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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Inn Transition exemplifies the League's purpose and successes

By Lauren Harrison Genovese



I just wanted to share with you some thoughts about the lovely afternoon that Dana Martorella, Michelle Ramirez-Patricios, Katie Arriola, Loretta Nido, Leanne Tellam, Hillary Scurtis and I spent at Inn Transition South, along with Past Presidents Holly Battle, Julia Bianchi, Susan Lerner, and Debbie Korge, past Community VPs and ITS Chairs, and our outstanding current ITS Chairs and Committee. The time spent with the ITS residents, the dedicated ITS staff and a number of JLM Sustainers was rewarding and empowering.

Two former ITS residents, who have gone back to school, found new jobs and have successfully established new lives with their children, came to speak to the women who are residents there now to encourage them to take advantage of all the resources that ITS

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JLM volunteers at ITS Holiday Party

## Breast Cancer Awareness

### A Message for JLM from Laurie Stein

When I was emceeing the Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure in October, I looked out from the stage and saw so many women from the Junior League of Miami participating in the event. As a breast cancer survivor, I sincerely thank you for your support. I know it wasn't so easy getting there at 8 a.m. on a rainy Saturday, but you did it! And if you were one of the women

who attended, I think you understand what I mean when I say it was such a moving and meaningful event this year.

As I was speaking to approximately 15,000 people from the stage, I was floored by how emotional the reaction was from the crowd. We had children

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Race for the Cure participants write messages of hope and remembrance.





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General Membership Meetings are held at  
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 1155 Blue Road, Coral Gables, unless noted otherwise.

Morning 9:30 Social; 10:00 Meeting  
 Evening 6:15 Social; 7:00 Meeting

January 8 • February 12 • March 11 (Area Meeting)  
 April 8 • Annual Meeting May 13 (Fairchild  
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# A Magical Evening in Casablanca

## MIAMI MAGIC

Junior League of Miami, Inc.

The Junior League of Miami hosted its fabulous, **Miami Magic** gala at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables on November 16th. Guests stepped into *Rick's Café* for roulette and cocktails and in an elegant *Casablanca* adventure followed by a scrumptious dinner.

Special guest emcee Ashley White, ABC Reporter and Dolphins Cheerleader, introduced the evening's honorees, Ella Fontanels-Cisneros, Max Mayfield, and Andreas G. Tzakis, M.D., recognized for their significant impact on the South Florida community.

Cynthia and Alex Rodriguez made a generous donation of \$50,000 to support the Junior League's flagship project "Inn Transition South," bringing the total raised at the event to an estimated \$196,000. Inn Transition South provides transitional housing, empowering mothers to build strong families and seize new opportunities. Other event proceeds will benefit the numerous community projects and grants of the Junior League to help provide a brighter future for the at-risk women, children and families in our community.

Miami Magic was co-chaired by Hillary Scurtis, Tina Boresow, and Rita Fidalgo. Congratulations to the chairs and their committee. 



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## Our Historic JLM Headquarters

# Phase IV Update

By Vicky Hucks, JLM HQ Inc. President and Julia Bianchi, Renovation Chair



January will mark the kick off of the JLM Headquarters capital campaign. HQ Board members are also busy preparing a special Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation grant application due in March. This matching grant will match dollar for dollar all funds raised up to \$100,000.

Our contractor, John Zinzell of Southbay Builders, has been instrumental in helping us navigate the challenging logistics of the Coral Gables Building and Zoning Department, and we are hopeful that we will be able to commence work by late March. The scope of work includes replacing windows and doors for impact resistant windows, and sealing and painting the exterior of the building. 

## Background on the HQ Structure

1. JLM HQ, Inc. is a subsidiary corporation of the JLM and has its own Board of Director, bylaws and files its own annual report.
2. The JLM is actually a tenant of the JLM HQ, Inc., and a lease agreement is signed annually between the two entities. As a tenant, JLM is responsible for regular maintenance of the building including carpet cleaning, light bulb replacement and general housekeeping. JLM HQ, Inc. is responsible for major capital improvements.
3. The JLM pays monthly rent of \$1,250 for 4,000 square feet of space, which results in a superb rental rate for the JLM, and for tax purposes, makes a separate annual donation of \$16,000 for comprehensive insurance coverage.
4. The JLM HQ, Inc. currently has a small mortgage of \$36,000 which is held by City National Bank.
5. Since purchasing the building, the JLM adopted a policy that it would gift the JLM HQ, Inc. \$5,000 annually to the JLM HQ Inc. maintenance fund when it has been financially possible to do so.



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# Provisionals off to a busy year!

By Elvira Larrain, 2007 Provisional of the Year



The Junior League of Miami 2007-2008 Provisional Class held their Super Saturday on August 25th 2007 at the Riviera Country Club, with 98 Provisionals in attendance. Provisional Chair Bibi Cruz-Ledon Sears did an amazing job, covering all the exact amount of information in a perfectly put together binder. The ice breakers were a lot of fun, and a creative way for the Provisionals to get to know each better, and the rest of the League members as well, who also participated in the exercise.

The Provisionals got a chance to learn more about the League from some wonderful speakers. Mary Young, Past President, was the keynote speaker. She was innovative and touching, as usual. Everyone enjoyed her creative exercise — what is your vision of yourself 17 years from now? Karen

Cabrera, Past President and current Foundation President, was also very touching. She spoke in detail about the Foundation, and also discussed the many friendships she has made in the League, explaining that those friends are one of the great benefits of the League. Maria Maloof hit a home run pitching the Golf Tournament, making all of the provisionals eager to help with the tournament! Candace Vassillion spoke about the internal

trainings that are scheduled this year. Kara Skelley-Diez, VP Communications, explained in detail how the Council is being revamped and plans to highlight events for all members. Christina Ureña, VP Membership, spoke about her experience as a former Provisional Chair and the new and exciting year in Membership. Michelle Ramirez-

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Patricios, President-Elect, explained all of the Community Projects. Katie Lane Arriola, VP Development reviewed the year's fundraisers and focused on the first one, Miami Magic.

The Provisionals also met and spent the day with their fabulous mentors: Jaime Adams, Lucy Ulmer, Betty Lopez-Castro, Marlene Fernandez, Melissa Schumacher, Monisha DeQuadros, Ana Rosa Ramirez, and

other JLM leaders and Board members Kara Skelley-Diez provided a video which traced the history of the League! Loretta Nido, VP Planning, was there and also got to meet and speak to many of the new Provisionals, sharing her years of experience and knowledge. Leanne Tellam, Bylaws/Parliamentarian, assisted on behalf of a mentor, and also assisted a few of the groups as

they began to brainstorm their ideas for mentor group projects.

It was a SUPERB Super Saturday. It was a pleasure to cover the event for the Communications Council, as I reminisced about my own Super Saturday, only one year ago. The provisionals were very excited and this was definitely an amazing way to begin their year. 

## Provisional Chair Report

# Provisional group projects touching many

By Bibi Cruz-Ledón Sears, Provisional Chair

Welcome to the 104 provisionals who have joined the Junior League of Miami! On August 25 these ladies began their training year with a full day of JLM speakers and presentations. These new provisionals are an amazing group who will bring incredible assets to the League! In addition to Super Saturday, the class has already completed three of their trainings. The first, held in September, was JLM 101, where Meredith Mills and Andria Hanley, with the help of JLM Past Presidents as our guests, reviewed the council system and explained the League's organization. Even though the AC was out, more than 75 provisionals in attendance learned about JLM.

In October, the class went to the Center for Excellence in Early Education in Miami where we were honored to have David Lawrence, Jr., speak to the group and enlighten the

ladies on the need for early childhood education and how to get involved. They also got a walking tour of that amazing facility.

The provisionals' next training was held in November when they visited the Homeless Assistance Center run by the Community Partnership for the Homeless. During this training, they heard from residents and also got a tour of the facility. One mentor group decided to complete their project at this facility since they enjoyed their visit so much!

This provisional class is demonstrating that they are an incredible group! Please read on to see what they are planning with their mentor for their group projects. When you see them at an event (because they attend many more than they have to!) please be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to the League!

**Aniella Gonzalez's** Mentor Group will be providing workshops to girls who attend school at The Dorothy M. Wallace COPE Center South (DMWCC). The Center's vision is to provide varying educational opportunities, enabling teenage parents to become high school graduates and reach their fullest potential. They teach teenage parents through multidisciplinary approaches in a nurturing environment. In addition, students are provided academics, parenting, life management and career skills, along with needed support services, allowing for maximum success. DMWCC is an option for girls who might otherwise drop out of school or get

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# Sustainers still active... By Morgan Park Smith & Sondra Christiansen Space, Sustainer Co-Chairs

JLM Sustainers are having a fabulous year—and it is only the beginning! Our mission this year continues to be to incorporate as many volunteer activities into the Sustainer schedule as possible. When many women go from being Actives to Sustainers, the thing that is missed the most about the League is the opportunity to help our community become a better place for women, children, and families. But we have a remedy!

Through Done In A Day (DIAD) activities and our community project opportunities, sustainers have many chances to jump back into their volunteer days and get involved again—even if only for an hour or two. Please read the monthly newsletter for these opportunities, or check the JLM Web site. We would LOVE to see Sustainers


at as many events—not just social ones—as possible!

Speaking of social events, however, we would not be Sustainers if we did not enjoy seeing our JLM friends in a variety of settings. We had a great holiday party December 13 at the home of Betty Park, and below are some upcoming events:

- The **Nordstrom Grand Opening Gala** for the newest store at Aventura Mall on February 13, 2008
- Trip to the **Naples Antique Show** in March, March 5-8, 2008
- **Spring Party** at the home of Amy

Sussman on Friday, March 7, 2008

- The Seventh Annual **Women Who Make a Difference Luncheon** on Sunday, April 13, 2008, Ritz Carlton Coconut Grove
- **Book Clubs, Bridge Clubs and Cooking Classes!**

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a GED. COPE South's young women look toward female role models for mentoring and to enhance the school experience by bringing women from the community into the classroom setting. December activities underway at the time of this writing include workshops focused on providing the girls with a specific set of skills and goals they can work toward following each session.

**Lucy Ulmer's** provisional group completed their project at the Hurwitt Emergency Shelter on December 1. This emergency shelter located in Carol City receives children from the Protective Investigators of the Department of Children and Families. Mental health counseling, psychiatric consultation, case management, medical care, dental care and a nurturing, therapeutic living milieu are provided. Lucy's group painted, planted flowers, provided books, games, bedding, and new toys for the children at the shelter. As many children rotate through this shelter, JLM left a lasting impression through colorful artwork and new activities for the kids.

On November 10 at JLM HQ, **Betty Lopez-Castro and Jamie Adams'** JLM Provisional Mentor groups kicked off the holiday season with the Peace Tree Holiday Party for the girls of the Honey Shine organization, affectionately known as "Honey Bugs." Event highlights included the making of a peace tree which featured origami ornament making reflecting symbols from different cultures, holiday story telling and bracelet beading, calendar stamp art, manicures, journaling by the Honey Bugs of their JLM event experience, a holiday surprise including a healthy breakfast and lunch. The Peace Tree Film, courtesy of a JLM friend and donor, was shown to illus-

trate peace, hope, diversity and unity with the Honey Bugs, Honey Shine volunteers and JLM Provisionals.

**Monisha De Quadros'** group project was a clothing drive for the women at ITS.

They have collected numerous suits, blouses, pants, dresses in all sizes. The focus of the drive was on business attire and will be given to the women at ITS before their mock Interviews in February. The women will keep their outfits and wear them for their actual job interviews. Originally, the plan was to collect two outfits for each woman but the provisionals have managed to collect so much more than this! The clothes were delivered to ITS on November 10th....dry cleaned, washed, ironed and on hangers. Monisha's group has done an amazing job with this project! The women at ITS will be able to enjoy their new donated clothing for a long time to come.

**Marlene Fernandez'** provisional group is preparing welcome baskets for the women of Lotus House. They have gotten donations of housewarming items to include in the baskets. The baskets included towels, sheet sets, toiletries and a welcome mat in a hamper. The group is delivering the baskets in December.

**Ana Rosa's** group marked a new day for a group of provisionals as they co-hosted the Literacy & Financial



Provisionals went to the Community Partnership for the Homeless, Homeless Assistance Center, and cooked and served lunch to the residents.

Workshop for the women and children of Inn Transition South in October. The skies may have been a little overcast, but the bright smiles on the children's faces took away from the possibility of rain. The provisionals provided Halloween themed arts and crafts activities for the children. They created wonderful art work that will be displayed at ITS. They were even more excited to partake in the activities that the clown had prepared for them. It was a joy to see them running around the play area with their balloon animals and decorative crowns.

**Minister Shirlene Odoms**, spoke to the women of ITS as their children were being entertained. Minister Odoms focused on the importance of literacy for the mothers as well as their children. She also discussed the benefits of financial stability, establishing high self esteem, overcoming life experiences, and staying motivated. This was a very powerful hour, which left many women emotional and inspired. The women were very thankful for the work that the Junior League is doing for the community.

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**Maggie Cruz-Ledon's** mentor group visited the Homeless Assistance Center in December and provided lunch for the residents. The ladies prepared and served the meal to the residents and enjoyed speaking to them as they prepare for the holidays.

**Migna Sanchez-Llorens'** group completed a special career fair for at risk students between the ages of 14 to 18 years old at the Dade Marine Institute (DMI). The provisionals provided an interesting program that included a motivational speaker and various speakers that discussed their career choices and how they overcame obstacles to be successful. The students listened to these outstanding role models and also received a 'goodie bag' to take home.

In addition to fulfilling their requirements for membership and working on their group projects, many of

**Melissa Schumacher's** mentor group are taking on additional opportunities (extra council meetings, community shifts, etc.) to better understand the League and work toward the Volunteer Service Award. Her group organized two projects for ITN this fall. Do you remember being a young child playing make believe...dressing up to be whomever you wanted: super hero, doctor, ballerina or even a rock star? The 10 women in Melissa's provisional group diligently collected costumes to compile a "Dress Up" trunk for the families at ITN. The children can use the costumes to dress up for Halloween, or expand their creativity and play dress up all year long. Not only have the ladies collected dona-



tions from active League members, but they reached deeper into the community to involve their family, friends and colleagues. At the ITN Committee Halloween Party, the group presented the beautiful cedar trunk and costumes to the women and children of ITN. Melissa's mentor group is working on a December holiday party for the families of ITN, a "Holiday Around the World" party, exposing the children to elements of varying cultural holiday traditions. 



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**Lauren Harrison Genovese**

has to offer. Time and time again, throughout the various presentations made, thanks went out to the Junior League for our continued support, and for always answering the needs brought to our attention.

We are so grateful to our past Presidents and leaders who had the foresight, the

patience and the tenacity to see the establishment of ITS, and the working partnership with Miami-Dade County, through to fruition. You have given all of JLM a legacy to be proud of. We are also grateful for the efforts by so many JLM members who over the past five years have assisted ITS residents by providing for their needs and helped to guide these women to lead productive lives safe from the hands of their abusers.



**Ernestine Davis**

We honored the incredible work and steady vision of Ernestine Davis, who together with her devoted staff, manages to do so much with limited resources. As I told our audience and Ernestine today, one of the highlights of the year for me has been the opportunity to get to know her and be inspired by her. However, most

importantly, we paid homage to the many women who so bravely have made the difficult decision to flee their prior situations because they care about the future of their children and were willing to risk everything in order to provide a better life and set better examples for them. These women are heroes; we applaud the great leaps that they have already taken, and cheer them on to ultimately successful outcomes.

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## ...reflections on Inn Transition continued


eight community projects and 12 local grants, are the reason that we do what we do and are the justification for our very existence. I feel that Hillary's presence and heartfelt words there today as a recent fundraising chair for our organization deeply underscored that message. Ladies, the impact that we make on the community is what it is all about. Every dollar that we raise, every Board and Council meeting that we conduct, every League communication that we make...it is all in the end about the lives that we



Dana Martorella

touch and the difference that we make. In the final analysis, we all work hard, but the majority of us are merely ancillary support for the meaningful community services that the League provides.

As we have completed more than half of the year that we will spend together in the commitments and offices that we now hold in the League, I thought this would be a good

time to share these musings with you. Dana, Anita, Mary, the entire ITS Committee, and all of the JLM project Chairs and their Committees, THANK YOU for all of the truly loving, caring and productive work that you do in the name of the Junior League of Miami. You make all of us so proud to be able to support your amazing efforts. And to each and every Board member, THANK YOU for your dedication, commitment, passion and enthusiasm for JLM, and for always keeping the best interests of the League at the forefront in all that you do. You amaze and inspire me every day, and I am honored to serve with you. I wish you all a wonderful New Year. 

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# Breast Cancer

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speaking about their mothers' diagnoses, and survivors who have lived decades with breast cancer. And we also heard about those women who have died from this horrible disease.

Didn't it seem like the pink ribbon was everywhere last month? From the department stores that featured "pink boutiques" to the supermarkets that stocked pink ribbon paper towels, cereal and yogurt we were constantly made aware of the need for increased research funding to help find a cure. Now that the awareness month has passed, there aren't as many pink items featured in the stores and there are not so many events devoted specifically to breast cancer. But of course, this is an issue that unfortunately we have to think about year-round.

I probably don't need to remind you to get mammograms; I would bet that you know that already. But I will reiterate that if you feel a lump, get it checked out immediately. Breast cancer will strike one in eight women. If it doesn't strike you, chances are that it will hit one of your friends. In fact, I have seven friends who have breast cancer. They are all young women with children under the age of 8.

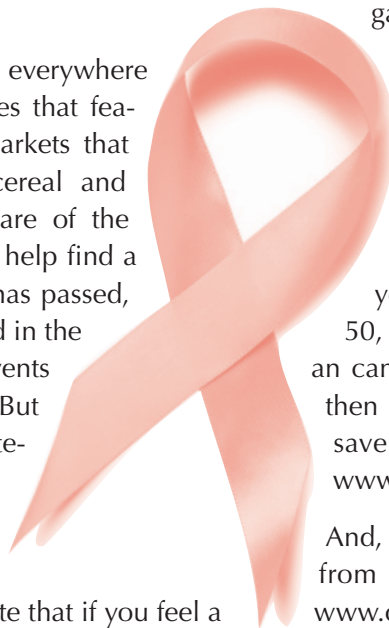
We lead such busy lives with our families, volunteer work and careers and we often forget to take care of our own health. But when medical professionals discuss "early

detection," they are speaking to busy women just like you. If you are suspicious about something you discover, speak to your doctor as soon as possible. The kids' soccer games, school projects and homework can be put on the back burner for a few hours while you focus on making and keeping a very important doctor's appointment to ensure you will be alive for many years to come.

If you are in a high-risk group for the breast cancer gene mutation (any relative, even on your dad's side, who got breast cancer before age 50, any relative who has had both breast and ovarian cancer, any relative with male breast cancer, etc.) then get the BRCA blood test. The information can save your life. For more information go to [www.facingourrisk.org](http://www.facingourrisk.org).

And, if you haven't seen some of my CBS4 stories from October, please find them online at [www.cbs4.com](http://www.cbs4.com) and take a look. CBS4 has devoted itself to keeping this issue on the minds of our viewers and helping the Race for The Cure be even bigger and better next year. I look forward to seeing you again! 🍷

*Laurie Stein is a three-time Emmy award winning investigative reporter for CBS4 News. She was diagnosed with breast cancer 4 years ago when her daughter was 7 months old.*



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By Mary Killeen Griffith

Lori Bell, a local acupuncture specialist, tells us that acupuncture or Traditional Chinese Medicine has been used for more than 3,000 years, and is known to be one of the oldest practiced medicines in the world. Acupuncture is all about keeping the body in harmony and balance. In acupuncture, it is believed that your body has meridians or pathways coursing through it that are flowing with Qi or energy. If your Qi is flowing freely, your body is in harmony, and if your Qi or energy is off balance, you can get sick.




Acupuncture can help restore balance. When you visit an acupuncture physician they take your pulse, but it is not just your heart pulse. There are 12 pulses in the body including the liver, spleen, kidneys and lungs. Once your practitioner gets a feeling for what is going on in our body they then insert super fine disposable needles into specific pulse points to get energy flowing through out the body.

Bell says common ailments that can be help by acupuncture are arthritis, pain, allergies, PMS, fertility and digestive disorders. It can also help the side effects from chemotherapy and radiation.


Lori Bell has been an acupuncture physician for more than 14 years, practicing in the Standard Hotel on Miami Beach and in a private fertility practice. She has been profiled on CBS, NBC and on the pages of *Ocean Drive Magazine*. She recommends you always work with a traditional doctor, and to use acupuncture as a complimentary medicine. 





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# JLM Foundation: Frequently asked questions

By Meredith Mills, JLM Foundation Board



The Junior League of Miami Foundation (JLMF) was incorporated in 2004 to help secure the funding of the Junior League of Miami (JLM) as it grows into its eighth decade of service. JLMF is currently comprised of three funds: The Ronnie W. Bermont Endowment Fund for Community Projects, The Browning Fund, and the Unrestricted Fund. The total assets of the Foundation are approaching \$1 million.

The JLMF Board monitors investments and disbursements and also continues to raise money. The Junior League of Miami is the sole beneficiary of the Junior League of Miami Foundation.



## *What are the Differences in the three funds ?*

All of the money in the three funds is monitored by the JLMF board – but the three funds have different restrictions and goals. Here's a quick explanation:

### *The Ronni W. Bermont Endowment Fund*

The Endowment Fund was the brain-child of JLM member, Sara Herald, who solicited pledges from many actives and sustainers. Sara taught each of us that if we donated the cost of a "Coke A Day" to the Endowment Fund, the Junior League could invest the money to fund future projects. Her work was carried on by others including Julia Bianchi, Vivianne Wicker, and Susan Moll. The goal is for this

money to be invested and the earnings be used to fund JLM community projects. The principal of the Ronni W. Bermont Endowment fund can NEVER be used. The endowment fund was named in honor of Ronni W. Bermont, President of the Junior League of Miami in 1989, who passed away in 1993. The Fund was incorporated into JLMF in 2004. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, you must specify that when you make your donation.

### *The Browning Fund*

This was a donation from a friend of the Junior League of Miami to be used specifically to fund domestic violence programs. The principal and the interest of this fund can be spent, but only for this specific area of community need. In the 2006-07 fiscal year, \$36,000 was distributed from this fund for programs at Inn Transition North and Inn Transition South.

### *The Unrestricted Donations Fund*

This fund is any money, unless otherwise specified by the donor, that the JLMF raises, including donations and monies received from the Wine Walk. The monies in this fund are invested and the proceeds are available to help fund community projects. The principal and the interest of this fund can be spent for community needs if the Junior League of Miami Board of Directors requests it.

### *What is the 1926 SOCIETY?*

This is a recognition society within the Foundation. It recognizes anyone who donates \$1,926 to the Foundation per year or over a course of years. 1926

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SOCIETY members receive a recognition pin, the donor's name on a plaque at JLM headquarters, an invitation to a special JLM Foundation function in the year that they give \$1,926, and invitations to other special events. The name "1926 SOCIETY" comes from the year that the Junior League of Miami was recognized by the AJLI.

*Wow – I can't donate \$1,926 all at once!*

That's okay – if you can donate that every year – that's great – but if not, the Foundation is grateful for any donations and you will accumulate your donations toward the \$1,926 level. You can also begin to enjoy the benefits of this recognition level now by making a multi-year pledge.

*I made donations to the Endowment Fund previously – does that count?*

Absolutely! Anyone who has donated to the Endowment Fund over the years will be recognized in the 1926 SOCIETY once the cumulative donations reaches \$1,926. We appreciate ALL donations!

*How does the Foundation raise money?*

The primary way is through generous donations of members and friends of the Junior League of Miami. The Foundation also sponsors an event each year – The Wine Walk- to raise money specifically for the Foundation.

*How can I contribute?*

We accept cash, credit cards and stock. You can log on to [www.jlmiami.com](http://www.jlmiami.com) to make a credit card contribution. The Foundation encourages and accepts planned gifts – charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, Real Estate, Wills & Bequests, and Insurance to name a few. Please speak with your legal or financial advisor if you are considering such a gift.

*Who makes up the Foundation Board?*

The Foundation Board is made up

of elected active and sustaining members and some members of the current JLM leadership team. The current Board of Directors are Karen Cabrera, president; Mary Young, vice-president; Lorrie Martin, treasurer; Linda Johnson, secretary; and board members Jennifer Stearns Buttrick, Kare Carbonell, Marilyn Cesarano, Allison Freeland, Lauren Harrison Genovese, Betsy Harper, Sara Herald, Susan Lerner, Galia Pennekamp, Michelle Ramirez-Patricios, Andrea Sharp, Kara Sharp and Jane Short. Any of these board members will be glad to answer additional questions you might have.



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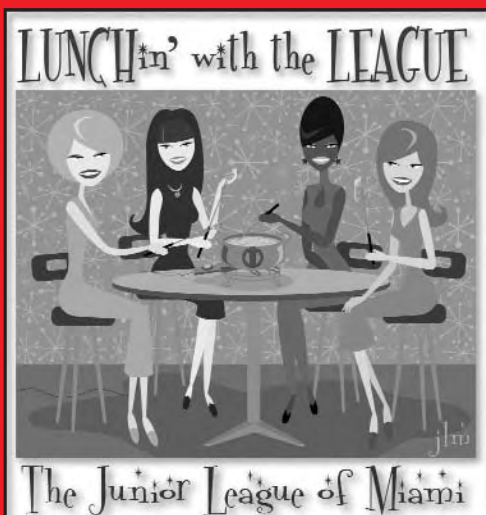
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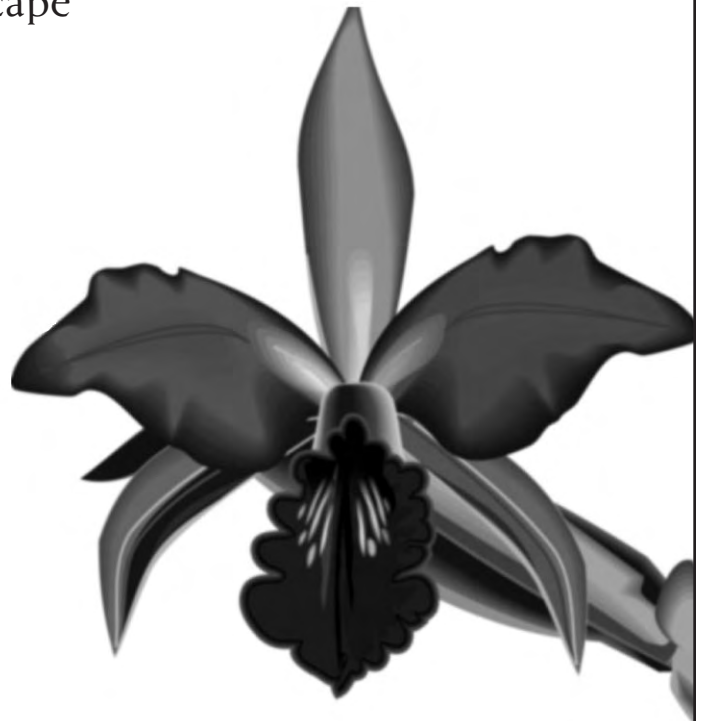


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