had never stopped to explore beyond the gate. Until now.

The narrow pathway isn't traversed as often by locals or tourists, at least not as much as other attractions in Miami. Why? Well, I think it's because it's not a place you stumble upon; you have to be determined to go inside. And there's nothing touristy about this destination. As I push a button on the intercom to ask for entry, I feel almost like I'm intruding on someone's private residence. And I'm not invited. "Welcome, to The Kampong," says a friendly voice. A little startled that someone actually responded, I ask if they're open to the public. "Of course!" she says. And voila. The gate begins to slowly roll away.



### *A Storied Past Inside The Kampong*

I'm immediately enchanted by the layers upon layers of subtropical flora. There are hundreds of rare and exotic plants in this hidden garden nestled on the bay. Sprawling over 11 lush acres, there are varieties of tropical fruits like mango, avocado, guava and lychee. Towering palms provide an umbrella from the sun and birds fill the air with a winsome melody. I feel like I've taken a step back into time.



However, I'm not surprised to discover that such a tropical oasis exists here. I had read that The Kampong was the former home of Dr. David Fairchild (1869-1954), one of the most famous horticulturists in history. He visited almost every continent in the world, except Antarctica, and brought back hundreds of plant species to study. His former homestead is like a green living museum. The doctor and his wife, Marian Fairchild, built the house that still exists today in 1928 and named it The Kampong, after the Malay word for "village."



Aesthetically, it's all about competing textures. The contrast between the stark red doors and trim don't blend seamlessly with Miami's neon lights and tropical landscape. The Asian influences call out a completely opposite ambiance compared to the whitesand beaches and azure waters that we're used to in South Florida. And it's those distinct differences in the architecture and the details (like the stoic stone sculptures scattered throughout the property) that give it an alluring, almost outer-worldly appeal.

But there are moments of synergy, too. A faction of iguanas guard the property like the ornate onigawaras, a gargoyle-style of ornamentation found in Japanese architecture – which often depict fearsome beasts with floral and plant designs. An outdoor terrace with a bubbling fountain leads to a spacious open-air sun room that offers views of a mature, moss-draped tree and a tranquil swimming hole with large submerged coral rocks at the bottom.



### Revitalization in the Name of Community Service

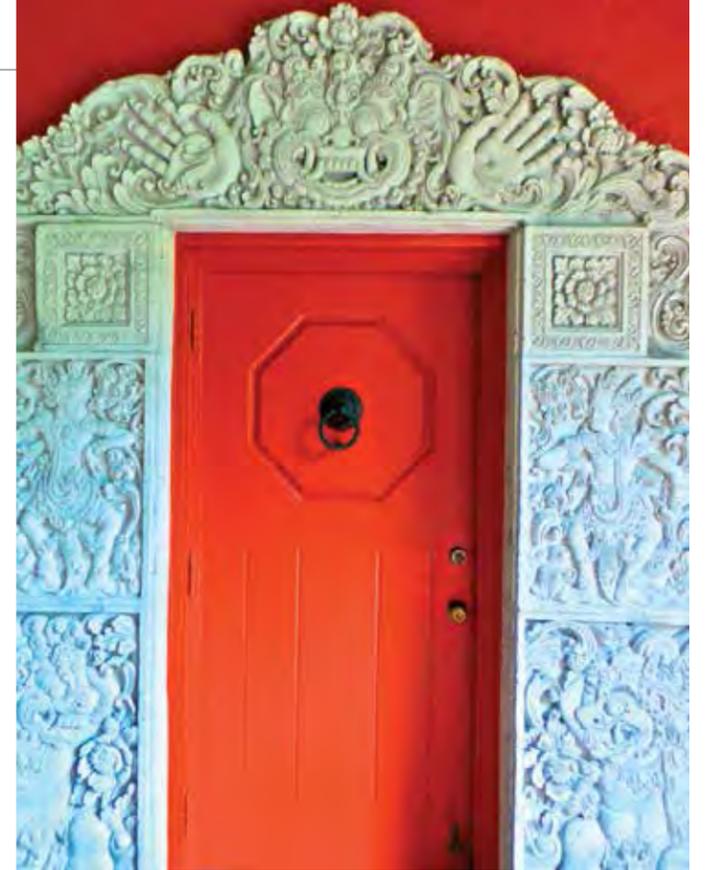
It's a different story inside the main house and surrounding buildings, which are in dire need of enhancement. But I see a blank canvas. And so do my friends at the Junior League of Miami. So over the next few months, we'll be working with a talented team of interior designers to transform the inside of four unique structures. Each and every room will be a testament to the designer's own sense of inspiration and art, drawing from the property's storied past and stunning architecture.

At the end of the project, which is no small feat, we will be rolling back that red gate to invite the community to reacquaint themselves with a piece of Miami history. We're calling this project the **Junior League of Miami Showhouse** and it's scheduled to take place **April 7 to April 24, 2016**. All proceeds we raise through sponsorship and ticket sales (our goal is \$500,000) will directly fund programs that help women and children at risk in our community.

**Emilie Goldman Wernick** (JLM President) and our Showhouse Committee, led by **Carla Crossno** and **Helen Picard**, have already poured countless hours into the planning and execution of this lofty goal. But, we need your help. We're looking for corporate sponsors who can support this worthy cause, as well as Junior League volunteers who can donate their time to make it happen.

We look forward to hosting friends, colleagues and clients alike at the Showhouse to raise awareness of the work being done by the Junior League of Miami while highlighting the importance of giving back.

*- Greg Barnes, President of Mercedes-Benz of Coral Gables and Cutler Bay.*



Additionally, we're pleased to announce that Mercedes-Benz of Coral Gables and Cutler Bay, as well as EWM Realty International, a Berkshire Hathaway Affiliate, have graciously joined our ranks as sponsors. "The Junior League of Miami is represented by a group of dedicated individuals working together to empower others. This group is caring, helpful, and focused on delivering a better experience for those they help," says **Greg Barnes**, President of Mercedes-Benz of Coral Gables and Cutler Bay, presenting sponsor of the Showhouse. "We truly believe in supporting those who help others."

The Junior League of Miami Showhouse will be open Tuesday through Sunday and during select evenings for public and private tours as well as special events, April 7 to April 24, 2016. For more information, please contact [showhouse@jlmiami.org](mailto:showhouse@jlmiami.org).





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# THE ULTIMATE GIRLS' NIGHT OUT IN MIAMI

by Alexandra Kagan

THERE IS SOMETHING SOULFULLY REPLENISHING ABOUT A GOOD GIRLS' NIGHT OUT.

A great group of gals can lift your spirits, send you into fits of laughter and support your desire to drink and dance like no one's watching. This year's dynamic group of Provisionals shared their thoughts on the ultimate girls' night out. Their fresh perspective highlights lively locations and necessary ingredients for a fabulous evening, as well as some songs to get you pumped up for a night out on the town.

Quality components of girls' nights including the following: tasty beverages, delicious dishes and a positive attitude. **Ariana Nulla** says "good company, carefree attitude, nice/fun ambiance, killer outfits and sassiness" are key ingredients for fun.

One of the many benefits of being in the Junior League is quality camaraderie. This year's green group of ladies inject youthful energy into the League. **Megan Rooney** agrees that fab shoes and the perfect outfit get a girl psyched for enjoyable evenings.

Additionally, "great conversation and fantastic females" round out the necessary elements for girls' night according to **Sabrina Vollrath-Bueno**.

Whether it's a creative cocktail, vodka soda, Moët or bottomless bottles of wine, liquid libations loosen up a lady's lips. **Lara Koster** says "good company, conversation and ambiance" are all that one needs to be empowered by friends.

### VIVACIOUS VENUES

Brickell is a vibrant hot spot for nights out and several lively locales include Segafredo, The Blue Martini and American Social. **Laurie Boddiford** recommends Dolores But You Can Call Me Lolita as a happening place. **Tamar Peltz** agrees that Brickell has great energy and is an ideal place to walk around at night; Doraku is one of her favorite spots. Other places with pizzazz include Blackbird Ordinary, Tamarina and Cantina La Veinte, according to **Juliet Alcoba**.

**Ariana Nuila**, our goto gal for where to head to on a night out, has great recommendations for venues with zing and zip. These include Bodega, Love is Blind, The Bar, Cibo and Ball & Chain. To polish off our list of live action ladies' nights, grab your gals and sing along with karaoke or live music in local lounges. **Deldra Owens** suggests Lilt Lounge for great cocktails and good music.

Girls' night doesn't have to be in the dark. **Melissa Aguilar** is "more of a brunch gal" and suggests Coral Gables as a bright spot for daytime outings. Restaurants at The Village of Merrick Park, Bulla and outdoor cafes along Miracle Mile are all beautiful destinations for daylight delights.

**Kimberly Laughlin** found an ideal package for fun at Splitsville in Sunset Place, where sushi and cocktails mix with a great game that anyone can do. "It's great because bowling is a sport anyone can do an have fun doing. Also, they serve awesome food and drinks for the adult taste buds," adds Laughlin. "And they play a great selection of tunes from the 80s to the newest hits."

### COZY CORNERS

Some of the most uplifting evenings are spent in peaceful places with pleasant chats. A traditional movie night is a fun shared experience amongst friends. "It doesn't have to be elaborate, just simple and fun," says **Valery Cardenas**. Girls' night should be "organic enough to make people want to meet and talk while having a common ground," she adds.

Quieter evenings amongst friends round out our recommendations. Vollrath-Bueno mentions "someone's house, a nail salon, wine bars and painting parties," as pleasant outings. For a more mellow night, Nuila suggests "Pasion del Cielo, Small Tea and any place with great desserts" as sweet sanctuaries for the ladies.

From the Provisionals' perspective, it doesn't matter if your shoes are flats or spiky stilettos, all you need for the ultimate girls' night is a great group of gals.

### The Junior League Ultimate Girls' Night Out Mix

- Don't Believe Me Just Watch* - Bruno Mars
- Just Dance* - Lady Gaga
- Cheers* - Rihanna
- Tik Tok* - Ke\$ha
- Honey I'm Good* - Andy Grammar
- Just Fine* - Mary J. Blige
- Alive Again* - 3LAU
- Do What U Want* - Lady Gaga
- Any Way You Want It* - Journey
- Another You* - Armin van Buuren
- Out Tonight* - Rent soundtrack
- Trap Queen* - Fetty Wap
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# SOOTHE THE SENSES WITH A RITZY SPA DAY

by Alicia Brown

WITH THE HOLIDAY SEASON IN FULL SWING, WHAT BETTER WAY TO RELISH THE SEASON THAN WITH A LITTLE R&R AT A LUXURIOUS SPA.



As that holiday to-do list grows longer by the minute, it's important to remember to take time for yourself in the midst of all the hustle and bustle. Since we live in South Florida, we are fortunate to have easy access to luxurious spa resorts without having to go too far.

One of my favorite escapes is any one of the spas at The Ritz-Carlton's five South Florida locations in Bal Harbour, Coconut Grove, Key Biscayne, South Beach and Fort Lauderdale. Artfully positioned along our coastline with serene spas designed to suit your mood or fancy, you can enjoy a staycation in your own neighborhood.

What makes The Ritz-Carlton different? "There are a lot of nice, high-end resorts in Miami, but it is hard to find a place that actually feels like an escape from reality," says Holly Hunt, a member of the Junior League and owner of Hollywood's Couture. "At The Ritz, you feel like you are actually on vacation."

To plan the perfect spa day on South Beach, I asked The Ritz to put together the ultimate full-day itinerary for you:

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Savor nutella stuffed french toast topped with a scorched caramelized banana and frothy cappuccino while sitting poolside at Bistro One LR.

## 12 TO 2 P.M.

Retreat to the spa for their aptly named "Taste of the Tropics Treatment," which uses fresh mango and guava in an invigorating body scrub.

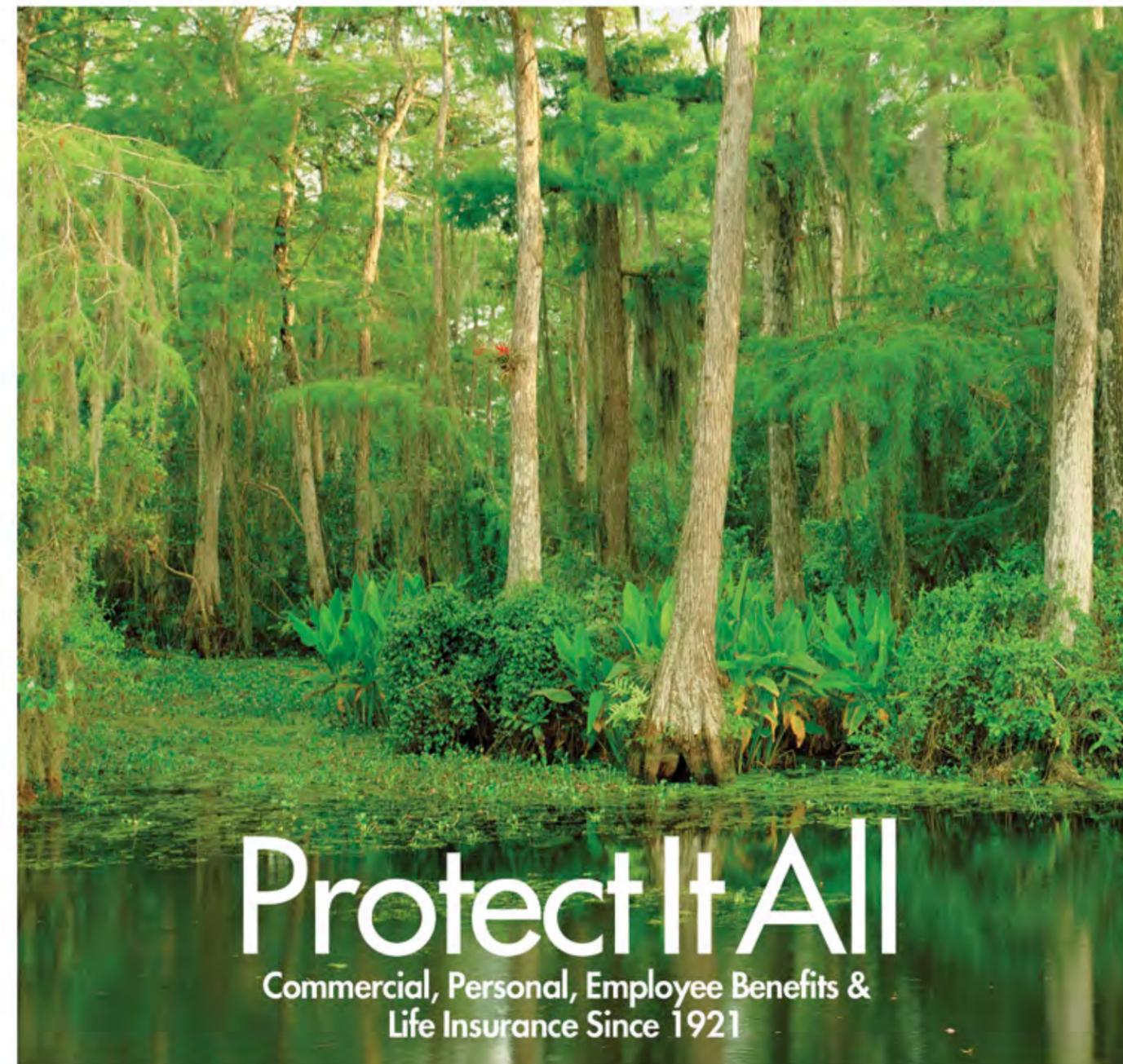
## 2 TO 4 P.M.

Head down to The DiLido Beach Club to nosh on the ultimate Cubano sandwich. This isn't your abuela's Cuban sandwich. Instead, expect a combination of thinly sliced prosciutto, Gruyere truffle cheese, bourbon marinated pork loin, topped with a crisp house-made pickle and sandwiched between warm flakey IPA bread. Pair it with a mojito.



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# WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MOTIVATING WOMEN

by Tammy T Reed

LED FOR DECADES BY WOMEN OF DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS AND LEADERSHIP STYLES, THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MIAMI HAS CEMENTED ITS PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY AS A LEADING VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION. HERE'S WHAT A FEW OF OUR CURRENT LEADERS SAY ABOUT THE ART OF LEADERSHIP.

For decades, institutions and scholars have studied and written about the science, and yes, the art of leadership. Most experts agree that the pillars of leadership are built on a foundation of vision and an ability to motivate others. "Leadership is having a vision, sharing that vision and inspiring others to support your vision while creating their own," explains Mindy Gibbins-Klein, founder of REAL Thought Leaders.

But a deeper dive into the principles of leadership, helps us discover that it's viewed through many lenses with varying degrees of insight. Currently, the Junior League of Miami is governed by a group of dynamic, community-focused women. Many of them offered their perspectives on leadership.



**EMILIE GOLDMAN WERNICK,  
PRESIDENT**

The granddaughter of Jane S. Roberts, the first woman to run for political office in Miami-Dade County and the first female chair of the Miami-Dade School Board, Emilie points to her grandmother as someone who epitomized effective leadership. "She tackled some of the biggest challenges to education, including segregation, and firmly believed that everyone was entitled to an equal education." Commenting on her own interest in volunteerism and her leadership style, Emilie says, "the energy and excitement that comes from volunteers is thrilling, and I hope my leadership style cultivates camaraderie."



**MICHELLE MCCLASKEY,  
VICE PRESIDENT  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Michelle says her sense of leadership is guided by the words of Stephen Covey, "accountability breeds 'response-ability.'" She says that good leaders make sure that the entire committee, not just the leaders, have a sense of accomplishment when the project proceeds. "Also, good leaders find a way to connect with those they are leading and inspire and motivate them to complete the project at hand," adds Michelle. When asked about an example of effective leadership she offers fellow League member and immediate past President Maria Figueroa Byrd.



**LIZ BODNER,  
RECORDING  
SECRETARY**

Liz's sense of leadership is guided by Orrin Woodward's words, "Average leaders raise the bar on themselves; good leaders raise the bar for others; great leaders inspire others to raise their own bar." Liz also points to award-winning playwright Eve Ensler as someone who inspires her. "I have been inspired by Eve Ensler's ingenuity and ability to take her activism and passionate commitment to a cause and approach it through the unexpected medium of theater."



**MARISSA FLANNERY,  
TREASURER**

Marissa believes that leadership is about helping others accomplish their goals. Borrowing from the movie, Remember the Titans, she also believes firmly that "attitude reflects leadership." Marissa explains that "it's a basic concept which I feel is so important, because if you don't have a good attitude about what you're doing, why should anyone else?"



**ANITA UPPALURI, ASSISTANT  
TO THE PRESIDENT**

When asked about her leadership style and how it motivates her interest in volunteerism, Anita explains that, "people set out to make a difference and become leaders along the way." Anita looks to one of her former bosses as an example of an effective leader. Her former boss taught Anita and her colleagues to look at the big picture and to analyze and ask questions.



**MICHAEL DE ARMAS,  
DIRECTOR AT LARGE**

Michael believes that "if you know yourself and your values then leadership starts with listening and discernment. With these two qualities, a leader can define and communicate goals and then with passion motivate and mobilize resources to achieve those goals." Michael points to fellow League members Emilie Goldman Wernick, Heather Harris, Maria Byrd and Leanne Tellam as examples of effective leadership because "they care deeply about the next generation of League leaders."



**TRACIE RUSAK,  
PLACEMENT CHAIR/  
HEADQUARTERS  
CHAIR-ELECT**

When asked about her sense of leadership, Tracie offers the words of leadership-guru John C. Maxwell. "Leadership is not about titles, positions or flow charts. It's about one life influencing another." She says that her leadership style doesn't necessarily motivate her desire to volunteer. "I volunteer because I love my community. I recognize we have a great need in our city that government programs alone cannot fill. I volunteer because I know that alone I can make a difference, but together we can make a lasting impact within the Magic City."



**REGINA MENDOZA,  
SUSTAINER LIAISON**

"A leader motivates and inspires others," Regina explains of her view on leadership. "Martin Luther King Jr. was an effective leader

because he inspired others to face their fears to accomplish a goal. He also led by example and did everything he asked of others." Regina believes that her interest in volunteerism and her leadership style are guided by her desire to help others live a better life, to be happier and fulfilled in any circumstance of life.



**LORETTA CREWS NIDO,  
SUSTAINER ADVISOR**

A former JLM President, Loretta defines leadership as "applying experience, open-mindedness, confidence and support to empower a team to reach its goals." She sees David Lawrence Jr., an advocate for early childhood readiness and education, as an example of effective leadership. "His leadership style is direct, no-nonsense and selfless, measured with a strong dose of passion for statewide recognition of children as Florida's highest priority." Having held many leadership positions in JLM, Loretta believes a common theme among all of her leadership experiences is teamwork.



**HEATHER M. HARRIS,  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**

Heather embraces the belief that a true leader is one who "elevates, inspires and magnifies the talents of those with whom they lead by offering their shoulders to stand on and their voice to be heard." Malala Yousafzai, who at the young age of 11 became an international symbol of courage and human rights activism, is a person that Heather considers to be an exceptional leader.

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