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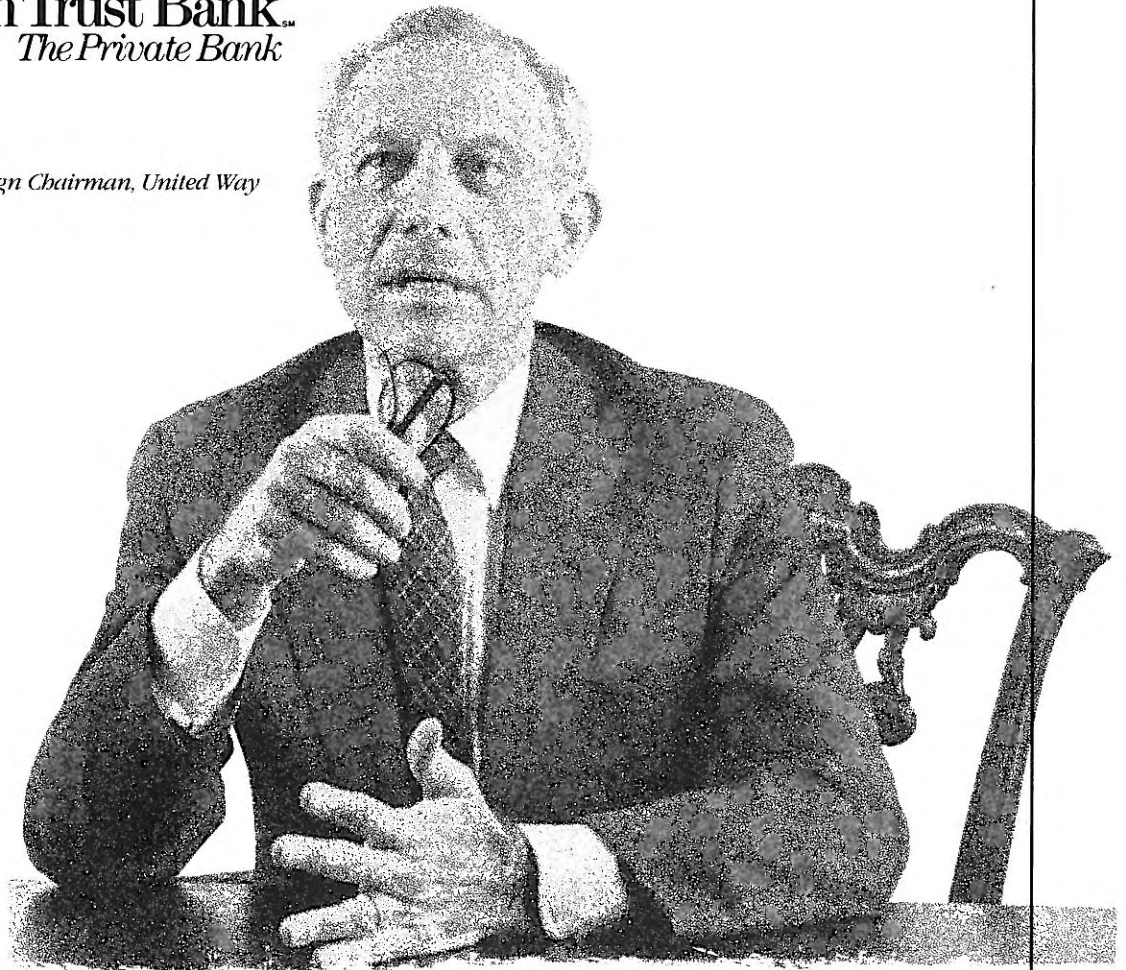
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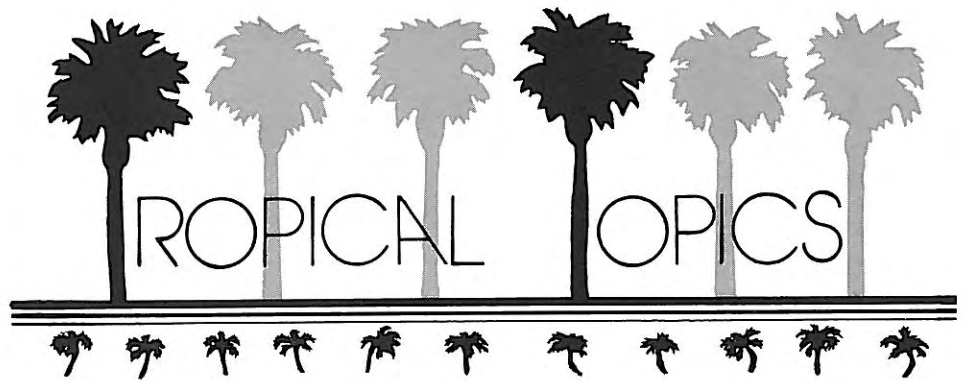
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The final issue of *Tropical Topics*, I never thought this moment would arrive! But since it has, a special thank you to Christine, Darlene, Emily, Beth Ann, Beth, Jo Ann, Karen, Donna and Michele. I can't express my appreciation for all the hard work and countless hours of time that each of you has spent to help make this year's *Tropical Topics* a successful and effective publication for the Junior League of Miami. Special thanks also to Becky Smith for help on *Tropical Topics* and the outstanding job that she did on this year's *Tropigram*.

I would also like to thank my family and good friends (especially Sally and Cheryl) for their support and encouragement this past year and their tolerance of and patience with my "off-beat" behavior.

Finally, I would like to dedicate this issue to my mother, Barbara Thompson Patterson (a sustainer) and my grandmother, Elizabeth Bowen Purvis (a sustainer and past president of JLM) for their strong support and for always taking the time to let me know how much they enjoyed each issue of *Tropical Topics*.



President's Page

The Year of the Member

As your newly installed President, I am more keenly aware than ever how important each of you is to the success of the League. YOU make this organization what it is. YOU provide the talent and the time which enables the League to be so effective in the community and so well-managed internally. YOU are the key to friendship when you help both old and new members feel a sense of camaraderie. Since each one of you truly makes a difference in both our community and the League, this will be a year where much emphasis will be placed on YOU, the individual member of our organization. Special plans have been made so that you will feel challenged, be heard, have fun and receive recognition.

This year Placement Advisors will attempt to strengthen their relationship with each member by getting to know

you better through more frequent contacts. One of the monthly membership meetings will be a dinner with your placement advisor. Be sure to call her often with your ideas, questions or problems. She is there to listen and to make sure that you are satisfied with your placement commitment.

Your Members-At-Large, Pam Bustamante and Jan Richards, are responsible for sharing your thoughts, concerns and ideas at the Board level. They are your representatives and are committed to getting your input. Please be sure and communicate with them. Sustainers, you too have a voting member on the Board, Marilyn Hicks. Call her! We want to hear from all of you because YOU are important.

Your special events coordinators, Melissa De Franco and Sally Hartenstein, will be planning several new social

events so that you can have fun and make new friends. Help them by telling them what type of events you would enjoy and then by making a commitment to attend them!

These are only a few of the many ideas and events planned especially for YOU. Each one of you is a precious commodity that must be understood and cared for if we are to keep you active and productive in our organization. I challenge you to reach out as never before, to participate fully, to make it happen and in return you will truly make a difference. Thank you for your commitment to the Junior League of Miami and for giving me the opportunity to share this year with you.

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Big Bucks for a Big Problem

by JoAnn Sheehe

Imagine someone giving you a black eye because you didn't cook the potatoes "just right." Or imagine your husband beating you because the children are too loud and "it's your fault." Or maybe your boyfriend just had a bad day and somehow that's your fault too. As he slaps you around, you pay for his bad day by listening to him degrade you and be little what self worth you have left.

Unless you have been a victim of domestic violence, or know someone who is, it is almost impossible to imagine how people can live day to day in a home where abuse and violence are routine. Domestic violence is not new. Yet in 1988, when women have more opportunities in every facet of life than ever before, it is alarming that large numbers of women feel hopelessly trapped in abusive situations and powerless to change their lives for the better. In fact, enough women in this community are suffering from domestic violence that the Junior League of Miami has committed an unprecedented \$100,000 to help establish a Transitional Home for Battered Women and their children.

The need for transitional living is being recognized throughout the country. Many sources refer to the "feminization of poverty" and indicate that the fastest growing group of homeless and poor are women and their children.

Low self-esteem and lack of a support system have been identified as the two major obstacles women must overcome in order to break old patterns and become self sufficient. For a woman who has been repeatedly told by her abuser that she "can't make it on her own," the thought of facing the world alone is even more terrifying than remaining in an abusive situation. The concept of a transitional home goes beyond merely provid-

ing an abused woman with a safe, non-violent environment. It also establishes a climate where she can plan and reorganize her life with the help of trained professionals and the support of other women in a similar situation.

In Miami at this time only crisis shelter is available for up to a six week period, hardly sufficient time to make significant life changes. According to Claudia Kitchens, Public Affairs Chairwoman and project proposer, women will be selected from these temporary shelters based on their desire to change their patterns of living.

The proposed transitional home will be an apartment building consisting of twelve to twenty-four units for which the women will sign a six month contract and pay rent. A part-time counselor will be available to help women design a personal program of personal goals and ways to achieve them. Policy decisions will be made by a voluntary board while the day-to-day supervision will be performed by a manager living on site, rent free.

Ideally, the location of the building will be convenient to schools, bus routes, child care facilities and other counseling and employment agencies already serving the community. Although the start up costs are very high, funding through government agencies, charitable foundations and civic groups will be applied for once the project is operational. Many local organizations have offered their support and services in establishing this much needed home in our community. The Children's Home Society is co-sponsoring the project; the Y.W.C.A. will provide child care, job training and help in fund raising; the National Council of Jewish Women will provide volunteers as well as help with fund raising efforts;

the City of Miami Beach has offered assistance with site location and renovation; and the Advocates for Victims (Safe Space), Domestic Violence Task Force and the Domestic Intervention Program will offer professional services and referrals.

As the need is great, so is the opportunity for the Junior League to make a major contribution to the community. Beginning with finding a suitable building, forming a coalition, grant writing and fund raising, the opportunities for volunteer participation will expand to include member talents and interests in all areas over the three to four years the League will be committed to this project. Remodeling and decorating the building; providing training and counseling in preparing and dressing for an interview, financial planning and budgeting (including writing checks and balancing a checkbook), food and clothing, shopping on a budget, nutritious meal planning, child care and parenting skills; establishing a speakers bureau to enlist community support; organizing a job bank for the women in the program; and starting an on-site child care center are just some of the placements which will be available with this project.

Think for a moment what you did today. Drive the carpool? Meet and talk with friends? Run into Publix? Most of the things we take for granted in our daily routines are out of reach for a battered woman. Now that we have committed to help with our "treasure," let's get behind this project with our time and talent as well.

(A special thanks to Claudia Kitchens for her time in preparing and presenting this most worthwhile project for our consideration).



Squeezing the Most from Every Minute!

Someone asked me the other day if I had my life to live over would I change anything. My answer was no, but then I thought about it and changed my mind. If I had my life to live over again, I would have waxed less and listened more.

Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy and complaining about the shadow over my feet, I'd have cherished every minute of it and realized that the wonderment growing inside me was to be my only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.

I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained and the sofa faded.

I would have eaten popcorn in the "good" living room and worried less about the dirt when you lit the fireplace.

I would have taken time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.

I would have burnt the pink candle sculptured like a rose before it melted while being stored.

I would have sat cross-legged on the lawn with my children and never worried about grass stains.

I would have cried and laughed less while watching television . . . and more while watching a real life.

I would have shared more of the responsibility carried by my husband which I took for granted.

I would have eaten less cottage cheese and more ice cream.

I would have gone to bed when I was

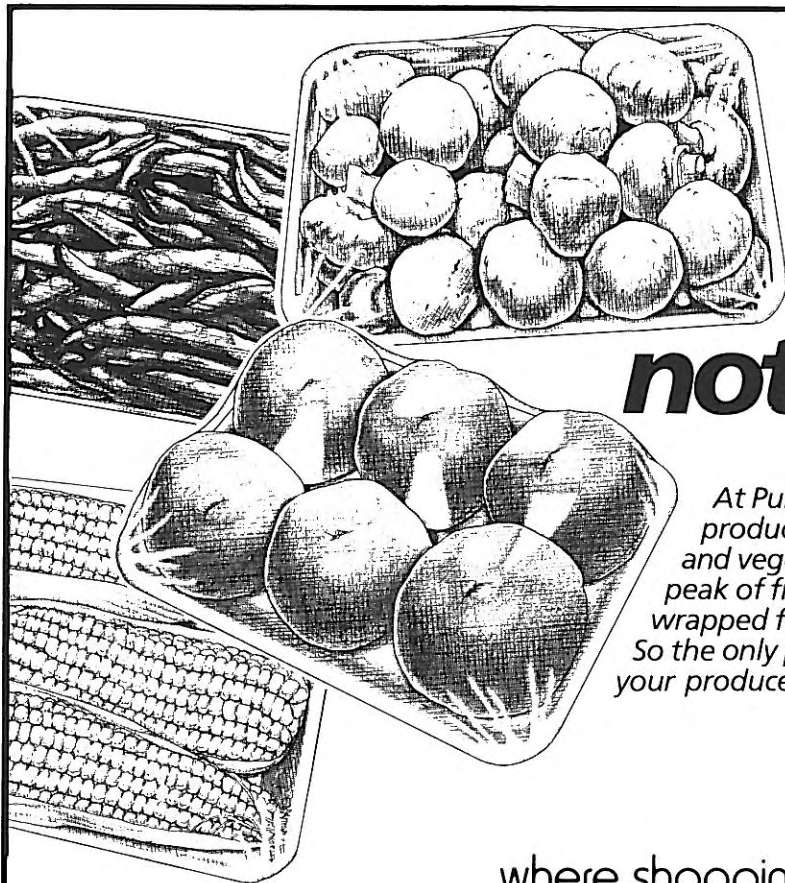
sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for a day.

I would never have bought *anything* just because it was practical/wouldn't show soil/guaranteed to last a lifetime.

When my child kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "later. Now, go get washed up for dinner."

There would have been more I love yous . . . more I'm sorrys . . . more I'm listenings . . . but mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute of it . . . look at it and really see it . . . try it on . . . live it . . . and never give that minute back until there was nothing left of it.

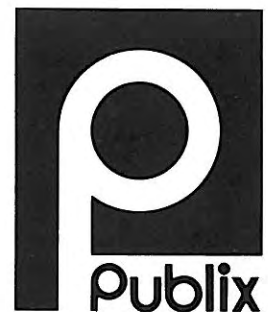
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The “Old Girls’ Network” Starts Here

by Donna Born

If you don't get paid, is your work really worth anything?

Are you a “recycled woman?” Are you ready to become one?

What is the “perfect job” of your fantasies . . . why . . . and how would you go about getting it?

Pay attention: you may hear those questions again. Listen up! AJL's Rusty Hellman and Susan Morgan have some of the answers.

These two dynamic ladies flew to Miami (Susan, from Atlanta, and Rusty, from New York) to teach us a few things about ourselves that we didn't know and in turn to learn from our reactions how to refine the *Volunteer Skills Portfolio* program and tailor it to the needs of Sustainers.

I told a friend I was planning to attend the special program . . . something about resume writing . . . on April 14th. She was incredulous. “YOU're going to a meeting?” she exclaimed. “YOU? I thought you went Sustaining because you hate meetings!”

Well, I do, and I did. But this, my friends, was different. It was the “dream meeting” I'd waited years for: breakfast at Winslow's followed by insightful lecture and stimulating discussion among intelligent, imaginative women.

Followed by lunch at Winslow's.

The Miami League provided the pilot group of Sustainers for the presentation of AJL's *Volunteer Skills Portfolio*, which, by its own definition, “is meant for different people at different life stages, among them:

- A woman who has spent most of her adult life as a volunteer and now wants to begin looking for paid work

- A young woman beginning her volunteer career, who wants to set some goals for herself

- A young man who wants to use his volunteer experience to get into graduate school

- A professional who wants to use her volunteer experience to advance in her paid career

- A volunteer who has decided to ad-

vance in the volunteer community

- A volunteer who is in the middle of his career and is undecided what to do next.”

The *V.S.P.* is also used for Actives and as part of many Provisional courses, but as women “of a certain age” with older or grown children and many years of League service behind us, we fell into the first and the last two categories. Hence the thrust of the program was devoted to identifying skills and interests that would lead to a logical job choice, interviewing, and resume preparation.

Step One was a skills inventory, to help define the things you're good at and the things you like to do . . . which are not necessarily the same. (Susan Jones and I both put checks by the accounting/bookkeeping/budgeting/calculating/tabulating categories . . . but neither one of us wants to be a CPA when we grow up.)

Rusty and Susan discussed “interviewing for information,” a way to both find out more about a certain job, company,



Debbie White and Ronni Bermont

or field, and to let some of the people in that field or corporation know something about you. Taking the Portfolio subtitle, "Passport to the Paid Workplace," as the theme, they talked about both the traditional chronological resume and the more general functional resume, where each is more effective, and how to combine them into a "mixed" resume. Some hints: use "power words" like "conducted," "created," "developed," "presented" . . . put the most current information first (i.e.: don't

start with elementary school and move forward from there!) . . . structure Junior League committees in business terms (nobody outside the League understands what the Advisory Planning committee does, but everyone knows what strategic planning is).

As more women become leaders in the community and the work place, they stressed, more contacts, and more power are available for women to help each other. The professional woman, the lifetime volunteer, and the "recycled wom-

an" who went from job to wife to mother to volunteer back into the job world each have a place in this new "old girls' network."

"All these years," Rusty said to us, "you have been giving . . . to the League, to your community. Today you're getting a little something back." The *Volunteer Skills Portfolio* could prove to be a valuable tool for our futures.

Thanks, ladies . . . it was fun.

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Teresa Zohn and Red Ribbon Week 1988

by Beth Ann Clark



As Chairman of Crime Prevention and Substance Abuse, Teresa Zohn said, "I knew I had something to contribute this year." She and her committee have been busy assisting the Woman to Woman committee with their survey throughout the community. They have been questioning doctors, nurses, parole officers, probation officers and alcohol authorities regarding the needs, concerns and those groups serving those needs of alcoholic women. After compiling all the information, the results will be released during Red Ribbon Week.

Red Ribbon Week commenced May 9 and once again the entire community of Dade County schools, banks, companies and organizations were all in unison saying "Just Say No To Drugs." Teresa, a board member of the Red Rib-

bon Council, and 600-700 guests attended the special luncheon saluting Red Ribbon Day on May 11. Mr. Gregory Cole, head of HRS for Florida, was the honorary speaker. Informed Families sponsor this successful campaign with the Junior League as one supporter who assisted in advertising and sponsoring a table.

Teresa joined the Miami League in 1980 and her first placement was Children's Issues. In 1982 she and her husband Frank, and 4 month old twins moved to Boca Raton where Teresa's placement was Program Development and OSA.

Since returning to Miami in 1985, Teresa and her family have been busy. Frank, a Miami native, is one of the founding partners with Cobb Partner's

Financial Company. Twins, Ashley and Lindsey, have just now started kindergarten and after almost 2 years of gutting and remodeling their Snapper Creek house, the Zohn's are enjoying their home. With a master's degree from Florida State in rehabilitation, Teresa works at Spectrum Program Inc. as Employee Assistance Program Consultant. She goes to corporations and organizations and helps them develop employee assistance programs and contracts those needed services externally for the corporation or organization. If time ever allows, Teresa enjoys travelling and golf.

Teresa believes it is important to be involved in the community and "the League offers a chance to broaden ones circle of contacts and to explore new avenues within the community."



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Eager or earnest or dull through the day.
Honest or crooked? It's you who must say!
You must decide in the fact of the test
Whether you'll shirk or give it your best.

Author Unknown

JLM Family Picnic

On March 6th, the Junior League of Miami hosted a family picnic at Ransom-Everglades School in Coconut Grove. The weather cooperated and as seen by the following pictures everyone seemed to have a great time!

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And work for all they're worth?"
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Leslie Rivera, Debbie Campbell, Ansley and Dennis Campbell



Monsignor O'Doherty greeting Pope John Paul II.

23 Hours in September

*An Interview with the
Reverend Monsignor Jude O'Doherty
Director of the Miami Papal Visit*

by JoAnn Sheehe

If you were in Miami on September 10 and 11, 1987, you were probably affected by the visit of Pope John Paul II. Religion aside, the road closings, school closings and general disruption of business hours touched almost everyone as the eyes of the world watched to see how Miami would receive this Pope.

The man who made it all happen is the Irish born and educated pastor of the Church of the Epiphany, Monsignor Jude O'Doherty. The youngest of seven children, Monsignor O'Doherty has served his twenty-three years as a priest in the Miami area. He first came to Epiphany as Assistant Pastor in 1965. He has also served as Assistant Pastor, St. Stephen Church, Hollywood (1967-68); Assistant Pastor, St. Patrick Church Miami Beach (1968-71); Pastor, Immaculate Conception Church, Hialeah (1971-82); and as Pastor at Epiphany (1982-present). A leader himself, Monsignor O'Doherty is a deeply spiritual man, humble in his accomplishments, yet with vision, purpose and plans for the future of Epiphany. What follows is an interview with him about his most challenging assignment to date: coordinating the Miami Papal visit.

Q: Arranging for the visit of a world leader is an awesome task. Did you have any guidelines from the Vatican or were you on your own?

A: This is how the organizational structure was formed. It was Rome, to the United States Catholic Conference in Washington, to the local city where the Pope was visiting. The lead person in Rome was Father Tucci who goes ahead of the Pope to all of the cities and countries. He meets with the national representatives first which in this case was the U.S. Catholic Conference. The lead person there was Father Robert Lynch. Then Father Lynch deals with the local representative who has been appointed by the Archbishop or Bishop. As time went on Father Tucci did come to the local area to see how we were organizing. As to the directives they were very specific from Rome to Father Lynch to Miami.

Q: What arrangements were made for President Reagan to come? And did you get to meet him?

A: The arrangements for President Reagan to come here were not done by me. It was not I who asked the

President to come. It was rather that the President *wanted* to come and be the official representative of the country to greet the Holy Father at the port of entry. So, the White House representative again dealt with the U.S. Catholic Conference who then dealt with us. Just like Father Tucci came to the local area, the White House people came to the local area, and that's when everything began to get very, very detailed. Incredible detail. We spent one day at the airport. I think four hours meetings trying to place two planes just the exact location, security being of the utmost importance. The Pope's plane had to be moved even after all the meetings two more feet forward to cut out a view of a possible sniper a few hundred yards away. And yes, I did get to meet the President and Mrs. Reagan and the Holy Father together at one time.

Q: Security was extraordinary. Were there any threats that you know of?

A: No. There was a guy out at the park the day before. He was found to have a gun and was taken away, but,

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I think that really was innocent. Every type of threat they could have come in was handled by the U.S. Secret Service. They were the people who arranged all of the security in conjunction again with our local organization. We worked with the Florida Highway Patrol, the law enforcement agencies of the State of Florida, Dade County, the city of Miami and all of the local jurisdictions as far as security was concerned. They were very, very cooperative.

Q: How did the local leaders feel about what was going to happen here?

A: They knew how important a visit this was to Dade County and to the City, and they were also very, very cooperative. I'm talking about all of the politicians, the county manager, the city manager, the mayors. Everybody was most cooperative. This leads me to say that the business community also was very forthcoming. They saw this visit as important enough to come up with a million dollars to defray expenses. Alvah Chapman, who is chairman of the Board of Knight-Ridder newspaper, formed a committee of business people in the city including David Paul from Centrust, Athalia Range, a community leader and others. They were instrumental in getting a million dollars from the business community. And our own costs to the Archdiocese of Miami were just a little over two million dollars. I also want to mention the people at FIU who also were most gracious and cooperative.

Q: Since you mention costs, one criticism of an event of this magnitude is that the money could be used for the poor. How do you respond to that?

A: Well, I think that the only response that can be made to it is that we have collections each year for the poor in the Archdiocese of Miami and they are responded to very, very well. We have the Archbishop's Charity Drive, we have the Catholic Community Services which expends millions of dollars on behalf of the poor and needy of this town. We make collections for other things: for Ethiopia, for earthquake victims in South America. People want to know where their money is going. So, we tell them, "The Pope is coming. Do you wish to support it?" People gave the money for *that purpose*. The criticism; why wasn't the two million given to the poor? Simply because I was not going to tell a lie to some-

one who wanted to give \$5,000 to the visit of the Holy Father and then give it to the poor. There is money for all good causes. So, sure we could tell the Pope, 'Stay in Rome,' but we believe it's best if he travels. If he travels, it's going to take money and when he travels I don't think he should be criticized that the money should go to the poor. It isn't like we are neglecting the poor. The money that was spent for the Pope, the people were told, "This is how your money is going to be spent." We weren't camouflaging it in any way. And people gave the money for that purpose.

Q: The meeting at Viscaya was very low key. Is there anything else you can tell about what happened there?

A: Really, there is nothing else that I know. The only people present there were the people around the President and the people around the Pope and probably 300-400 reporters. I have no idea what the President and the Holy Father spoke about. But, it was indeed a beautiful setting. Both seemed very much at ease with each other. Then, both their public talks were done right in front of the press.

Q: The Pope seems to be a man of exceptional peace. Is the private Pope the same as the public Pope?

A: If you perceive him as a man of exceptional peace, you are correct. He is that way even more so as a private man, and very much the man in control, very much at ease with himself and with others. I suppose the best way to explain him for me is that he is just an outstanding leader. He knows what he wants; he states it lovingly but firmly. You have no doubt as to the direction he wishes the Church to go as leader of the Church, but always certainly in love. Always. Always. I think if you watch his face, its very, very telling. It seems as if the man is always in touch with the Lord and at the same time with humanity.

Q: There was lightning in Miami and in Texas where a tower was knocked to the ground. Do you think God was sending a message?

A: I really don't know. I was very disappointed that the Mass had to be called off in Miami. I think it was a disappointment to a lot of people. But, it was the only responsible thing to do for the safety of the Holy Father, for the safety of everybody who was on the altar which was made of

steel, and for the safety of the 230,000 people who were in attendance at the Mass. By calling it off, maybe we averted a tragedy. As to whether the Lord was making a statement, I don't know, but the one thing that stood out in the Holy Father's mind after it was over was the tremendous expression of faith that he experienced at the park when the people wanted the Mass to continue despite the torrential downpour, despite the thunder and lightning. He thought that was tremendous! He would have stayed. No question. And the people would have stayed. Maybe that is what should have been done, but the responsible thing to do was to end it. The Mass would not have been cancelled for the rain. It was the lightning.

Q: What did you do the twenty-four hours before the Pope's arrival?

A: As I remember it, we were at the Marriott Hotel which was the headquarters where we kept the Papal entourage. I was just available on the phone to people who wanted to talk to me, but I felt that at that stage, what was done was done and what was not done would not get done, so I felt very much at peace.

Q: One newspaper article nicknamed you "Father Rambo." Did that bother you or did you take it as a compliment?

A: No, I didn't take it as a compliment, but it didn't bother me too much either because I was aware of how it got started. It was the county manager, Sergio Pereira, who put the name on me. One day we were at a meeting, and as you can well understand, meetings can be long and boring, and we didn't seem to be getting anywhere. So, I said, "Well, let's make a decision and live with it, one way or another." The county manager said, "Yes, Father Rambo." The county people picked it up. I think it was done in an affectionate way rather than the way in which maybe the Rambo symbol would have been used otherwise. We had a good relationship.

Q: The Junior League is, of course, a volunteer organization. How would you describe the role of the volunteer in the Papal visit plans?

A: Indispensable. That's the word I would use. And there were thousands of volunteers. I think in any organization volunteers are so essential that we cannot overestimate their

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value.

Q: How do you think the whole city of Miami benefitted from the Pope's visit, not just the Catholic population?

A: I think Miami, Dade County and South Florida got a lot of publicity. I think throughout the world we were shown to be a community who could organize an event of major proportions and that it could go off without any serious problems. I think, in the future, *that*, in the portfolio of Miami and Dade County can only serve to help attract other big events to South Florida. It helped also in the sense that it brought us all together even if it was only for a short twenty-three hours. I think the outpouring of good will from every segment of the community can only serve to help. We were all together. We were all tuned in to the radio, TV, or else present at the parade or in the park. When I say 'everybody', I mean the large majority of people were very happy that the Holy Father had come to our city, had chosen this city over all the cities of the world where he could be. I think the people of this city respect the Holy Father despite the fact that his mes-

sage can sometimes be very difficult. I think the people of the whole United States respect him very much even though he never fails to speak about many things which we reject such as abortion, divorce, birth control. But still the people love him and that's the way it was in Miami. It was a good experience for all of this community to have him here and giving the message he gave.

Q: If you had it to do over again, would you do anything differently?

A: I would, indeed. First of all, instead of working on it for a year and a half I would recommend that four to six months would be sufficient amount of time. The problem is when you have too much time, everybody wants to get into the act. Everybody has a good idea and you change too many things. It's best to have a limited amount of time, do what has to be done and go with it. I believe I would probably have a stadium event rather than an outdoor event. The reason simply being that you need less organization. Everything is in place. The problem is you have to limit the number of people. Another thing I would do is probably sit down with just one or two peo-

ple for the first couple of weeks and consult with experts in every area such as security, crowd control, traffic engineers. I would talk with all of these in the beginning rather than making the plans and then bringing them in later and then having to change many of the plans. But all in all the group of people that I worked with, all of the priests and the lay people were magnificent. Remember, we are not lead people. We had no experience in this. Nobody had ever done a political campaign or anything else of this magnitude. We learned as we went along and the experience was unique. I think uniquely spiritual for a lot of people. I think many, many people got so much out of this that we will never know. You cannot judge an internal change very well. You cannot gauge it. You cannot measure it. I think a lot of this happened during the Holy Father's visit.

The Junior League has a rich tradition of recognizing outstanding commitment and accomplishment. Congratulations to Monsignor O'Doherty for the success of his efforts and for being instrumental in showing the world a positive side of the Miami we know and love.



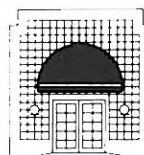
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Past Presidents Gather and Reminisce

by Julia Patterson

On Friday, February 26th approximately 25 past Presidents of the Junior League of Miami gathered at a luncheon in their honor. The function, held at the beautiful dining facilities of Northern Trust Bank in downtown Miami, was similar to a long awaited reunion, as several past presidents returned to Miami especially for this event.

Some of those past presidents and other Junior League members attending are seen in the following photographs. Please accept the author's apologies as several photographs could not be used due to their unclear status.

Mary Lynch would like to remind all past presidents to please submit their personal photographs to her as soon as possible, so that the Past President's Gallery project can be completed.



Sylvia Blount, Rosabel Quillian, Lamar Adams Pamela Johnson, Babe Dowlen and Maggie Blake



Elizabeth Purvis, Marie Anderson, Roma Swanson, Muriel Hall and Margaret Whitney



Muriel Rizzo, Mary Lynch, Evelyn Rutledge



Carrel Youmans, Becky Matkov, Marilyn Hicks, Mae Harrison, Dorothy Weaver, Margaret MacDonald

Becky Roper Matkov: Promoting the Past

by Beth Ann Clark

As Becky Roper Matkov neared the end of her term as president of the Junior League of Miami in 1986, she was worried. After years of throwing herself into League projects and offices, after working with countless community and state leaders, after seeing her brainchild, Miami Magic, become the most successful fundraiser the League had ever put on, she was afraid life would be mighty dull.

And so she did what many ex-presidents do. She wrote a book.

Contacted by John Blair Publisher in Winston-Salem, Becky agreed to co-author the book *Florida's Historic Restaurants — and their recipes*. The seventh in a series begun by co-author Dawn O'Brien of Charlotte, the book features fifty restaurants throughout the state which are located in buildings fifty years old or older. Included in each chapter is a history of the building, a description of its architectural style, comments about the food served, a pen and ink drawing of the exterior, and several of the chef's favorite recipes. On the cover of the hardback book is a beautiful color photograph of the interior of the Casa Vecchia restaurant in Ft. Lauderdale; Chalet Suzanne in Lake Wales adorns the back.

Since Becky did most of the write-ups for the book, and had a deadline of only six months, she had to travel — and write — at a breathtaking pace. Often contacting Junior Leaguers, or members of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, or fellow Leadership Florida alums she knew in other cities for leads, she would make appointments with restaurants. She would then fly to Tampa for two days, interviewing owners and chefs for several hours, sampling their dishes, or race to Pensacola, Tallahassee, Tampa, Winter Park, Orlando, St. Augustine, or Key West on another quick jaunt.

"There's nothing in the world I enjoy more than traveling and meeting interesting new people," she recalls, "but the work started when I got home and had to test all the recipes to make sure they would turn out well — and cooking hasn't been a favorite pastime of mine in years!"

Becky's husband Tom, a real estate and corporate attorney with Steel Hector & Davis, was generally appreciative of the sudden wealth of haute cuisine being served at home, but daughter Grimsley and 15-year-old son Tom occasion-

ally balked at eating "all that fish."

Much of the writing was done late at night — "that's the only way I could juggle my job managing the Elizabeth Ordway Dunn Foundation with my volunteer and family responsibilities —" and by the time her June deadline arrived last year Becky was wondering "if I'd ever get a good night's sleep again."

But it was all worth it when the book was published in time for the Miami Book Fair International last November and she and Dawn O'Brien were featured along with Paul Prudhomme.

A ten-day promotional tour of the state followed, with Becky appearing in newspaper articles and on television and radio shows in Orlando, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Sarasota, Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale and Miami. Papers in South Carolina, Alabama and Georgia also featured the book.

"The PR was great fun," Becky says. "All that Junior League spokesperson

training and experience really came in handy. But I did worry about the interview on Channel 7's *Live at Five*. My eight-year-old daughter Grimsley was most concerned that I would fail her in front of her friends. She kept saying, "Now, remember Mother, you gotta be good — this is Miami — this is the Big Time!"

Carried throughout the state by Waldenbooks, Dalton's and most bookstores and museums, *Florida's Historic Restaurants* sold out of its first printing in three months and is now in its second printing.

"I can't tell you what a thrill it's been to be able to go into the Old Capitol in Tallahassee — or to a bookstore on Worth Avenue — or to Cauley Square or Joe's Stone Crab and see that bright pink border and my name on the cover. I've been wanting to write my great American novel for years, and though this is a long way from that, it's a start."

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Becky Roper Matkov at the Biltmore Hotel

With an English degree from Duke University and a master's in journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Becky is hardly a stranger to writing. She has been a reporter and a freelance public relations, newspaper and magazine writer off and on for years. She was editor of *Tropical Topics* for the Junior League in 1980-81, and is the founding editor of *Preservation Today* magazine, published by Dade Heritage Trust.

Becky has a great love of history and architecture, and is very active in historic preservation. She has been on the League's historic preservation committee "just for fun" for years, even when she was community vice president, president-elect and president, helping with the historic tour brochures of Downtown Miami, Coral Gables and Coconut Grove. This past December, she was appointed by Secretary of State Jim Smith to the Florida Historic Preservation Advisory Council, which recommends the allocation of several million dollars a year in state historic preservation funds.


The new president of Dade Heritage Trust, Becky is looking forward to an international congress on tourism and cultural heritage which Dade Heritage Trust is sponsoring with Metro-Dade County. This conference will be held during Dade Heritage Days next April, showcasing Miami's historic attractions for 500 delegates from around the world. "Having the business community and tourism officials beginning to appreciate how vital historic sites are to the richness of a community is sweet music indeed," Becky says.

And what will she do when her term as president of Dade Heritage Trust ends in May of 1989? "I suppose I'll have to write another book," she says.



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AJL Annual Conference Chicago — 1988

by Ronni Bermont

As we bordered the plane in Miami the temperature measured 92 with sun. Upon landing in Chicago, it now was 38, rainy, with possible snow flurries. Welcome to the 66th Annual AJL Conference — *Women in Action: Architects of Change*.

After registering at the convention site hotel, Carol Hastings, former Miami League member who now lives in Chicago, accompanied us to dinner at a delightful restaurant. It was fun seeing Carol and hearing about the differences in the Chicago and Miami leagues. Ironically, Carol was departing for Miami the next day.

Thursday, April 28, was the first day of the conference. Mary Lynch, Cris Mendoza, and I met with the other Area III delegates for a breakfast meeting. This was a working session as well as greeting old friends and meeting new ones.

Next on the agenda were networking sessions. The three of us divided up to attend different areas of interest. I attended the session on teen-age pregnancy/AIDS education. At this meeting, the AJL public policy staff explained how AJL arrives at the positions it takes on legislative issues. This session was one area of input in determining policy.

Lunch was then served. We sat with delegates from Portland, Oregon and Wichita, Kansas. A very diverse group. The keynote speaker was Gail Sheehy, author of *Passages*. Ms. Sheehy's speech was about political candidates' character. This was taken from articles she recently wrote for *Vanity Fair* magazine. A most impressive ceremony occurred during lunch, the lighting of the USA map with all 272 leagues called in order of seniority. Miami is 94th.

The afternoon meetings were divided into six topics: cultural affairs, the homeless, school-based health clinics, AIDS, substance abuse, and public education. Once again, we divided up to make the most of our time. There was a short break before the reception and dinner. All the

as had separate receptions and then the 1,000 delegates entered the ballroom for dinner. At dinner we heard from Virginia Austin, AJL president, and the acting executive director, Peggy Pschirrer.

Early the next morning, day two began. The morning program included the model program presentations. Some of the programs we visited included: Community in Partnership (JL of St. Louis), Alcohol and Drug Community Education (JL of Birmingham and Detroit), Project LEAD (JL Chicago), and Adolescent Pregnancy Child Watch (JL of Canton). The luncheon program included Ardis Krainik, General Director of Lyric Opera of Chicago.

The model programs presentations continued until 3:30. At this time numerous consultations were being held. These are very informal and you can go to as many as you like. Miami helped to host the consultation on the Volunteer Skills Portfolio (VSP) as we had recently held a VSP for sustainers. Some of the consults we visited included; finance, insurance, president-elect, by-laws, membership retention, public relations, and training.

The Awards dinner was held that evening. Numerous public relations awards were given for different publications, PSA's, etc. BMW presented a \$10,000 grant to a project that impacts the community. Norfolk-Virginia Beach, Virginia, won this annual award for establishing the first school-based clinic in its state. After the dinner concluded, Area III and V met to caucus. The next two days were to include much political activity.

On Friday, Forum began. Forum is the town meeting of the Association. Straw ballots can be taken, but nothing is binding at this meeting. It allows the delegates to get "a feel for the issues." Some of the topics discussed were the management study proposal, school dropouts, sustainer ad hoc committee, AJL International, and autonomy. This session is really practice for the business meeting

held on day. Microphones are strategically placed around the room and manned by Association personnel who indicate to the President the nature of each upcoming presentation by holding up a color-coded card. The use of the color-coded cards enables the President to alternate those speaking for, those speaking against, and those wishing to make a statement, comment, or ask a question.

After Forum and lunch the delegates were given the afternoon and evening off. Mary, Cris, and I headed for famed Michigan Avenue for an afternoon of shopping. That evening we had a delicious dinner at a nearby restaurant with delegates from Jacksonville and Gainesville. We were back at the hotel by 9:00 p.m. for another very important strategy meeting.

The Annual Meeting was to begin at 8:00 a.m. The tension was high as delegates once again took their seats. The meeting is a study of parliamentary procedure. The first item discussed was the management study. The delegates voted 160 to 102 to refer this back to AJL committee for further study.

The delegates passed the by-law that individual leagues may require each member serve a minimum number of years (not to exceed three) as an active member before she goes sustaining. Another by-law change that passed concerned the Area Council Nominating Committee. A word change from manage to govern and then amended from govern to manage was approved by the delegates. This referred to the AJL Board.

The most controversial issue of the conference was next, the admissions task force recommendations. Removal of the deliberative process in the admission system was almost unanimously passed. The JL of Miami should indeed be proud of incoming president Chris Mendoza who spoke eloquently and emotionally

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Mary Lynch, Ronni Bermont and Cris Mendoza having dinner at the Annual Conference



Cris Mendoza, Mary Lynch and Ronni Bermont under the Junior League/USA Map.

concerning this issue. Cris was applauded when she finished her statement about the inappropriateness of the deliberative system.

The sponsor issue was next and this is what all the caucus' were addressing. An amendment passed 217 to 53, that if a sponsor system is used, no more than 4 sponsors shall be required for a candidate for membership and be in place in 1991. The residency requirement shall not exceed 1 year passed unanimously. The age criteria was referred to AJL Board of Directors.

Position statements on aging, voluntarism, domestic violence, children, and women were reaffirmed unanimously. A resolution to amend the present "reaching out" statement to read: The Association of Junior Leagues, Inc. reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

Other resolutions passed concerning the establishing of an "age issue" task force; sustainers may have membership in Leagues other than their home League, and individual Leagues may determine financial and membership requirements for these sustainers; consideration be given to the change of name of Association of Junior Leagues, Inc., to The International Association of Junior Leagues, Inc.; addressing the dropout issue; and that AJL not hold any residential conferences at properties that do not comply with established security guidelines.

One resolution that failed was that each individual League be responsible for establishing local policies which reflect both the general guidelines and the unique needs of individual Leagues.

The last official business was election of the new AJL officers. Maridel Moulton, Junior League of Oakland-East Bay was elected President. Judie Bermont Greenman of Ft. Worth was elected 2nd Vice President. (Yes, Judie is my sister-in-law).

The Annual Meeting ended Sunday, May 1, late in the afternoon. In summary, the four days were full of meetings, politics, socializing, and learning. There were some other interesting happenings. Ask Mary about the man in her room and how she managed to shop with her broken toe. Cris might want to tell you how her son finally picked his college with long-distance counselling, and I will tell you when you are delegate C you get to write this report!





Miami: A Letter Home

by Donna Born

28th April, 1923
at Miami, Florida

Dear Sarah,

I hope you are still "speaking" to me, your awful old friend who hasn't picked up her pen to write you since Christmas time! Please, please forgive me . . . but in truth, dear Sarah, things have been so hectic here . . . such a whirlwind of activity . . . and there is so much to tell that I hardly know how to start!

What a fascinating, crazy place we have moved to! To be twenty in Miami in 1923 is . . . well, all I can say is, Cincinnati was never like this! Some days I can hardly wait to get out of bed to read in the newspaper about the latest goings-

on! All winter it seemed like one famous person would arrive, only to be followed by someone even more famous. Mr. William Vanderbilt sailed in on the *Ava* (you should see the pictures of that yacht . . . it's absolutely enormous. Mother always says it's not polite to talk about money . . . but I heard it cost three million dollars!) and Mr. J.C. Penney (you know, the man they call "The Merchant Prince") came and so did Mr. Luden (the one who makes those delicious cherry cough drops), who has a house on Millionaires' Row. The most exciting time was when President and Mrs. Harding visited the city in February. I know he's had a lot of problems since he took office, but he certainly is more interesting

than that dour Vice President of his, Calvin Coolidge, don't you think?

Father says he wonders if Prohibition and the anti-gambling laws weren't (as he puts it) "winked at" during all this. I shouldn't wonder . . . this is not exactly a law and order town!

There's lots of talk about all the wonderful new suburbs that are being planned everywhere, north and south. Why, they're even making islands out in Biscayne Bay . . . can you believe it? They call them "The Venetian Isles." How romantic that sounds! But Father is more interested in a place named "Coral Gables," way out west of downtown.

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The man behind it, a Mr. George Merri-
rick (actually I think the land used to be
his father's grove, but now he's building
roads there and dividing it up into lots)
must be very persuasive. He calls his de-
velopment "Miami's Master Suburb"
and plans to build a Country Club and
a huge hotel with a tower . . . from the
top of it you'll be able to see all the way
to the new hotels Mr. Fisher's planning
on Miami Beach. He has a designer, Mr.
Denman Fink, and an architect named
Phineas Paiste, and they will help make
sure all the homes are appropriate for
their fine surroundings. It all sounds very
lovely.

Actually, Father has invested in a few
lots already. The best part is that it seems
you can just turn around and re-sell them
as fast as you want and they go up and
up in value! The same is true of land in
Floral Park, Silver Bluff, Fulford, Radio
Park, Shadowlawn, and so on. The roads
go in and the white way lights go up and
then the lots start to appreciate. Isn't it
wonderful?

I suspect we may be on our way to
becoming rather wealthy, although of
course Father would never discuss that
with me! He is, however, talking about
getting a new car. So far we have looked
at Humpmobiles, Nashes, and Hudsons
. . . but he just can't make up his mind.

The streets downtown are still pretty
narrow and there aren't any sidewalks,
but the City Council and Mayor Romfh
have promised to work on those prob-
lems. Mr. McAllister is adding a third
wing to his hotel . . . it will have 350
rooms when it's done this summer! Just
imagine . . . they are thinking about fill-
ing in part of the bayfront downtown to
make a beautiful public park! And there's
talk of building a great Pan-American
University, too. I guess there's nothing
that can't be done here!

We even have two companies provid-
ing aeroplane service now. Aeromarine
Airway has a seaplane that flies to Nas-
sau, and Ta-Miami Air Line goes all the
way up to Tampa. (I know people who
think this sounds exciting . . . and I do
welcome the signs of progress . . . but
I think I'd be very nervous to actually get
on one!)

Of course the season is over now, but
in the last couple of months the social
calendar was absolutely jammed with
activities . . . I adored it! I attend Arthur
Pryor's band concerts (they play every
day!) in Royal Palm Park fairly frequent-
ly and in January I heard Rachmaninoff
play at White Temple Church (there's no
city auditorium, you see, but the Meth-
odists kindly let their building be used

for all kinds of programs and lectures).
Mr. D. W. Griffith is here now making
a movie that will be titled "The White
Rose." I certainly hope it is better than
the film I saw at the Hippodrome last
month . . . it was called "The Pilgrim"
and it starred that strange little man
Charlie Chaplin! I really do not under-
stand him. And there was a dog show at
the Armory Building put on by the new
Biscayne Bay Kennel Club that was quite
interesting.

And naturally we always attend Mr.
William Jennings Bryan's Bible Class
every Sunday at 9:15 in Royal Palm Park.
I wish you could hear him speak . . . he
is so inspiring!

The most exciting event for me was the
Tea Dance I attended in the Palm Gar-
den of the beautiful Royal Palm Hotel.
The invitations came from J. P. Stevens
engravers in Atlanta (Mother says you
should always look under the flap to
check for the engravers' name . . . peo-
ple who know always use them). The
hotel is right on the bayfront and I was
afraid the ocean breezes would just ruin
my hair, but the day was perfect . . . all
the men looked so handsome and the
ladies so beautiful and the food was
wonderful and the music divine! I
bought a new silk dress and hat from
Burdine's Sons store just for the occasion
. . . the dress alone cost nearly ten dol-
lars, but Mother said it was important to
have "precisely the right outfit" for the
occasion!

Well, there I go, talking about money
again! Sorry, but one does hear a lot of
that in Miami these days!

I hope you got the box of tree-ripened
fruit Mother and I sent from Hamilton
Michelsen groves . . . just to let you
know we were thinking of you and that
there are places where the sun shines all
winter!

Sarah, I do wish you'd come to visit
us! The weather is getting hotter now
(and I must confess that the mosquitoes
do mar the perfection of the locale just
a bit!) but we could have such fun! If the
'22-'23 season is any indication, Miami
is well on its way to becoming America's
Riviera. Perhaps next fall . . .

Your devoted friend, who sends
greetings to all,

P.S.: I'm enclosing a photograph of Coral
Gables (those are the buses that take pro-
spective buyers out to see the subdivi-
sion . . . it's quite an interesting excur-
sion!) . . . and also one of Mr. Flagler's
famous Royal Palm Hotel.

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Royal Palm Hotel circa 1920.

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What It's Really Like to Be a Junior League Husband, or What the "Other Half" Sees

Name (optional): _____

Wife's Name (optional): DICTATED TO ME BY MY EVER LOVING

Children's Names and Ages (optional): SPOUSE - I WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS

Occupation (optional): _____

What is the biggest sacrifice you have had to make for the Junior League?
REDUNDANT PHONE CALLS AT ALL HOURS

What do you like the most and the least about the Junior League?
I HAVE NO STRONG FEELINGS ON EITHER QUESTION

Which volunteer project has your wife enjoyed the most?
ALL OF THEM - ANYTHING WHERE SHE CAN GET ON THE PHONE & TALK FOR HOURS

Has your wife's league involvement increased your awareness and/or involvement in community organizations?
INCREASED MY AWARENESS NOT MY INVOLVEMENT

Which league project would you most like to work on?
NONE OF THEM

If ever given the option, would you quit your full-time job to become a full-time volunteer for the league?
WHAT'S THE DAMNED QUESTION I'VE EVER HEARD

How has your wife changed (if at all) since she became a league member?
SHE'S CRABBIER THAN EVER

If the Junior League ever went co-ed and you were invited to join ... would you?
NO WAY

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In a recent Tropigram issue, we asked husbands to complete a questionnaire on what it is really like to be a Junior League husband or what the "other half" sees. The following two were selected to show the variance that exists in Junior League husbands.

FOR HUSBANDS ONLY

Attention Junior League Husbands! Here's the chance you've been waiting for. How do you really feel about the Miami Junior League?

What It's Really Like to Be a Junior League Husband, or What the "Other Half" Sees

Name (optional): _____

Wife's Name (optional): STEVE LYNCH

Children's Names and Ages (optional): MARY LYNCH

Occupation (optional): BANKER/LAWYER WITH NORTHERN TRUST

What is the biggest sacrifice you have had to make for the Junior League?
HAVING LESS TIME WITH MARY.

What do you like the most and the least about the Junior League?
I LIKE WHAT THE LEAGUE DOES. I DON'T LIKE NIGHT MEETINGS.

Which volunteer project has your wife enjoyed the most?
PRESIDENT

Has your wife's league involvement increased your awareness and/or involvement in community organizations?
NO - MY FAMILY HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY FOR YEARS.

Which league project would you most like to work on?
HISTORICAL BROCHURES

If ever given the option, would you quit your full-time job to become a full-time volunteer for the league?
NO

How has your wife changed (if at all) since she became a league member?
YES - OVER THE 15 YEARS SHE HAS GROWN IN SELF CONFIDENCE.

If the Junior League ever went co-ed and you were invited to join ... would you?
NO - I HAVE TOO MANY CIVIC COMMITMENTS ALREADY.

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