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## EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Readers,

Happy Springtime from *gusher*!

There are lots of things to be excited about during this season: warmer weather, flowers in bloom, and quality patio time with family and friends. There are also many things to be excited about during this season in the Junior League of Tulsa: recruiting new members, placements for next year, and the annual Mentorship Luncheon.

Although a newer addition to the fundraising event cycle in our League, the Mentorship Luncheon not only provides an opportunity to connect with your own mentor while hearing from a top woman leader, but it also highlights our annual scholarship winners and acknowledges their accomplishments and goals to become great women and leaders in their community.

I believe having that person, that mentor-figure in your life, is critical to one's personal growth, and I know that without the mentors in my life I would be so much less the person that I am today. These individuals, all women, have inspired me daily and at different walks in my life to strive to be better, to do good, and to make a positive impact on those around me.

I dedicate this issue to my Grandma Rosemary for teaching me that just because you're a woman doesn't mean you can't have a voice – and a strong one at that. She taught me how to voice my opinions, the importance of making life exciting, and that cashmere is a fabric worth splurging for.

I dedicate this issue to my mom (of course). I'm so very lucky to have a mother who is kind, generous with her time and resources, and selfless. She is the woman who although we are different in personality, I hope to be in action. She is the strongest, yet most gentle person I know, and I am proud to be her daughter.

And finally, I dedicate this issue to my Sustaining Advisor and dear friend for life, Lucia O'Connor. She is the calming force in my crazy and hectic life and always has the right thing to say in both good times and bad. The way that she loves and cares for the people in her life is the way that I hope to be towards all the people in my life. She exemplifies the title "community leader," and if I can create even half the impact on Tulsa that she has created throughout her life, I will consider my life a success.

Dear readers, I hope that you, too, have that mentor or mentors in your life to encourage you and to provide insight and education to life in general. Because without mentors, who are the compasses of our lives, we would be lost and less focused on the important things in life. Thank your mentors and let them know how much you appreciate them.



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### ***JLT Mentorship Luncheon with Tory Johnson***

*New York Times* best-selling author and *Good Morning America* contributor, Tory Johnson will be the keynote speaker at the Junior League of Tulsa's annual Mentorship Luncheon on April 24.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### *Happy Spring!*

It is hard to believe that the 2014-15 League year is coming to an end. It has been such a privilege to serve as your President. Thank you to our members for being Stars in the Community this year. Your efforts to combat poverty have transformed Tulsa!

This edition of *gusher*, "Stand By Me", highlights the League's third annual Magic of Mentorship Luncheon, which will be held on Friday, April 24th, at Southern Hills Country Club. We are thrilled to welcome New York Times best-selling author and Good Morning America contributor, Tory Johnson, as our featured speaker this year. I hope you plan to join our celebration of the power of mentorship. The League will be awarding \$16,000 in college scholarships at this event.

Additionally, this edition spotlights the 2015-16 JLT Board of Directors. Congrats to this outstanding group of women selected to lead our organization in the coming year. This incredible board is already hard at work and is anxious to unveil their plans in the months to come. The future of our organization is incredibly bright!

Finally, this edition features a story on the recent facelift of our headquarters building. As many of you know, the League underwent major renovations during the summer and fall of 2014. It was certainly challenging to conduct League business while our building was closed, and I appreciate everyone's patience during the process. Be sure and stop by to check out HQ's new look soon. I would like to extend a special thank you to the following members who faithfully served on the HQ Improvements Task Force this year: Bailey Austin, Rita Burke, Carissa Cooper, Katherine Haskell, Cyndi Kernan, Lacy Lowry, Mary Beth Nesser, Nicole Randolph, and Maggie Robinson. Thanks to the hard work and effort of these ladies, HQ was able to reopen in October 2014.

Please keep in mind that HQ is available to rent and has space to accommodate any type of event from a small meeting to a large party.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with JLT. I wish you continued blessings in 2015.



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*Sincerely,*

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- **Mentoring:** Essential growth for future generations
- **Leadership:** The development of individual potential
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## SAVE THE DATE

**April 24: Mentorship Luncheon**  
(Southern Hills Country Club)

**April 25: League-Wide Service Project**

**April 25: JLT Day of Giving**

**May 4: Provisional Meeting**  
(JLT HQ)

**May 7: Membership Social**  
(Rustic Cuff Showroom)

**May 13: General Membership Meeting/Annual Meeting**  
(JLT HQ)

**May 21: Endowment Appreciation Party**  
(Ashleigh Boedeker's Home)

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# the 10-4

Welcome to "The 10-4," where four different members (Provisional, Active, Sustainer, and Board Member) of the Junior League of Tulsa are asked the same 10 questions regarding JLT and life in Tulsa. See what they have to say!

## Provisional: Deneisha Johnson

1. How long have you been in Tulsa? *Seven years the first time – now I've been back for four years*
2. Where is your go-to place to shop? *Rustic Cuff*
3. What has been your favorite committee in JLT? *I've only been on Spring Gala so far, and it was a blast!*
4. Three words to describe yourself? *Creative, philanthropic, and strong-willed*
5. What is the most exciting place you've ever traveled? *Curacao*
6. What other volunteer work have you done? *Planned Parenthood, DVIS, Resonance, and Margaret Hudson Program*
7. What is your favorite restaurant in Tulsa? *Sonoma on Brookside*
8. One word to describe Tulsa? *Growing*
9. What is the one item you can't leave home without? *Journal and pen*
10. Who's your celebrity crush? *Justin Thompson*



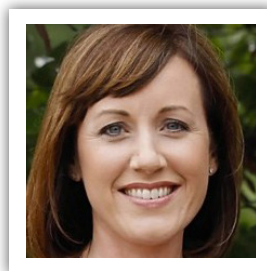
## Active: Elizabeth Stidham

1. How long have you been in Tulsa? *Two years this time around (lived here for another two years previously)*
2. Where is your go-to place to shop? *Peek-A-Boo (for my one-year-old), J. Hilburn (for my husband), and Piperlime (for me)*
3. What has been your favorite committee in JLT? *Harvest Market*
4. Three words to describe yourself? *Honest, approachable, and determined*
5. What is the most exciting place you've ever traveled? *Normandy, France*
6. What other volunteer work have you done? *Miss Oklahoma President's Council Scholarship Chairman and Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma*
7. What is your favorite restaurant in Tulsa? *El Guapo's*
8. One word to describe Tulsa? *Beautiful*
9. What is the one item you can't leave home without? *My Whitney English Day Designer*
10. Who's your celebrity crush? *Justin Timberlake*



## Sustainer: Sarah Dougherty

1. How long have you been in Tulsa? *Since I was 6-years-old*
2. Where is your go-to place to shop? *Sasha Malchi*
3. What has been your favorite JLT committee? *IMPACT*
4. Three words to describe yourself? *Passionate, competitive, and funny*
5. Where is the most exciting place you have traveled? *The Former Soviet Union when I was in high school*
6. What other volunteer work have you done? *Lee School PTA President, Lee Foundation Fundraising VP, Tulsa Town Hall Board, and St. Simeon's Western Days Patron Committee*
7. What is your favorite restaurant in Tulsa? *Polo Grill*
8. One word to describe Tulsa? *Happening*
9. What is the one item you can't leave home without? *Lip gloss*
10. Who's your celebrity crush? *Steven Tyler from Aerosmith*



## Board Member: Marti Levinson (Recording Secretary)

1. How long have you been in Tulsa? *Eight and a half years*
2. Where is your go-to place to shop? *Saks Fifth Avenue or On A Whim*
3. What has been your favorite committee in JLT? *Provisional Liaison*
4. Three words to describe yourself? *Loyal, friendly and driven*
5. What is the most exciting place you've ever traveled? *Peru. My husband and I hiked the Andes Mountains and also went to Machu Picchu*
6. What other volunteer work have you done? *Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and Assistance League of Tulsa*
7. What is your favorite restaurant in Tulsa? *Yokozuna*
8. One word to describe Tulsa? *Charitable*
9. What is the one item you can't leave home without? *My cell phone*
10. Who's your celebrity crush? *Adam Levine*





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# MENTORSHIP Luncheon

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by Sandy Martinez

This spring, the Junior League of Tulsa will come together and celebrate the women who have provided mentorship and leadership to others at the third annual Mentorship Luncheon on April 24, 2015, at Southern Hills Country Club. The League is pleased to be able to gather together among professional women who are learning, exchanging, and advancing at every stage of their lives and careers through the guidance of other women. This dynamic organization not only serves the community in a variety of programs through fundraising and service, but it also allows for women to make meaningful connections through events, education, and mentoring. By sharing values, contributions, and experiences, members improve leadership skills both personally and professionally.

Tory Johnson will be the guest of honor at this year's event, and the Mentorship Luncheon Committee is thrilled to bring a nationally recognized keynote speaker who has been a mentor to thousands of women across the United States to Tulsa. Tory Johnson has been recognized as a New York Times best-selling author and contributing editor to SUCCESS Magazine. She is also a popular weekly correspondent on ABC's Good Morning America and is known for the "Deals and Steals" weekly segment.

After a painful firing, Tory made the shift from employee to entrepreneur and built two multi-million dollar career focused businesses, Women for Hire and Spark & Hustle. Tory has blossomed in the business world but she still struggled to find acceptance with herself. After a conversation with a TV executive, Tory was given the inspiration she needed to conquer her life-long battle with weight. She was ready to make a major shift in the way she presented herself and her image. Her 2013 bestseller book, *The*

*Shift*, details how she lost 62 pounds in one year. She is now a mentor to others who have physically and mentally struggled to lose weight.

According to Tory, "Sometimes you need an expert with specific information, life experience, and advice that will help you move forward. That's when you need a mentor. She is a counselor, guide, leader, and pin-up picture on your calendar of success. Sometimes the idea of mentoring seems too grandiose, especially for busy women who spend so much time working to make our community better. To be a mentor takes time and courage but it can truly change another person's life. The Junior League of Tulsa is truly trend-setting in the area of mentorship most times, unknowingly. For the women who serve as committee chairs, we often see their mentorship and guidance to those who serve with them on their committee."

Tory also says, "One of the most rewarding ways to give is to pass along some of what you know to someone who is just getting started in the work world or is in somewhat of a rut. You don't have to be some high-powered executive with a big title and six-figure salary to have something great to offer. Look at the people around you. Is there someone new at the office who is having a rough start? Maybe there's a disgruntled colleague stuck in a rut. Take a chance at providing that person with the benefit of your advice."

The Mentorship Luncheon also marks



**Tory Johnson**

and opportunity for The Junior League of Tulsa to honor its annual scholarship recipients. The League is proud to award two \$4,000 Founders' Scholarships to graduating high school women who demonstrate exceptional commitment to academics and voluntarism and two \$4,000 Mrs. W. Albert Cook Scholarships to nontraditional students - women returning to their studies after an absence or just beginning their higher education, based primarily on financial need and a commitment to completing a degree. The League is pleased to award a grand total of \$16,000 in scholarship monies to very deserving women in the community. Proceeds from the Mentorship Luncheon exclusively fund these scholarship programs. As the Luncheon grows with every passing year, the number of scholarships that are awarded to deserving candidates likewise increases.

"Sometimes the person who provides you with exceptional inspiration doesn't even know your name."

-Tory Johnson

# MEET THE NEW BOARD

The Junior League of Tulsa announced its 2015–2016 Board Members at the December General Membership Meeting.

Leading JLT, **Carissa Cooper** will serve as President during her 12th year in League. Her previous Board experience includes President-Elect, 2013–2014 Communications Council VP, and 2012–2013 Community Council VP. She also has served as the Chair of Zarrow Center for Arts & Education and for Child Abuse Network twice. In addition, she has served on the Cookbook Special Events Committee.

**Rita Burke** was selected as President-Elect. During her seven years in League, she has served on the Board as Community Program VP, Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect, and Membership Council VP. She also was Holiday Market Chair. In addition, Rita has served as a Holiday Market Committee member.

**Mary Beth Nesser** was selected as Treasurer. This year, she served on the CPDC Committee and as Treasurer-Elect. She has chaired the Nominating and Member Development Committees. Mary Beth has also served on the Nominating and Holiday Market Committees during her seven years in League.

**Tara Proctor** will be the Recording Secretary. She was this year's Membership Council VP, and she has served as Recruitment Chair and Hospitality Chair. In addition, she's served on the Holiday Market Committee twice. "My proudest moment was being nominated to the Board in 2013," Tara said.

**Courtney Wilson** was selected as Communications Council VP. Courtney



was the 2014–2015 Financial Council VP. She has served as Co-Chair of Spring Gala and as Corresponding Secretary. In addition, she was the Chair of Membership Matters twice and on the American Girl Committee. Before she moved to Tulsa, Courtney was a member of the Junior League of Dallas.

**Kate Morelli** will serve as the Community Program VP. This past year, she was Impact Chair. She has also served on the Impact Committee three times and on the Training & Education Committee. "My proudest moment is when I attend a project, and the participants remember me from the year before and have looked forward to JLT volunteers returning the next year," Kate said.

**BJ Weintraub** was selected as Community Council VP. She served on the Board this year as Membership Program VP. She has been Spring Gala Co-Chair, Recording Secretary, Provisional Chair, American Girl Chair, and Community Resources Chair.

BJ also served on the Saint Francis Resource Library, Membership Matters, and American Girl Committees during her eight years in League.

**Marti Levinson** will serve as Membership Program VP. She was the 2014–2015 Recording Secretary, and she has served as Chair of the Membership Development and Recruitment Committees. In addition, she has been a Provisional Liaison and has been on the Saint Francis Resource Library and Global Gardens Committees. Marti's proudest moment was when she was recognized as Volunteer of the Year. "I was so honored to receive the award!" she said.

**Anna Smith** was selected as Membership Council VP. She was the 2014–2015 Provisional Committee Chair. She has also served on the Provisional Committee and on the Denim & Diamonds Committee twice. Anna says the highlight of her time in JLT has been finding a balance to do everything she wants to do. She added, "From getting married during my

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provisional year to having a baby while vice-chairing a committee, I've proven to myself that I can do it all and do it all well."

**Shelby Stauffer** will serve as Financial Council VP. She was the 2014–2015 Donor Development Chair and has served on the Member Development, Holiday Market, and Laura Dester Committees. "My proudest JLT moment has been the success of the President's Society this year, Shelby said. "My committee has done an amazing job of taking a few guidelines and turning it into a huge success!"

**Molly Aspan** will serve as Strategic Planning Chair. She was this year's Communications Council VP. Before serving as Impact Chair, she

served on the Impact Committee, on the Leadership Development Committee, and on the American Girl Committee. The highlight of her time in JLT has been co-chairing the Impact Committee when it was recognized as Committee of the Year.

**Margaret King** was selected as Nominating Chair. This past year she served on the Nominating Committee. She has also been Holiday Market Chair, Fund Development Chair, Cookbook Chair, and Headquarters Management Chair. Margaret has served on the Headquarters Management Committee two additional times, and she has been on the Holiday Market, Strategic Planning & Research, Provisional, and Laura Dester Impact Committees.

**Jaime Cooper** will serve as Treasurer-Elect and Finance Chair. She was the 2014–2015 Member Development Chair and on the Transfer Committee. She has also been on the Member Development and Headquarters Management Committees. Before moving to Tulsa, Jamie was a member of the Junior League of Fort Worth. The highlight of her time in JLT has been "working with wonderful ladies (Liz Brolick, Marti Levinson, and Whitney Mathews) to help recreate and establish a Transfer Program within JLT in 2013," she said.

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by Leia Christophersen



**A**pril 2014 brought beautiful spring weather to Tulsa, but it also brought heavy rain showers that all Oklahomans come to expect with spring. One particularly heavy rain storm hit Tulsa in late April, causing the beautiful Junior League of Tulsa headquarters building to flood in the kitchen and the women's restroom. While the cleanup process was taking place, mold was discovered in the building. This discovery prompted the incoming Board of Directors to assemble the HQ Improvements Task Force. The HQ Task Force included Alison Wade, Carissa Cooper, Cyndi Kernan, Katherine Haskell, Maggie Robinson, Mary Beth Nesser, Nicole Randolph, and Rita Burke, with the assistance of JLT staff member Lacy Lowry.

Construction on the building began in August to eradicate the mold and perform the necessary updates to our building. During this time, the HQ Task Force, led by Alison Wade, worked in a temporary office location that was graciously donated by Mr. Byron Burke (Rita Burke's father-in-law) to stay on

track of the building's construction timeline and progress

By September, construction was in full swing with the dust really flying. All three skylights were removed from the building and replaced with solid framing/metal cap covers. The windows throughout the building were resealed

to ensure that they were water tight (to avoid any future flooding). In order to help prevent future flooding, the grounds around the building had to be reconfigured with French drains to effectively flow the water away from the areas that were infiltrating the building's structure.

By October, the final touches were being put on the newly remolded headquarters. A fresh coat of paint was done on the walls; laminate flooring and new carpeting completed the much needed updates to JLT's home. Within the same month, the monthly General Membership Meeting was able to be held at HQ.

However, like all construction jobs, the work is not always done. Now that the structural work is complete, focus has shifted on to the furniture that was badly damaged in the flooding, and the goal is to replace all of it. With the new configuration/placement of the French drains on the grounds, landscaping will need to be done to bring the exterior of the building back up to the beautiful standards that members are used to.





Turley

# RESIDENTIAL CENTER

by Ashley Philippsen

**T**he Junior League of Tulsa has worked with in the past with the Resonance Center for Women to develop a social venture for the Resonance client base, women challenged by the criminal justice system. This year the League added another committee whose goal is to coordinate the development of a program with women at the Turley Residential Center who are transitioning back into society and the workforce. Committee members are working with Resonance to educate, mentor, and provide enrichment opportunities, including social relationship building activities and opportunities to learn healthy hobbies.

Whitney Mathews, Resonance-Turley Committee Chair, provided insights on the aim, impact, and the year for her committee.

*"Choosing to Change (C2C) is a service committee focused on working with women in Resonance's Choosing to Change Program. These women have made a commitment to change their lives upon their reentry into the community, and we want to make sure they're equipped with the skills to do so. We meet with the C2C women every other Tuesday and focus on something different each week. We realize that many of these women lack the skill of just "hanging out"--many of them have struggled with addiction for a long time and learning to be in a social setting without drugs or alcohol can be challenging. We get to socialize with*

*these women, listen to and encourage them, and work on various projects with them. The women we've worked with so far have enjoyed working on service based projects and giving back--so it's been great to get to help them do that!"*

**What are three words to describe the committee's experience this year and why?** *"Challenging, learning, and rewarding. As a brand new committee, it was initially challenging to figure out what kind of activities to do with the women in the program. However, once we got a sort of curriculum figured out, we were good to go. It's been a process of learning and changing the curriculum as we've moved on. We've learned a great deal about what these women go through that lead them to spend time in prison--circumstances a lot of us really can't even fathom. It's been eye opening to hear some of their stories and inspiring to hear that despite all they're up against. These women are committing to changing their lives. This has been an incredibly rewarding experience."*

**What do you consider your biggest win this year?** *"Our biggest win is the positive feedback we've received from the women in the program as well as Resonance."*

**How can/should other League members support this initiative?** *"This is a great committee that goes right to the heart of JLT's mission--helping women overcome significant challenges in their lives in order to be more productive citizens and help*

*break the cycle of crime and poverty.' It's understandable that the nature of the committee's work might scare some people away, but this initiative and the women in the C2C program are well worth the investment of JLT's time and resources. This is absolutely a committee worth spending a year (or more!) working with--consider scrambling for it even if it is out of your comfort zone! Additionally, we are always looking for members who might have some connection to work we're doing with the C2C women. If you know of someone or another organization that would be willing to donate food, art supplies, games, or "spa" like supplies, let us know!"*

**Who is on your committee?** *"Whitney Mathews (Chair), Rania Nasreddine (Vice Chair), Ashley Cockerham, Quinn Cooper, Brooke Fielder, Jennifer Hanna, Maureen Johnson, Samantha Martinez, Carly McKeon, Gauri Nautiyal, Tamara Noel, Tiffanie Primeaux, and Ginny Seeley"*

**What are you all looking forward to this spring with Turley?** *"We are really excited to be working with another group of women focused on changing their lives for the better and seeing them through to graduation."*

**Where can one find more information about Turley and JLT's involvement with Turley?** <http://www.resonancetulsa.org/whatwedo/re-entry-services/>

# COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD SPOTLIGHT ON BERNARD HAIRS

by Ashley Philippsen

- 1. How many years have you lived in Tulsa?** *I moved to Tulsa in 2006 after marrying my wife Jenny.*
- 2. What is one word that best describes Tulsa?** *Home. Due to work and family, I have had the opportunity to live many places including Chicago, Miami, London, Dallas, and Austin. But when I moved to Tulsa I quickly felt this would be my home.*
- 3. What are three words to describe yourself?** *Honest, friendly, and loyal*
- 4. What other community work have you been involved in?** *I'm currently serving my fourth year on the Board of Leadership Tulsa. I am currently Vice President of the Programs Committee. I have also served as Task Force Chair for the development and implementation of the Leadership Tulsa Legacy Circle & Planned Giving Programs. I have also served as Vice President of the Membership Committee and enjoy working with the Jenks Public Schools Foundation.*
- 5. What does the Junior League offer to Tulsa?** *For me, Junior League is one of the organizations that has made Tulsa the community I choose to call home and raise my family. For over 90 years, Junior League has contributed to the Tulsa community by promoting voluntarism, education, and charitable causes. Leadership Tulsa is the primary organization I work with to serve the Tulsa community. Leadership Tulsa originated from a Junior League initiative, so Junior League of Tulsa has had an effect on our family in many ways.*
- 6. What are your hobbies?** *I play golf and love to travel with my wife and kids to sporting events around the world. Most of our time these days are spent taking our kids to soccer and pom practices.*



- 7. Who makes up your family?** *There is my wife Jenny, daughter Morgan (age 16), and sons Bryson (age 7) and Jaxson (age 3).*
- 8. How did you get involved in the CAB?** *I chaired a Task Force for Leadership Tulsa to develop a Legacy Circle to offer free estate planning to our members and establish a planned giving program benefiting Leadership Tulsa. My wife is a former member of the Junior League of Tulsa, and through her I was asked to help Junior League develop a customized program benefiting Junior League's members.*
- 9. What is the best advice you can give to someone looking to volunteer in their community?** *My best advice is to contact a Tulsa organization who has a mission of developing Tulsa's leaders and connecting them with community service opportunities. Leadership Tulsa, Junior League of Tulsa, Tulsa's Young Professionals, and the North Tulsa Development Council are all great places to start.*



by Jennifer Rorex Peters

## MEMBER CAMPAIGN

**F**or the upcoming year, the Junior League of Tulsa (JLT) has launched a campaign to promote inactive Sustainers and members to “ReMember JLT” and the legacy of caring that began 90 years ago. The campaign encourages individuals to rejoin the league as either an Active Member or Sustainer.



**Annabel Jones**  
Sustainer Engagement Committee Chair

“We all lead busy lives and sometimes our lives get too full for Junior League. For Sustainers, the ‘ReMember’ campaign is a great opportunity to reengage with old friends and continue to improve the community with The Junior League of Tulsa,” said Annabel Jones, Sustainer

Engagement Committee Chair.

The “ReMember” campaign has begun and will continue through the Spring of 2016 providing inactive Members with a chance to immediately reconnect with the JLT mission. All inactive Members in good standing will be permitted to rejoin without repeating their Provisional year or incurring a financial penalty.



“After I ‘ReMembered,’ I had a renewed commitment to the League, and since I came back I was able to engage with the League more. It has opened doors within the community that I might not have had. I now have the opportunity to fulfill my obligations and become a Sustainer in the future,” said Whitney Stauffer, Active Member. “Thanks to Rita Burke for encouraging me to ‘ReMember.’”

***For more information on how to “ReMember JLT,” please contact Tara Proctor.***

# HELLO, SUSTAINERS!

I love Tulsa in April. I truly believe Tulsa is at its loveliest the first two weeks of April. We are so fortunate to call Tulsa home.

Mentors. All of us are also fortunate to have mentors---experienced and trusted advisors. They come in many forms - an older friend or sibling, parent, aunt, uncle, teacher, or boss.

I suspect most of you have at least one JLT member who is your mentor. She showed you the ropes when you were a Provisional. She may have been your first committee Chair. She provided valuable advice and perspective as you balanced family, work, and volunteer commitments. Your paths may have diverged over the years, but she made a difference in your life and in the Junior League of Tulsa.

This *gusher* is focused on mentoring. I hope you spend some time thinking about your mentor and invite her to our Mentorship Luncheon on April 24. What a great way to show your appreciation.

April is a busy month for our Sustainers. Our spring party is April 9, and our Crystal Bridges bus trip is April 25. Both of these events promise to be FUN and engaging for Sustainers of all ages.

Our interest groups, Restaurant Club, Lunch Club, Book Club, and Catch Up Over Cocktails continue to have full participation. This month we will be saying goodbye to our Restaurant Club Liaison, Ann Foster, who has faithfully led the Restaurant Club since its



inception. Ann is being transferred to the Dallas area. We will miss her. She has been so important to the growth of our group!

We hope to see you at our Sustainer activities this spring!

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annabel Jones". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Annabel Jones  
*Sustainer Engagement  
Committee Chair, 2014-2015*



# SUSTAINER UPDATE

**JLT WEBSITE:** It's easy to access the Member Login section of the JLT website ([www.jltulsa.org](http://www.jltulsa.org)) to obtain Sustainer member information (under Membership Matters tab), JLT Member directory, pay for JLT events/parties and more! Just enter your Username (Lastnamefirstname) and you will be directed to send an email to set up a password. You will create your own password and then be set to enter Member Login. There, you can check the box to "remember me next time I logon" so you don't have to remember your password each time!

## ACTIVITIES

### THE BOOK CLUB

- April 21: *All The Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr
- May 19: *The Homesman* by Glendon Swarthout

### LUNCH CLUB

- May 6: TBD

### RESTURANT CLUB

- April 6: Waterfront Grill
- May 11: TBD

### CATCH UP OVER COCKTAILS

- April 20: Cosmo Café

### ACTIVITIES

- April 9: Sustainer Spring Party (scarf-making party)
- April 25: Crystal Bridges Bus Trip

## INVOLVED?

*Want to get involved in Sustainer Activities?*

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