

# Junior League Journal

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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MIAMI, INC.

## Inn Transition: Flagship Project Expanding Its Reach

NORTH

### Serving Women and Children for 12 Years

By Michelle Ramirez



During the past League year, the Inn Transition North Committee made a special effort to focus on the

needs of the project's children. The children were able to enjoy Parrot Jungle, the movie theatre and other local attractions. Another highlight was a festive holiday party for which the provisional class provided the entertain-

ment, along with the "Grand Opening" of the newly refurbished Activity Room. The implementation of an informal reading hour on Sunday evenings, where the children and mothers were able to interact with our committee members, was a big success.

At the end of the year during a dinner for the women held at the Rusty Pelican, one resident commented that there was "nothing I did not like, I liked every event. What I would like to know is when I'm ready, how do I join the Junior League?"

Our committee members went above and beyond the call of duty helping outgoing residents transition to their new lives smoothly. They continued

...the League will continue to help women and children who are victims of domestic violence successfully rebuild their lives...

their mentoring work over the summer as residents faced challenges with childcare, transportation and employment. The committee also provided valuable input into the screening process for residents at the Safe Space shelter, and once again, we are filled to capacity. The committee also researched alternatives, secured funding, and organized all logistics for the children to attend summer camp near the facility.

This year, the Inn Transition North Committee will be concentrating on providing life skills training

to the women to help them handle the many obstacles they face and ensure they are financially prepared to transition out of the program. Lecture topics will include childhood discipline, parent involvement in children's education, budgeting and computer skills.

Under the leadership of past chair Susan Lerner, this past year proved to be exceptional and rewarding. The foundation built at Inn Transition North by the League will continue to help women and children who are victims of domestic violence successfully rebuild their lives for many years to come.

### South Facility is Well on Its Way

By Stephanie Demos and Liz Spivak, ITS Chairs



Stephanie Demos



Liz Spivak

The completion of Inn Transition South is now in the final stretch. The buildings are almost complete with the final touches, furniture, landscaping and certificate of occupancy approval just around the corner. The County is in

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SOUTH

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Volunteers Make The Difference!



## The Junior League of Miami, Inc.

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

### Our Vision

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

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**NEW  
LOCATION!**

# First General Membership Meeting

of the 2002-2003 JLM Year

**Tuesday, September 10th**

Evening Only; A Voting Meeting  
6:30 PM Social; 7:00 PM Meeting

**At Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium**  
3280 S. Miami Avenue (Across from Vizcaya)

The four General Membership Meetings this year in September, November, February and March will be held evenings only at the Miami Museum of Science, founded by the Junior League of Miami in 1949, and today one of our community's leading cultural institutions.

**LOOKING AHEAD...**

The JLM October Meeting will be Area Meetings  
in Placement Advisors' Homes

## Junior League Journal

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## “Women Building Better Communities through Partnerships”

By Holly J. Battle  
2002-2003 President



Welcome back! I cannot believe September is here. As you can see from the title of this article, the focus of this issue is Building Better Communities (appropriately if you consider Inn Transition South is getting ready to open). In this issue you will have the opportunity to read about Inn Transition North and Inn Transition South. These are two of JLM's signature projects addressing the issue of Domestic Violence, made possible through a partnership with Miami-Dade County. Domestic Violence is a very prominent issue in our community and our North

and South projects are important pieces to addressing our community's need. It is also important for each of us to educate ourselves about Domestic Violence. JLM should be proud of these two programs. There are many leagues nationwide who are looking for such programs to help their own communities.

You have also read a lot in the papers lately about our foster care system. In 1983, JLM was involved in starting the CHARLEE program, another community partnership that responded to a need in our community. The CHARLEE program is highlighted in this issue as our Project History Spotlight.

The fall is a busy time in our community. On September 10<sup>th</sup> you will have the opportunity to get

out and vote for many initiatives that will be affecting the children of our community, (The Children's Trust, the Mayors Pre-K, and others). Your voice is important. As we join forces to build better communities and to be better child advocates we must use that voice. Please vote!

Also, September 11<sup>th</sup> marks the anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Many of you were at the GMM that morning, but no matter where you were, you will always remember that day. It is my hope that out of the memory of this tragedy, you will find the positive spirit of giving, volunteering and remembering others. **That is the spirit of the Junior League!**



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To learn more about the Junior League of Miami's Community Partners program, see article on page 6

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### JLM Yearbooks are Coming...

JLM 2002/2003 yearbooks will be available at the September General Membership Meeting. Please see the yearbook table to pick up your copy. Any questions can be directed to Yearbook Editor **Wendy Allen** at [wendymia@bellsouth.net](mailto:wendymia@bellsouth.net). Thanks to Wendy and her committee for all their hard work this summer!

## Remember This?

By Mariele Jones, Membership Chair; Christy Falco, Membership Chair Elect & Maria Beguiristain, Membership Outreach



Mariele Jones



Christy Falco



Maria Beguiristain

*One proposer (whom you just met), one endorser (whom you never met), three hole punched (which you don't have), three col-lated copies (which you forgot to do), and two self addressed stamped envelopes (you don't have stamps) all delivered to headquarters by 6pm on a Friday (when you would rather be anywhere else). Do you remember this? We do, and we would like for it to be history.*

To that end, the Membership Committee has proposed several changes to streamline and facilitate the membership application process. At the upcoming General Membership Meeting, September 10, 2002, you will be asked to approve the proposed changes.

The most notable change will be the online application process. You or your prospective member will be able to complete and submit the membership application 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You will be able to submit the application when it is convenient for you and within 48 hours a member of the membership committee will contact you and your prospective member regarding the application.

Also, only one sponsor will be needed for each prospective member and you will be able to sponsor as many prospective members as you would like. However, all sponsors must be either an active or sustaining member.

Despite all of the high tech changes, we want to retain the personal touch. We will host four information meetings where the membership committee will have an opportunity to meet and get to know everyone. The prospective members will be required to attend one of the four and will be able to select the one that best fits her schedule.

Finally, the deadline for applications will be changed to October 25<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the new

provisional course schedule. Of course, you won't need to wait until October 25<sup>th</sup> and we encourage you to submit your applications early.

We are very excited about this new process and are confident that these proposed changes will encourage even more talented and dedicated women to join the Junior League of Miami. Please review the exact language of the proposed bylaws changes in this issue of the *Journal* and feel free to contact Mariele Jones, Christy Falco and Maria Beguiristain if you have any questions.

### Summary of Membership Application Changes

**Application Deadline:  
October 25**

**Only one sponsor needed  
No endorsers needed  
Online application**

**Attend 1 of 4 offered  
Prospective Membership  
Information Meetings, HQ:**

**Monday, September 30, 2002**

**Wednesday, October 9, 2002**

**Tuesday, October 15, 2002**

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## Attention JLM Members: Spread the Word!

The Program Development Committee is soliciting community organizations to submit applications for community projects and community grants.

Our mandatory orientation for all interested organizations is Friday, October 4, 2002, at 9:30 am at Junior League Headquarters, 713 Biltmore Way.

Please spread the word to community organizations that fit within our Focus Area:

Families at risk, with projects and activities involving homelessness, family violence, children's and women's health, early childhood education and foster care.

For more information, contact Program Development Committee Chairs: Linda Brown at [lindab0325@aol.com](mailto:lindab0325@aol.com) and Susan Lerner at [lerner@krbl.com](mailto:lerner@krbl.com).

## Little Leaguers....

The stork was very busy this summer delivering JLM babies!

Congratulations to **Meg and Jeff Wright** on the birth of their daughter, **Sydney Anne**, who was born on April 1, 2002.

**Marissa Evelyn** joined **Leanne & Doug Tellam** on May 20, weighing 7 pounds, 7.5 ounces and was 20 inches long. Congratulations to their second addition to the family.

Congratulations to **Melissa and David Buckner** on the arrival of their daughter **Julia Emerson** on May 7. Julia weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces.

**Jay Dean** was born to **Amy and Ken Sussman** on May 29. Many congratulations to the Sussman family.

**CeCe and Matthew Sanford** welcomed **Jamie Elaine** who was born on March 22.

**Matthew Joseph** joined **Lisa and Matthew Allen** on April 26.

**Jennifer McCloskey-Quezada** and husband **Daniel** welcomed their bundle of joy, **Daniel Joseph**, on May 23.

**Valerie and Bob Harvey** are the proud parents of **Benjamin**, who was born on July 25 and weighed 8.6 pounds and was 21 inches long. Congratulations to Valerie and Bob!

## JLMarvelous

Thank you to **Maria Robbins and Meredith Mills** for all your hard work this summer on the Community Partners Campaign!

**Jennifer Green and Vicky Colross** for your hours of planning and organizing over the summer for a successful provisional program for both the fall and spring.

Thank you to **Gail Pinon**, Headquarters Management Chair, for your organization and hard work with our office. This summer has been an adventure!

Special thanks to **Libby Witherspoon, Christine Griffard and Past Presidents Julia Bianchi, Susan Moll, Debbie Korge and Lindy Colson** for your time and assistance with our new Community Partners Campaign.

## Minutes for Annual Meeting and June Board of Directors Meeting

If you missed the annual meeting, please go to our website, [juniorleagueofmiami.com](http://juniorleagueofmiami.com), to review the Minutes of this meeting as well as those from the June Board of Directors meeting. Our list of top 25 achievements for the 2001-2002 year are included, as well as a poem dedicated to women and children.

## SAVE THE DATE!

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation  
**RACE FOR THE CURE**

**Saturday, October 19, 2002**  
**8:00 a.m. at Bayfront Park**

**5k CoedRun/Walk and**  
**1 Mile Fun Walk**

This is a JLM Done In A Day event. You will get meeting credit, and you will be inspired!

The Junior League of Miami will have t-shirts available at the September General Membership Meeting. Buy your shirt and join us at this great event!

For details contact: Andria Hanley, [ahanley@miami.edu](mailto:ahanley@miami.edu), or 305-986-2815.

Help in the fight to cure breast cancer!



## Done In A Day 2002 EVENTS

**OCTOBER 12**  
**Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk**

**OCTOBER 19**  
**Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at Bayfront Park**

**NOVEMBER 2**  
**Hands on Miami Day at Bayfront Park**

**DECEMBER 8**  
**Guardian Ad Litem Walk at Crandon Park**

If you would like to participate in any of these events, please contact Laurel Auerbacher at [laurelaa@aol.com](mailto:laurelaa@aol.com) or (305) 232-5236.

## Community Partners: What's It All About?

By Meredith Mills, Community Partners Committee Co-Chair



I wanted to explain to all Junior League Members a little about a new initiative that we're undertaking this year in the League: the Community Partners Committee. Here is

an overview and some questions and answers about this initiative.

### Background

In the past, each fundraising event was required to get their own underwriting. Let me be the first to say that all past Fundraising Chairs did a FANTASTIC job in this area – BUT this was 1) a lot of work for Chairs and committees that were already working hard and 2) many times a duplication of effort – local businesses were being asked several times to support League events.

This year a committee was created to solicit underwriting for League events. Because we hope this committee will work in the community to form partnerships for the League, it's being called the Community Partners Committee. The committee is small but made up of dedicated League members and co-chaired by Maria Robbins and me. Every League member can be involved with this new program. We need everyone's ideas, suggestions and help.

### Who Will the Committee Approach?

Initially, the committee will approach two sources: foundations and local businesses, then companies,

foundations and individuals that have contributed to League events in the past and finally to expanding the list of community contacts. Holly has recently included a request in the All-Member Emails for names that might be interested in partnering with the League to help expand our reach.

### How Will We Divide the Money Up Among Fundraisers?

Our mission is to raise \$92,000 this year for the Junior League of Miami; we don't have a specific underwriting goal for each event. We have developed a "Partnering Packet" to use when approaching businesses and foundations. There are several levels of sponsorship available including named sponsorships for individual fundraisers, or an organization may prefer to give money to the League directly for use with projects.

### Can I Ask Someone to Be a Community Partner?

We want to centralize this process, so if you have someone you want to approach for something specific – whether monetary or in-kind donation – we would ask that you let either Maria or I know who you will be approaching and for what purpose. This is not an attempt to prevent you from asking someone with whom you have a connection for support. We simply want to make sure that we are not already talking to this person or company about support of another kind.

Once you've asked us, we will be more than happy to give you a packet and have you "make the ask." In fact, if you have individuals or companies that you have a relationship with, I would be very appreciative if you would let me know that you would be willing to present the Partnership packet to

them. We are counting on the support of all League members!

### Is This a Good Idea?

Yes, it's a new idea for us, but one that many other large Junior Leagues are using throughout the country.

Personally, I think it's an exciting concept and I'm thrilled to be one of the co-chairs of this committee. Of course at the same time – I'm terrified because fundraising isn't a strength of mine and I've been in awe of what my fellow Junior League members have done in the past. This will be a learning experience and we may make some missteps along the way – but I hope that we will be able to achieve our goal and take some of the underwriting burden off of the fundraisers' shoulders.

### How Can I Help?

I'm glad you asked! There are several ways to help with this new program for the Junior League. We have a very nice Community Partners Packet available – along with cover letters that can be customized. If you have ideas for businesses, foundations or individuals that might want to work with the League as partners – we would love to have the contact information. If you would like packets to deliver yourself to a personal contact, that's even better, but let us know who you would like to contact. We don't want to ask anyone twice – that's one of the goals of centralizing the program.

Please contact Maria Robbins or Meredith Mills via phone or e-mail if you have any questions or suggestions about Community Partners. Like all new initiatives the Junior League of Miami has undertaken – I fully expect this one to be a success!

Welcome to our first two Community Partners of 2002-2003: **Bill Ussery Motors Inc.** and **Keen Battle Mead.**

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# Encore Shop: 70 Years and Counting!

By Margaret Nee, Encore Shop Chair



It's that time of year again, Ladies, where we need to clean out our closets and donate those items you no longer have space for. This year you can have double the fun cleaning out your husband's closet as well now that the Encore Shop is taking men's clothing.

## The Men Are In

For the past several months, the Encore Shop stocked a few limited pieces of men's clothing to test how men's garments would be received by our customers. Needless to say, they were readily accepted and sold rather quickly. It is now a common sight to see gentlemen in the Encore Shop. They represent some of our most steady customers.

At present, due to limited space in the shop, we are accepting only the following items: shorts, slacks, belts, shirts, sport jackets, hats and "like new" shoes. We cannot accept suits, coats, sweaters or outer-jackets at this time. Not only do you receive credit for your closet items, but for your husbands', boyfriends', brothers', and/or fathers' items, as well.

## \$1,000+ Donors from 2001-2002

These members are not required to make any donations to Encore Shop during the 02-03 League year, although their continued generous donations will foster the success of the shop. Thank you!

Barbie Alderman  
Wendy Allen  
Debbie Augenstein  
Holly Battle  
Maria Beguirustain  
Stephanie Bercuson  
Julia Bianchi  
Lorrie Borden  
Gina Bruce  
Katie Brumbaugh  
Katie Buckley  
Karen Cabrera  
Cheryl Chapman  
Victoria Colross  
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Paige Davis  
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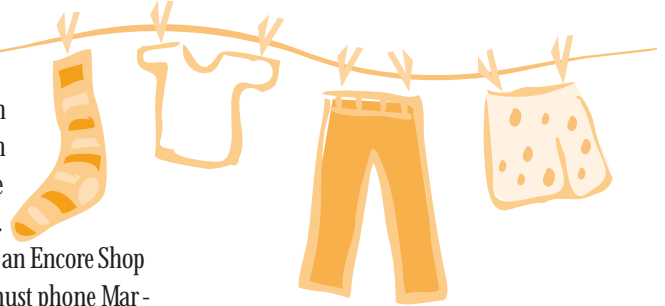
## Mark to Mark

All members please keep this in mind: On the 3rd Tuesday of each month, the Encore Shop will have a "marking party," from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. This event can be used as an Encore Shop shift. If you plan to attend, you must phone Margaret Nee or email her at margaretpgi@aol.com at least two days prior to the meeting.

Let's all worry less about making quota and just "clean those closets." Others will be very grateful for your efforts.

## Sustainers' Tradition Continues

This year's Sustainer Coffee will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. Debbie Korge will be our hostess and has graciously opened her beautiful home for this annual and cherished event. (See invitation next page.) The Coffee will be a wonderful social get-together, but more importantly, we will be celebrating the Encore Shop's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We expect a large attendance so any assistance needed to help unload your car should be available. Please remember to bring your donations to help keep the shop going another 70 years!



## Outstanding!

The Encore Shop says THANK YOU to our top five donors, as of July 28, 2002:

### ACTIVE MEMBERS:

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Diane Erin-Lee Doolan  
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## Sustainer Bridge Group

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## Board Spotlights

By Stephanie Kirby, VP Communications



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

**Holly Battle – President.** A Miami native and married to her husband, Bob, for 12 years, Holly is also mother to 2-1/2-year-old twins, Bryan and Morgan. In her 12 years in the League, she has served on the board

five times as treasurer, VP Finance, Encore Shop Chair and President Elect. She has put her career as teacher and accountant on hold to be a mom and JLM President. A graduate of Furman University in Greenville, S.C., Holly loves sports and playing the piano. She shared her feelings about the League with the Journal and said that her greatest experience cannot be measured in one single moment but in the ongoing opportunities JLM offers to make differences in people's lives. "I am constantly amazed as I visit programs both current and past as to what JLM has accomplished and the dedication of our volunteers."

**Kim Brigham – VP Community.** Kim is married to Tim and a busy mom to 3-year old twins, Brittney and Toby. A newcomer to the board, Kim has been an active for 8 years and has put her background as a marriage



and family therapist to work for JLM having always placed in community projects. A Texas native, Kim came to Miami for graduate school where she met her husband and 11 years later, she's still here and loving it! Her most memorable JLM moment was with the YMCA Saturday Matinee when parents were given toys to give their kids. The smiles of gratitude on their faces said it all!

**Andria Hanley – VP Membership.** A native of Albany, NY and married to Al with two girls, Katie and Kelly, Andria has served on the board two other years as training chair and as Bylaws/Parliamentarian. Andria's



professional focus is as Special Events Coordinator, University of Miami College of Engineering. But her volunteer focus parallels her most memorable JLM experience, seeing League members running the Race for the Cure 2001 with her name on their back in support of her as a breast cancer survivor. Her goal this year is to have over 100 JLM

members participate in the Done In A Day Event "Race for the Cure" on October 19, 2002. An avid runner training for her first marathon this fall, Andria loves the opportunities for leadership roles the League offers its members. "The League has taught me about myself, others and the importance of serving our community."

**Valerie Harvey – Placement Chair.** Another newcomer to the board, Valerie is married to Bob and just gave birth to her first child, a baby boy named Benjamin on July 25. Congrats, Valerie! An active since 2000, Valerie is a Vice President for Merrill Lynch Latin America



and loves to water ski and belly dance in her spare time. Her hometown is Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe in the Caribbean, but she has lived in the United States on and off since attending Babson College in Wellesley, PA. Valerie also told the *Journal* that her most memorable League moment occurred when speaking to a group of potential members about why she loved being in the League!

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## Fundraisers ROI to be Evaluated

By Sheri Shoup, Chair Fund Development Committee



How do we evaluate the success of a fundraiser? Is an event really raising money once we strip away the underwriting and add in the cost of our precious volunteer hours, at both the committee level and at the general membership level? What is important to you as a member? Do these fundraisers provide the visibility needed to help us recruit donations and new members? Can we raise more by cutting the number of fundraisers and focusing on fewer and bigger projects? What other ways can we make money to give to the community?

We all joined the Junior League for a variety of reasons including charitable and social. Most will

agree one of the most important aspects of our membership in JLM is to know that we impact our community positively and give back collectively in a more powerful way than could be achieved as individuals.

### ROI: Return on Investment

Behind every good community project is money that supports our efforts. Our JLM leadership has made great strides over the last two years to cut back on overhead and expenses so that we can provide more dollars into the community. Currently, our main sources of income are our fundraisers and our community partners. This year we will look at our fundraisers and make some decisions that will increase our effectiveness and efficiency and provide a strong return on investment.

In the upcoming months, we will be enlisting the help of our general membership. During our two area meetings this year, we will be asking for your input. You will help us rate in order of importance, what makes a fundraiser successful and to rate our current fundraisers. Also, each area will submit one viable idea for a future fundraiser.

In the meantime, we would love to hear your opinions and ideas. Please email me or Kristin Holmquist Munroe at [globaldist@aol.com](mailto:globaldist@aol.com) and [themunroes@aol.com](mailto:themunroes@aol.com), respectively. We look forward to an exciting year and a more profitable future!

## Super Saturday Success!

By Leana Vastine-Marks, Chair-Elect, Provisional Committee



Kudos to the Provisional Class and Committee for making Super Saturday a huge success! Not only do we have 82 new volunteers that are ready, willing, and able to serve those at-risk in our community, we also have a wonderful, diverse group of women who are fun, creative and very friendly. The active members will enjoy meeting this amazing group of women. We welcome each and every one of you to the Junior League!

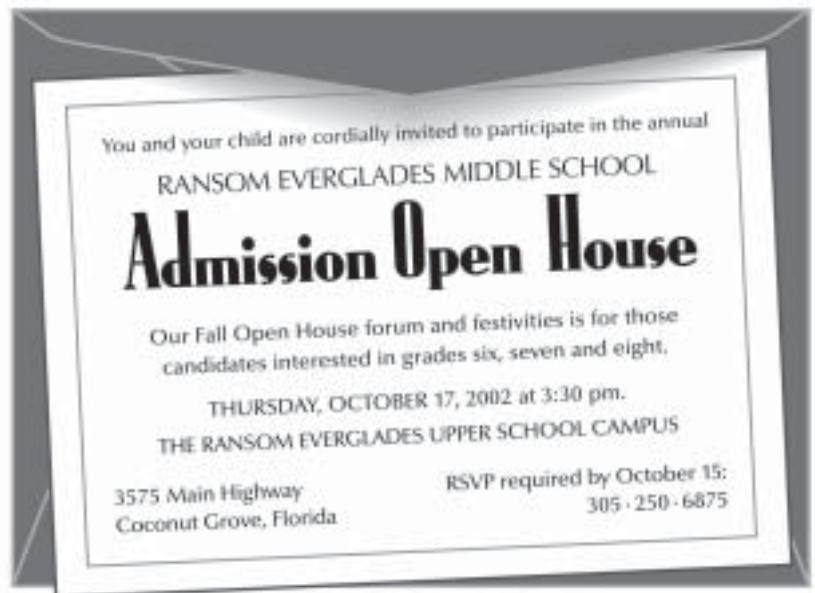
As for Super Saturday, it was held at the Hyatt in Coral Gables on August 24<sup>th</sup>. The day began with a warm and informative welcome from the Provisional Co-Chairs, Jennifer Greene and Vicky Colross followed by an introduction by our President, Holly Battle. The guest speaker was the distinguished Dr. Pedro Greer speaking eloquently about his passion: homelessness.

Afterward, the new members were provided with a course review and learned about the League's view on volunteerism. This was followed by a visit with

Past Presidents: Julia Biachi, Susan Moll and Linda Brown and then an information session about our current fundraisers presented by our fundraiser committee chairs.

In addition to breakfast and lunch, there were a couple of ice-breakers in order for the new members to get to know each other and enjoy a laugh or two. Finally the day ended with a discussion about the Mentor Group Projects. We are happy to report that there were smiles on the

faces of our newest members as they left the first program of the provisional course. Many thanks to everyone who participated in Super Saturday making it a great success. Special thanks to the Hyatt and our guest speaker Dr. Greer.



## Shop 'Til You Drop! at Golden Palm Gift Market V

By Gail Scott, Golden Palm Chair



Coming off the fabulous success of last year's Golden Palm Gift Market, we are well on our way to making the fifth year our biggest and finest yet.

We have streamlined and refined the market, making it the best we can for our members and the community to have a great shopping experience and generate dollars for our Junior League of Miami projects.

Be sure to mark your calendar with the schedule for this year's market. "Party Under the Palms" will be held on Friday, November 22, and the Market will be open to everyone on Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24. Once again, parking will be free to all attending the Golden Palm Gift Market.

### Ticket Sales

Ticket sales have already begun. You can order them online or purchase them at the September, October and November General Membership Meetings. Each Market Day ticket is \$7 each. Put together a group of your best girlfriends and shop 'til you drop! The *Party Under the Palms* ticket is \$50 for advance purchase. This has been a sell-out event in past years and promises to be better than ever so purchase your tickets early!

As a reminder, all JLM actives and provisionals must purchase a minimum of one \$7 ticket for the Golden Palm Gift Market to fulfill one of your fundraising requirements.

### Volunteer Shift Sign-Up

GPGM V will depend, more than ever, on the efforts of our membership! If you have any questions regarding signing up for your shift, please feel free to contact Susan Orban, Volunteer Scheduler by e-mail – orbans5@mindspring.com. Remember all provisionals are required to work a shift and GPGM V counts as a fundraiser shift for all actives.

### Merchants

We have a fabulous list of returning merchants and new merchants lined up for November's market, but we still have room for more. If you should come upon a store that you think would be perfect for the market, pick up a business card or jot down the name and number for Jennifer Chelwick, Merchants Director. Her email is: chelwickknows2@cs.com. We need your help to make this a great market with new and innovative merchandise. We have already received a fabulous array of merchant applications from all over the nation for Golden Palm V and we cannot do it without you!

### Golden Palm Marketing Team

Building on last year's amazing marketing efforts, we are continuing to diversify our efforts so that the entire community is aware of our market. Our primary goal is to increase attendance through awareness of the event. If you have any contacts in the media, please contact Jennifer Pflieger, Mar-

keting Liaison for GPGM V, at jmpphins@aol.com in order for us to work together and get the news out about this important event.

### Special Events

The "Party Under the Palms" will take place Friday evening, November 22, and combines South Florida's premier chefs and restaurants, a fabulous wine tasting, delicious beverages and a silent auction to kick off the 2002 Golden Palm Gift Market! This is the event of the season so make sure that you and your friends attend.

If you have any contacts at a favorite restaurant that may want to participate in "Party Under the Palms," please contact Michele Baker Benesch at michele\_benesch@hotmail.com. You can also let us know if you have a great idea or a contact for a silent auction item by contacting Nicole Moore at mooreslp@bellsouth.net.

A truly exciting array of special events is being scheduled for the remainder of the weekend. Saturday, November 23, is Women's Day with extra special surprises for our Sustainers! Sunday will feature our newest event: the Appraisal Day with Sloan's Auctioneers and Appraisers, where you can bring your treasures to be appraised by the experts! More details to follow soon!



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# Golden Palm Gift Market



## Your Involvement

Remember, this is the Junior League of Miami's largest fundraiser and it cannot be a success without the help of each and every active, provisional and sustainer member. It is even more important to the people who benefit from the proceeds of this event: the women, children and families in need. We should all be proud of the cohesive effort it takes, and the energy, time, resources and love we all give to our community through our

work with the JLM. The Golden Palm Market is just another extension of this effort.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please feel free to e-mail me at [gscott@ntmlc.com](mailto:gscott@ntmlc.com) or call the 24-hour Golden Palm Gift Market Hotline at (305) 443-0160.

Many thanks to the amazing members of the Golden Palm Gift Market Committee for working straight through the summer months to help make this important event a success! They are **Melissa Azrack, Cristina Ball, Michele Baker Benesch, Jennifer Chelwick, Tate Cicala, Tracy Courtney, Lisa Couvillion, Jackie Crabill, Joanna Datesh, Deb Dennis-Moir, Diane Doolan, Carolina Fernandez, Gina**

**Gardner, Leslie Hoy, Jessica Lancaster, Meg Luebke, Nicole Moore, Susie Orban, Jen-**

**nifer Pflieger, Christine Quinones, Lynn Schab and Ramsey Sullivan.**

## Welcome Merchants!

Take a look at this list of merchants. Is your favorite one listed yet?

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| <b>International Treasures*</b>     | <b>Tabletops and More, Inc.*</b>     |
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| <b>Kathy Hrad Consulting*</b>       |                                      |

\*Returning merchant



## The Placement Committee is Here for You!

By Valerie Harvey, Placement Committee Chair



Welcome to the 2002-2003 League Year! The Placement Committee is here to help you make a difference! Please consider your advisors, Chair-Elect Maggie Rossi and me to be your direct contacts for questions, suggestions, comments and yes, even complaints!

By now, you should know your Placement assignment for this year and you will receive your **Membership Requirements Handbook** which will help you and your placement advisor track your Junior League participation. You will also periodically receive the Placement Committee's data on your League activities. We encourage you to

review our data closely and to let us know should there be any discrepancies.

We look forward to meeting you at the October area meetings. Your placement advisors will contact you shortly with the details of your specific meeting. The list below shows each advisor team.

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# The Junior League of Miami's Powerful Impact on our Community

By Kimberly Brigham, VP Community



Do you feel proud to be a member of the Junior League of Miami, Inc? I know I do. To be associated with an organization that has changed the Miami community in so

many positive ways is extraordinary. Whether you have been involved in fundraising efforts, bringing in new members, training new members or actually working hands on with women and children in the community projects, you personally have made an impact in our community.

In the Junior League of Miami's history, we have built many partnerships that have created incredible programs for this county. Did you know that the Junior League of Miami was instrumental in establishing **CHARLEE** homes for foster children, the **Kristi House** for victims of sexual abuse, the **Gladstone Center for Girls** for abused girls, **Guardian Ad Litem** for advocating for children in court, **Inn Transition** in support of victims of Domestic Violence, the **Museum of Science** with broad-based educational programs, and many more? These programs have provided much needed help, support, and resources for women and children in Miami-Dade County.

This year JLM is proud to be involved in nine community projects to which we are offering volunteers and financial support. These projects include:

**All Aboard Story Hour**, which fosters a love of reading in children;

**Done in a Day**, which assists in facilitating community events within JLM's focus area;

**Girls Advocacy Project**, which offers support, hope, and educational training to girls within the Miami-Dade Juvenile Detention Center;

**KAPOW (Kids and the Power of Work)**, which teaches elementary school children the connection between school and the world of work;

**Project Reach (Big Brothers Big Sisters)**, which provides educational, cultural, and recreational activities to at-risk children while developing positive relationships with caring, attentive adults;

**Inn Transition North**, which provides housing, support, and hope to women and children who are victims of Domestic Violence;

**Kid Care**, which offers affordable insurance to low income families in need;

**Family Literacy – Early Childhood Initiative**, which fosters the importance of early childhood education and intervention, and

**Inn Transition South**, which, 10 years in the making, will open its doors this Fall to families affected by Domestic Violence and homelessness.

There is an enormous need within our community, and we, as Junior League of Miami members, are making an impact. There is a push in our community today toward early childhood education and intervention. You can be assured that JLM will be a frontrunner in creating, developing, funding, and implementing projects that influence this arena. Your dedication and commitment are crucial to making this happen. Whatever your involvement may be, take pride in the difference you are making. Your community thanks you.

## HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

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Look for more details to follow at General Membership Meetings

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## JLM PROJECT HISTORY SPOTLIGHT “CHARLEE Homes for Children”

By Kimberly Brigham, VP Community

Did you know there are 3,500 children in foster care in Miami Dade and Monroe counties and 36 months is the average length of stay in foster care in Florida? Like Inn Transition North and Inn Transition South, JLM has formed partnerships that have created wonderful programs for foster children in Miami Dade and Monroe counties. The CHARLEE program is one of those programs.

CHARLEE was established in Miami-Dade County in 1983 through the coordinated efforts of the Junior League of Miami, the National Council of Jewish Women, and the Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida. CHARLEE, which stands for Children Have All Rights: Legal, Educational, Emotional, was founded by the Menninger Foundation of Topeka, Kansas, and remains associated with the nationwide network of Menninger group home programs.

CHARLEE's first efforts were directed toward the establishment of community-based group homes for adolescents who had failed in the foster care/institutional system after multiple placements and disruptions. The homes were created with an un-

derstanding that emotionally disturbed children would be better served in a family setting with comprehensive support. Healthy relationships, a normalized family environment and quality care have been cornerstones of CHARLEE's treatment model.

Today, CHARLEE offers a diverse array of services to troubled children and adolescents. Their residential programs include the Family Care Group Homes, an apartment style Independent Living Program, The Gladstone Center for Girls (another JLM program), and a Supported Foster Care Program. The adoption division was created to provide safe and stable families for children who have been permanently removed from their biological families. The CHARLEE Children's Depot

opened in March 2001, with the leadership of Office Depot. This warehouse system operates out of an 8,000 square foot storage area and connects community and corporate donations of new and used furniture, toys, clothing, beds and other essential items to needy children and families. (If the Encore Shop won't take it maybe the Depot will!)

The Junior League of Miami is proud to be one of the founders of such a wonderful program that helps so many children in this area. If you would like more information on the CHARLEE program go to [www.charleeprogram.org](http://www.charleeprogram.org).



## The Children's Trust on the Ballot Sept. 10

By David Lawrence,  
JLM Community Advisor



Voters in Miami-Dade County will go to the polls Sept. 10 to decide on a dedicated funding source for children. That's something already achieved in seven other Florida counties, including four of the biggest — Broward, Palm Beach, Pinellas and Hillsborough.

Called The Children's Trust, and administered by a 33-member public-private board, the half-mill property levy would raise more than \$55 million

a year for issues focused on children and families. (A homeowner with a home assessed at the median value would pay \$28 more a year, or 8 cents more a day.) The measure would “sunset” in the year 2008, meaning it wouldn't continue after then without voter reapproval.

The intent is to use half the dollars on behalf of prevention and early intervention in the early childhood years — prenatal to age 5. Then another quarter would be used for such age 6-12 issues as after-school care, and the final quarter on teenage issues, including pregnancy avoidance and school drop-out prevention.



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## Proposed Bylaws Changes To be Voted On at September General Membership Meeting

The Board of Directors moves that the following bylaws changes related to the Membership Committee be approved.

**RATIONALE:** The first change is to rename the Membership committee the Membership Outreach Committee to more clearly reflect the function of the committee.

These changes reflect the current system of membership and membership outreach working together to plan events for recruitment of new members and also the responsibility of managing the process. This allows all members on the committee to have a vote.

The other changes are to decrease the number of members required to propose a member and eliminate the need for endorsers. Also eliminated are the restrictions on members proposing family members and members of the membership outreach committee proposing members as well. Our current system is open to all who have commitment to volunteerism regardless of their relation to a JLM member.

### ARTICLE V – ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

#### Section 5.02. Proposals of Members

~~A. If a sponsor system is used, no more than four sponsors shall be required for a prospective member.~~

~~B.A. There shall be one Sponsor proposer and one endorser on each proposal application for membership. It is strongly recommended that at least one Active member appear on the candidate's application.~~

~~C. A member may propose a maximum of two candidates in any one year. No one member can propose and/or endorse more than three candidates per year.~~

~~D.B. The proposer/sponsor or candidate shall prepare and present to the Chair of the Membership Outreach Committee an official proposal/blank application on/or before February 15/October 25.~~

~~E. The proposer or the endorser must obtain a membership package to be distributed by a membership committee member in the year of the proposal.~~

~~F. A candidate shall not be proposed for membership more than three times.~~

~~G.C. Non-resident members and provisional members shall not sponsor propose or endorse candidates for membership.~~

~~H. A member of the Membership Committee shall not propose or endorse a candidate for admission to the League.~~

~~I. A candidate shall not be proposed, sponsored or endorsed by a relative. A relative is defined as a mother, grandmother, sister, niece, aunt or those same relatives by marriage (in-laws/steps).~~

~~J. Before accepting the invitation to membership, she shall have received an orientation in the privileges and responsibilities of Junior League membership and shall agree to take the Provisional~~

~~Course and to engage in community service in connection with the program of The Junior League.~~

#### Section 5.03. Election of Members

~~A. In addition to the Chair and Chair-Elect, There shall be 10 voting members of the Membership Outreach Committee. At least seven voting members of the Membership Outreach Committee must be present to vote on candidates for admission to membership. An affirmative vote of a majority plus one of the voting members shall constitute a favorable recommendation to the Board.~~

~~B. The names of all candidates eligible for membership under the Bylaws of this League shall be presented to the Membership Outreach Committee for recommendation to the Board.~~

~~C. A complete list of candidates with recommendations shall be presented to the Board by the Membership Outreach Committee Chair. The candidates shall be elected to Provisional membership by a 2/3rds vote of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has final authority over the admission of prospective members to membership.~~

~~D. Reason(s) based on criteria shall be listed by the members of the Committee for those candidates not recommended to the Board.~~

~~E. The candidates shall be voted upon by the June/December Board meeting~~

~~F. Candidates elected to Provisional membership shall be announced by the Board of Directors.~~

### ARTICLE VII – FEES AND DUES

#### Section 7.01. Annual Dues

Active and Provisional members shall pay annual dues of \$140.00 and Sustaining members shall pay annual dues of \$85.00, which includes the AJLI per capita dues which shall be paid by the Treasurer in accordance with the regulations set forth in the AJLI Standing Rules. Sustaining Emeritus members will not be required to pay annual dues. Provisionals elected ~~three months or less before the end of the fiscal year shall pay only the AJLI prorated annual dues and shall not be liable for dues until the following year.~~ All Provisional members must pay all fees on or before ~~June 15<sup>th</sup>~~ December 15<sup>th</sup>. The fee for the next provisional year shall remain the same unless, on or before ~~October~~ September 1 of each year, the ~~Executive Board~~ Board of Directors, after consultation with the current chairperson of the Provisional Committee, approves a different amount. There shall be no refund of dues or special fees except as provided for transfers in *Article IV, Section 4.02. A of these Bylaws.*

### ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS

#### Section 8.01. Personnel

The officers shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Vice President/Finance, and a Recording Secretary. Other Vice Presidents shall be established by the



Standing Rules of the League. These officers, other Vice Presidents along with the bylaws/parliamentarian, nominating chair and the placement chair shall compose the Board of Directors. The officers as stated above, President, President-Elect, Vice President of Finance and the Recording Secretary, shall have all the power of the Board of Directors between the meetings of the Board, except those specifically reserved under Florida statutes to the Board of Directors. The actions of these officers shall be submitted to the next meeting of the Board of Directors for ratification. The Nominating Committee is required to slate the following positions: President-Elect; all Vice Presidents; Recording Secretary; Membership Outreach Chair-Elect; candidates for Membership Outreach Committee; candidates for Nominating Committee; Treasurer; two Members-at-Large to sit on the Planning Council.

## ARTICLE XI – COMMITTEES

### Section 11.01. Standing Committees

#### A. Membership Outreach Committee

There shall be a Membership Outreach Committee whose voting members, including the Chair-Elect, are slated by the Nominating Committee for election. ~~Two of +~~ The principal functions of the ~~voting~~ members of the Membership Outreach Committee shall be (1) to consider the qualifications of all candidates proposed for Membership in the Junior League of Miami, and (2) to recommend to the Board candidates for Provisional Membership and (3) ~~In addition, there shall be non-voting members of this committee. The sole responsibility of the non-voting members shall be to recruit potential members to the Junior League of Miami. These non-voting members shall not participate in the formal acceptance process of new members.~~ The Committee may also perform other related functions.

##### 1) Personnel

The Membership Outreach Committee shall consist of a Chair, a Chair-Elect ~~eight ten~~ additional voting members. ~~and non-voting members.~~ The Provisional Chair may sit on the Membership Outreach Committee in a consulting capacity. The Chair-Elect shall serve on the Membership Outreach Committee for a period of two years, serving as Chair-Elect the first year and as Chair the second year. All candidates for the ~~voting members of the~~ Membership Outreach Committee shall have given at least one-year active service in the Junior League of Miami, Inc. At least five of these members shall have given five years active service in any Junior League. A member shall not serve consecutive terms unless serving as Membership Outreach Chair. ~~All non-voting members shall be selected through the placement process by the Placement Chair.~~

##### 2) Nomination.

At least ten days prior to the Election meeting, the Nominat-

ing Committee shall mail to every Active member of the Junior League of Miami, a slate containing the names of the Chair, Chair-Elect and ~~eight voting member~~ ten candidates for election to the Membership Outreach Committee. Other candidates whose consent has been obtained may be placed in nomination by a written petition signed by five Active members. This petition shall be filed with the Recording Secretary at least three days prior to the Election meeting and shall be included in the Nominating Committee's slate as presented at the meeting.

##### 3) Election.

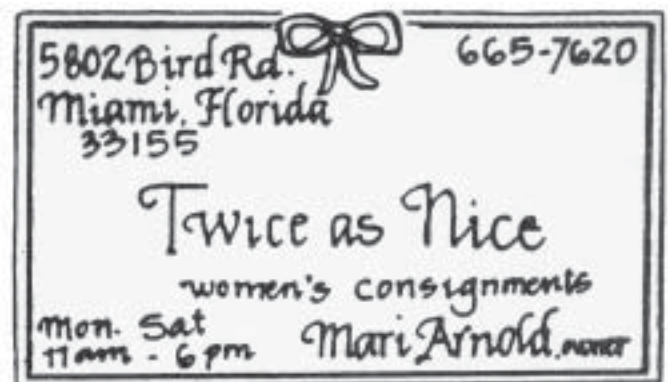
The Chair, Chair-Elect and ~~eight voting~~ ten members of the Membership Outreach Committee shall be elected at the Election meeting for a term of one year, except the Chair-Elect, who shall serve for two years. Any vacancy of an elected position shall be filled by the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee. (*See Policies: Membership*)

##### 4) Advisory Members

Once elected, the Membership Outreach Chair will select two Sustaining members to serve as Advisory Members of the Membership Outreach Committee. Of the two members selected, one shall have been Sustaining for at least five years.

#### B. Nominating Committee

There shall be a Nominating Committee whose members are ELECTED with the Chair-elect being determined by the highest number of votes. One of the principal functions shall be to prepare slates of candidates for the election to various elective offices of the Junior League and to the Membership Outreach and Nominating Committees. All slates shall be mailed to all Active members ten days prior to the election meeting. The committee shall also cooperate with the Area Nominating Committee, and wherever possible, suggest candidates for Area slates. It may also perform other related functions.



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the process of hiring the staff, which will consist of more than six Social Workers and Administrators, a Maintenance Person and one Resident Manager. The Grand Opening will consist of a ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by the County with the date and time to be announced. The Junior League of Miami is also planning its own special party to recognize and celebrate the 10 years in which JLM has worked to make this project a reality. We hope to have our celebration date out to everyone soon.

For those members who are not familiar with the project, Inn Transition South will provide more than 50 units of transitional housing with on-site supportive services for homeless families primarily headed by single mothers who are in temporary emergency shelters due to crisis poverty or domestic violence. This project is an expansion to the Inn Transition North facility in North Miami-Dade. The primary goal of the project is to empower single mothers to develop self-determination skills, which will lead them to establish attainable financial and educational objectives and enable them to achieve and sustain independent living.

The goals of the Inn Transition South Committee will be to coordinate Life Skills Training sessions on a variety of different topics, such as, substance and alcohol abuse, adult literacy, establishing financial independence, various healthcare topics, school readiness, etc. We'll be teaming up with the All Aboard Story Hour Committee to provide story hour for the resident's children, while the parents are participating in the training sessions. The committee will be putting together Welcome Baskets for all new residents, full of fun and helpful sundries. This basket will also include an Area Resource Manual (that the committee will develop), informing residents about their new community and location of various services and stores in the area.

We're looking forward to the grand opening of this very important project. In the meantime, if you or anyone you know is interested in developing a training session for the residents of Inn Transition South, please feel free to contact us. Several JLM members have already offered to provide classes on some great topics. We look forward to the celebration of this signature JLM project.

## Have you heard about the next “Survivor” show?

Six men will be dropped on an island with one van and four kids each for six weeks. Each kid plays two sports and either takes music or dance classes. There is no access to fast food.

Each man must take care of his four kids, keep his assigned house clean, correct all homework, complete science projects, cook, and do laundry, etc.

The men only have access to television when the kids are asleep and all chores are done. There is only one TV between them and there is NO remote.

The men must shave their legs and wear makeup daily, which they must apply themselves either while driving or while making four lunches. They must attend weekly PTA meetings; clean up after their sick children at 3:00 a.m.; make an Indian hut model with six toothpicks, a tortilla and one marker; and get a four year old to eat a serving of peas.

The kids get to vote them off the island based on performance.

## Domestic Violence Facts

- Children in families where there is domestic violence are at great risk of becoming victims of abuse themselves. Studies indicate this group is 15 times more likely to experience child abuse than children in nonviolent homes.
- Over half the children in families where the mother is battered are also abused.
- At least 75 percent of children whose mothers are battered witness the violence. Sometimes the batterer deliberately arranges for the child to witness it.
- The effect on children's development can be just as severe for those who witness abuse as for those who are abused.
- Women age 16 to 24 report the most violence by someone they are intimate with.
- Boys who witness their fathers' violence are 10 times more likely to engage in spouse abuse in later adulthood.
- Female victims of domestic violence are more likely to be slain by their husbands once they are separated from them.
- If every woman victimized by domestic violence last year were to join hands in a line the string of people would expand from New York to LA and back again.

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# Calendar of Junior League of Miami Events

## SEPTEMBER 2002

3	Board Meeting	Headquarters	6:00 p.m.
10	General Membership Meeting	<b>New Location:</b> Miami Museum of Science	6:30 p.m.
24	Sustainers Encore Shop Coffee	Home of Debbie Korge	9:30 a.m.
30	Prospective Membership Info Meeting	Headquarters	7:00 p.m.

## OCTOBER 2002 – Domestic Violence Awareness Month/Breast Cancer Awareness Month

1	Board Meeting	Headquarters	6:00 p.m.
4	Program Development Info Meetings	Headquarters	9:30 a.m.
8	Area Meetings	Placement Advisors' Homes	6:30 p.m.
9	Prospective Membership Info Meeting	Headquarters	7:00 p.m.
12	Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk–DIAD	TBA	
15	Prospective Membership Info Meeting	Headquarters	7:00 p.m.
17	Prospective Membership Info Meeting	Headquarters	7:00 p.m.
17-19	Fall AJLI Leadership Conference	Los Angeles, CA	
19	Race for the Cure – DIAD	Bayfront Park	8:00 a.m.
25	Past Presidents Council	Headquarters	TBA
25	Membership Applications Due	Mariele Jones/Headquarters	4:00 p.m.

## NOVEMBER 2002

1	Membership Application Deadline	Headquarters	4:00 p.m.
2	Hands On Miami Day	Bayfront Park	TBA
5	Winter Journal Deadline	jlmjournal@yahoo.com	By 5:00 p.m.
6	Board Meeting	Headquarters	6:00 p.m.
12	General Membership Meeting	Miami Museum of Science	6:30 p.m.
19	Council Meetings	TBA	
22-24	Golden Palm Gift Market	Coconut Grove Expo Center	
27	Straw Ballot Deadline	Headquarters	4:00 p.m.
27	Program Development Application Deadline	Headquarters	4:00 p.m.

## DECEMBER 2002

3	Board Meeting	Headquarters	6:00 p.m.
8	DIAD Guardian Ad Litem Walk	Crandon Park	TBA
10	Provisional Commencement	Headquarters	6:30 p.m.
13	Holiday Open House	Julia Bianchi's Home	6:00 p.m.

*About our cover:* The Headquarters of the Junior League of Miami is a two-story miniature "Venetian Palace" and a historic Coral Gables landmark. The building was designed by George Fink in 1923 and built by George Merrick's Construction and Supply Company in 1925. The building originally housed two stores and three apartments and is the only type of this commercial architecture west of Coral Gables City Hall. Rendering courtesy of William Bodenhamer & Company.



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