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from the editor...

Hello Junior League of Tulsa! Let me introduce myself. My name is Tracy Guara (formerly Watler) and I am this year's *gusher* Editor—a true honor indeed! I am also a journalist, a newlywed, a Longhorn, a Community Manager for the American Cancer Society, a former TV news reporter, a dedicated volunteer, a Tex-Mex lover, a caring daughter, a loyal friend, a Junior League Active, and a Tulsan. All of these things make up who I am.

And each of you has a laundry list of qualities, nouns, and adjectives that make up who you are. None of us is just one thing. To me, that is what Junior League is all about. We are all different and in this issue, the *gusher* committee wanted to highlight the things that make us (the Junior League of Tulsa as a whole) so unique. So, we dedicate this issue to YOU – the Provisional, the Active, the Sustainer, the working mom, the teacher, the CEO, the fundraiser. We strived to focus on what you've done and are doing for the League as well as what Junior Leaguers have done and are doing for this Community. We hope this issue ultimately shows the Tulsa Community who we are and what we're made of.

In this issue, you will get to see who makes up JLT's Board of Directors as well as learn a little bit about some of the top priorities on their list, including the creation of two new committees to cultivate our membership. You'll also get the lowdown on this year's best shopping experience, Holiday Market, and find out just how the event has grown through the years. Of course, you'll get to see what the Sustainers have been up to and what new and exciting project the Provisionals are working on. So, feel free to look throughout the magazine and find which special section is dedicated just to YOU.

Sincerely,



Tracy Guara
Editor 2011-2012



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(not shown: Susan Stava)**

On the cover: Amy Greene, 2006-07 Chic Boutique Chair and Ashley Farthing, 2011-12 Holiday Market Chair. Photograph by Leslie Hoyt, www.lesliehoyt.com.

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Letter from the President

Fall is one of my favorite "JLT seasons." There is such a sense of energy and excitement as our members gear up for a busy year. There are so many wonderful ways we are demonstrating our commitment to the Tulsa community.

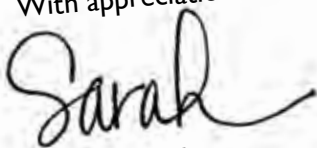
One reason for our enthusiasm is the new provisional members who have joined us. Under the leadership of Membership Council Vice President Rita Burke, I am thrilled to announce we have the largest class in six years. As they start their JLT journey, they bring their own talents and ideas to our organization and we appreciate these new perspectives.

In fact, the provisional members inspired us to take a leap and expand our successful Harvest Market program. After visiting the site during their provisional retreat, they had an overwhelming desire to serve in this area. I can't blame them. This program is one of my personal favorites. In partnership with Global Gardens and the Westside Harvest Market, we provide cooking classes to families in the Eugene Field Elementary School area. It is an opportunity to teach the families about healthy cooking while promoting mealtime as a family affair. We are now in our second year and are training women in the community to teach classes to their peers. What an amazing illustration of our mission of developing the potential of women, improving our community, and promoting voluntarism. Thank you to our fearless Harvest Market chairwoman Giselle Martinez who rose to this new challenge and accepted it graciously. We are also grateful to The Gelvin Foundation for a generous grant to fund our expansion of this program.

And, of course, our favorite holiday shopping opportunity is just around the corner. Holiday Market promises to be bigger and better with all of your shopping needs under one roof. It is also a chance to experience the camaraderie of women working together and enjoying a fabulous weekend while supporting JLT. I hope you will join us for the Preview Party and come back during the weekend. If you are like me, it will take several trips to take it all in.

Love Serve Lead. The Board of Director's has been reading Shar McBee's bestselling book "To Lead is to Serve" and working to inspire those around us with the example of servant leadership. We are thrilled to host Ms. McBee for our October General Membership meeting on October 18, 2011 followed by a League and community wide training opportunity on October 19, 2011. Please consider this opportunity for your own personal development and growth.

With appreciation and anticipation for a great year,



Sarah Dougherty
2011-2012 President

Photograph by Bob McCormack Photography





Women Building a Better Tulsa

Mission Statement

The Junior League of Tulsa, Inc.,
is an organization of women com-

mitted 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. Junior League of Tulsa reaches out to women of all races, religions, & national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

Core Values

Community: It is the heart of all we do

Diversity: The synergy of different perspectives

Voluntarism: An essential component of our society

Mentoring: Essential growth for future generations

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Respect: For our members' time, energy and skills

Collaboration: Forming partnerships and strategic alliances

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Transitions

Small Miracles

Reese Cecelia Painter

June 20, 2011

Daughter of Kami (A) and Ryan



Henry Oliver Bashaw

Son of Tara (A) and George

Born July 7, 2011



Quinn Sophia Bradley

Born August 11, 2011

Daughter of Lauren (A) and Ada

Let us share the times that are taking place in your life. You are encouraged to share the following announcements: births, engagements, weddings, condolences, community and business recognitions, new jobs, and/or new job promotions. Please send all details to Amy Greene, sakssavvy@mac.com

Weddings

Lori Parris (A) to
Jonathan Kallensee on
May 14, 2011



Condolences

Belinda Hedgecock (S) on the death of her Mother-in-law

Belinda Hedgecock (S) on the death of her Grandmother

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Hello, Sustainers!

Fall is here and with its arrival the awaited exit of the hottest summer in Tulsa history and a new year of “coolest” activities for JLT Sustainers. In August the Sustainer Board coordinated a year of parties and club activities including a new venue to meet and greet, “Sustainer Socials”. The socials begin in October and will be coordinated by Cassie Barkett, a past JLT President, 2010/2011. In mid-September the fall sustainer mailing included an activities schedule for 2011/2012. Invitations will be sent for the three parties scheduled for this year. Club activities are ongoing year-round. If you did not receive the mailing, please contact Doris Brown, JLT Office Manager, at 918.693.0011 or office@jltulsa.org to obtain another copy.

Sustainers continued to meet during the summer months. In August, JLT President Sarah Dougherty and JLT Board members hosted a Sustainer Speak-out at Harwelden. Following a lovely reception the opening session began with Sarah updating attendees on JLT news, membership information and plans for the coming year. Break-out sessions followed giving sustainers an opportunity to share ideas and information.

The Sustainer Clubs met in a variety of locations. Book Club met in July at the home of Lynette Bennett-Danskin to discuss *We the People* by Ayn Rand. Lynette led a most interesting discussion focusing on the main character Kira Argounova and her family and two significant friends in Soviet Russia, 1925. The book and discussion were interesting and thought provoking in analyzing how adversity adjusting to radical changes in a country’s government can impact personal and family existence. In September sustainers met at the home of Mary Alice Ahlgren and members discussed *Dewey, The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World* by Vicki Myron with Bret Witter. The heart-warming and humorous story is true, complete with pictures, of a library cat in Spencer, Iowa, who touched the lives of the local citizens and library staff in many ways. The September meeting was a very special meeting. Sustainers discussed *Ruby the Rowboat, Stinkbait, and Other Fishy Stories* with the author and Tulsa resident, Mary Ann Hille. The book includes funny and real life stories revolving around her four children, husband Jo Bob Hille, a real fun-loving character, and lake friends in their cabin area of Boat and Bottle Cove at Grand Lake, Ketchum, OK. All of us who have lake experiences laughed together with Mary Ann and related our own stories with her. It was a delightful evening . Mary Ann also shared a second book is coming .

Lunch Club loves to meet for lunch and talk . The time always goes so quickly . This summer we chatted and dined at Full Moon Café on Cherry Street in May, The Brook on Peoria in June, The Local Table in July, no meeting in August, and Ella’s in September.

Restaurant Club thrived this summer in very good attendance . Sustainers met at Lucky’s on 15th Street in July. In August, a new restaurant, The Ridge Grill at 101st and Mingo, was the location. A bit of restaurant news is that Sustainer Francine Bandy’s son did the concrete floor during the renovation of this restaurant. The Garlic Rose in Brookside served as the September selection with the benefit of supporting the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma Food for Kid’s program during Restaurant Week.

JLT Sustainers are a wonderful and interesting group of women. Please stay connected this year by coming to sustainer activities.

Sincerely,

Sue Curry
Sustaining President

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Sustaining President

2010-2011
Sustaining Board

- Mary Alice Ahlgren
- Laurie Brumbaugh
- Robyn Cannon
- Sue Curry
- Ann Foster
- Dru Johnson
- Deborah Kurin
- Denise Piland
- Pam Rosser

Want to get involved in Sustainer Activities?

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Caroline Crain, Dale Roberson



Beverly Torr, Francine Bandy, Ann Foster



Denise Piland, Doris Brown, Nancy Daniel, Kris Lovely

August Restaurant Club



Jane Grimshaw, Doris Brown, Francine Bandy



Carla Gilbert, Tucky Hazen, Dale Roberson



Cathy Swadener, Ann Foster

September Book Club



Lynette Bennett-Danskin,
Mary Ann Hille (author), Judy Cairl



Erma Hensen (hostess),
Mary Ann Hille (author), Francine Bandy



Back: Annabel Jones & Debbie Luthey
Front: Laurie Brumbaugh, Mary Alice
Ahlgren and Earlene Gathright

September Restaurant Club



Caroline Crain, Beverly Torr, Carla Gilbert



Rita Foster, Ann Foster, Pam Rosser



Teresa Flusche, Jane Grimshaw

YOU as a Board Member....

Amy Greene, Corresponding Secretary

Favorite Thing about JLT: the friends I have made, and everything I have learned.

Hidden Talent: way boring...

but I can do calligraphy

Hobby: reading or painting,

shopping or organizing

Fact about me no one

knows: I wish I was a hip-

hop dancer/back up dancer

for pop stars.



Jenny Lizama, Treasurer Elect

Favorite Thing about

JLT: meeting so many

wonderful women

Fact about me no one

knows: held the 200 meter

dash record in high school

Hobby: gardening, even

though I'm not very good

at it

Favorite Place to Travel: back East to visit

family & friends



Sarah Dougherty, President

Favorite Thing about JLT: the

amazing and talented women

who dedicate their time

to build a better Tulsa and

improve our organization!

Favorite Placement:

Treasurer so far but starting

to think it is going to be President!

Hobby: COOKING!

Guilty Pleasure: Bravo TV, ice cream, pedicures

& massages



Ashleigh Bodeker, Financial VP

Favorite Thing about

JLT: the opportunity to

serve our community

with like-minded

women.

Favorite Placement: co-

chairing the American

Girl Fashion Show with Stephanie Long

Hobby: throwing my kids' birthday parties

Place to Travel: Garden City, South Carolina.



Abigail Prescott, Strategic Planning Chair

Favorite Thing about JLT: the relationships

I've made

Favorite Placement:

Council VP

Hidden Talent: ALL

my talents are nailed

to the shingle...

Fact about me no

one knows: I'm

claustrophobic



Jennifer Roberson, Treasurer

Bad Habit: I'm a

sugar addict

Hobby: JLT and

my kids

Favorite Place to

Travel: Mexico

Hidden Talent:

Former West Coast Swing Dancer

Movie: I have a favorite actor, TOM

HANKS. So almost any movie he played

in I love to watch.



Heather Duncan, President-Elect

Favorite Thing about JLT: the training

and Kim's caesar salad dressing

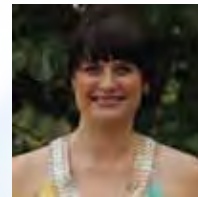
Favorite Beverage: grande non-fat

latte from Starbucks or a glass of cab

Hobby: reading and shoe shopping

Favorite Television Show: Modern

Family and M*A*S*H



Kim Smith, Community Programs VP

Favorite Thing about JLT:

making new friends

Guilty Pleasure: none, I

don't feel guilty when I

enjoy something!

Hobby: gourmet cooking

Song: Whip It! by Devo



Jordan Coffman, Recording Secretary

Favorite Thing about JLT: aside from making

a difference in our community, I love getting

to know other women

who have a heart for

making a difference in our

community.

Guilty Pleasure: Real

Housewives of Beverly

Hills or NYC

Hobby: anything creative,

cooking, reading

Song: I love anything by Elton John



Sutton Murray, Community VP

Favorite Thing about JLT: Meeting lots of new gals & making new friends
Hidden Talent: Obscure trivia
Hobby: Running & Tennis
Favorite Place to Travel: California and Italy.
Family goal: Visit every U.S. National Park



Alison Wade, Nominating Chair

Favorite Thing about JLT: The People
Favorite Placement: Nominating Chair
Guilty Pleasure: watching all seasons of Real Housewives on Bravo
Fact about me no one knows: broke same arm twice playing tennis as a child



Rita Burke, Membership VP



Favorite Thing about JLT: The people and what we do for the community
Favorite Placement: Holiday Market
Hobby: Reading, Going

to concerts, volunteering, traveling
Hidden Talent: Raising my right eyebrow?
I don't know that I have one really

Paula Settoon, Communications VP

Favorite Thing about JLT: Making good friends while doing something to make a better community.
Favorite Placement: Laura Dester
Hidden Talent: I think it's actually the opposite of a talent. I can't remember the lyrics to any song, so I usually just make them up.
Favorite Candy: Peanut M&Ms



2011 - 2012

Board Priorities

By Sarah Dougherty, President

Did you know the Board of Director positions are 18 month placements? During the Spring months, the incoming Board plans for the coming year while fulfilling their remaining current year responsibilities. This enables the Board to set priorities and goals for the coming year and ensures a smooth transition.

Cheryl Doellefeld Barth of Doellefeld Associates Inc. "Turning Potential Into Success!" facilitated the incoming Board Retreat in February. The board engaged in strategic planning and goal setting for the coming year. Ms. Barth conducted a training called "Your Best Year Yet" and was instrumental in leading the Board as a whole and as council teams to create goals that would move our organization into the future.

What was the starting point for the discussions about our priorities? Member feedback obtained through our speak-out meetings held each year. Each Board member reviewed the speak-out responses for the past three years to be educated on our members' desires for our organization.

As the Board discussed our vision of the League, our priority for the coming year became clear: our membership is our most vital asset. Viewing our membership as our "internal customer" we have embarked on a mission to serve our members by providing mission-based training and educational experiences that produce well-rounded volunteers. Our desire is for each member to be a true believer in our mission, values and causes. We want our members to feel connected, valued and respected. And we want to provide meaningful and empowering placement opportunities.

Exciting developments to come from this planning include the development of two new committees. The Member Development Committee, led by Chairwoman Mary Beth Nesser, and the Recruiting Committee, chaired by Katie Mabrey (See article on pages 12-13)

At the retreat, each council identified goals supported by measurable objectives that support our mission and the strategies and objectives identified in our 2009-2012 Strategic Plan. Some highlights from each council for the 2011-2012 League year include:

Community: providing a new provisional community project opportunity and two league-wide community projects open to all members

Communications: increasing JLT's external community marketing opportunities

Financial: Grow net fundraising revenue by 6.5%

Membership: develop a new member mentor program and a recruitment plan

You will also hear discussion and have opportunity for feedback on "issue based community feedback." Led by Strategic Planning Chair Abigail Prescott, this is an opportunity for us to drill down within our focus area of "Women and Children in Transition" and look for meaningful ways to create impact in our community while developing the leadership potential of our members with quality placements.

I affectionately refer to this group as "My Favorite Board" and am so thankful to have the opportunity to serve with them this year. I hope you find yourself inspired and encouraged by their leadership as we work together this year as "Women Building a Better Tulsa."

ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET FOR TULSA'S BEST HOLIDAY SHOPPING

With some new bells and whistles, the Junior League of Tulsa's Holiday Market is back and better than ever. It is Tulsa's premiere event for holiday shopping! This year's Holiday Market will run from November 4-6, 2011 at Central Park Hall at EXPO Square on the Tulsa Fairgrounds, located at 4503 East 21st Street.

Holiday Market is packed with the largest and most comprehensive holiday-themed shopping selections. Vendors from across the country will offer a unique selection of gifts, home and holiday décor, gourmet food, toys, apparel, jewelry, and more.

"I am always so excited for the JLT Holiday Market to get here. My mom from Fort Worth makes a special trip every year to come shop with me. We love the variety and quality of merchants. It is the perfect place to buy gifts for the holidays or just buy for ourselves," said member Stephanie Eckman (A).

This year, there are more than 90 vendors from across the country. "We pride ourselves on having one-of-a-kind and specialty items at our event," said Holiday Market Vendor



Chair, Maria Gaw. "You can find everything you need for your holiday shopping, all under one roof."

Sponsored by Miss Jackson's, this year's Preview Party has a new twist. The preview night will feature a walk down the red carpet, fashion show, food and drinks, and a designer raffle featuring items like delicate fur coats from Miss Jackson's. Preview party tickets are \$30 per person.

Holiday Market is not just about beating the holiday rush—shoppers can also delight in knowing they are helping the Tulsa area. Proceeds benefit JLT, its volunteer training and community programs. "Holiday Market is Junior League of Tulsa's largest annual fundraiser," said Holiday Market Chair, Ashley Farthing. "Proceeds raised from this fabulous three day shopping event go directly back into the community in a number of ways, more specifically, projects such as the Laura Dester Shelter and Harvest Market. Without the funding generated from this event, we would not be able to make an impact on our community like we do today."



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Holiday Market: Where It All Began

It was Spring 2006 when Janna Roberson, JLT President, asked Amy Greene to come to her office for a quick visit. With a big smile on her face, Janna asked, "Do you know about Affair of the Heart?" Amy's immediate answer was, "Of course! I love to shop!" And so began the Junior League of Tulsa's shopping experience known today as Holiday Market.



Kim Smith, Paula Setton, and Gaylyn Wattman

With just the document JLT's Financial Review Committee (FRC) had drafted for a Fundraiser Proposal, Amy started planning the single largest project she had ever done. On remembering her accomplishment, Amy said, "I am extremely proud of myself, my committee, the JLT Executive Board and, of course, the entire General Membership for what we accomplished that first year. I spent over 50 hours a week myself calling merchants, making lists upon lists, hundreds of emails every day, planning all the decorations with another JLT member, who wasn't even on my committee but brilliant, and constantly talking to the coordinator at our venue."

The name "Chic Boutique" was chosen for the event, and that first year it was to be held in the Spring because already seemed to be a lot of competition during the holiday season. Chic Boutique ended up taking place at the same time as another Junior League fundrais-

er, the American Girl Fashion Show. The following year, Chic Boutique, chaired by Susan Kenny, was held in the Fall alongside Decadance, a gala which featured a dinner and dessert competition. After hosting Chic Boutique a couple of years in conjunction with other fundraisers, JLT leadership decided it was time to make a big change. Not only would the name change, but also the venue and the focus.

In 2008, what had been known as Chic Boutique became Holiday Market, with a new logo and a large increase in the number of merchants. When asked what she remembered most, Holiday Market Chair Kim Smith said, "It was the year of firsts: the first time Holiday Market was the name, the first time it was at the Union Multipurpose Activity Center, the first time it was held during the holiday season, and the first time a commercial aired on cable TV

stations to promote it!"

Holiday Market Chair for 2009, Paula Setton, credits many of those same committee members for making that year's Holiday Market such a success. "I've been a member of the Junior

League of Tulsa for ten years, and I have never served on a committee like Holiday Market. It was one of the best experiences of my Junior League career." Paula had been Vice Chair for the 2008 committee and agreed to say on as Chair. Most of the members of the 2008 committee rolled over to the 2009 committee because they had made such strong connections to each other and to the event.

Holiday Market continues to grow and evolve. Last year's Chair, Rita Burke, and her committee took the event to a new level. Rita remembers, "It was really exciting to work with the committee that moved Holiday Market to a new venue in 2010. Re-locating to Central Park Hall at Expo Square enabled us to grow the number of merchants, shoppers, and revenue while also adding some new elements to the market. Serving on this committee for two years was a fantastic experience." Like the previous chairs, Rita credits a fabulous group of hard-working, energetic women who developed a fantastic event that further sets the stage for Holiday Markets to come.

While each former event chair acknowledges that the event takes an enormous amount of hard work, all believe she grew as a person because of the experience. Each is proud and grateful that JLT trusted her to continue the legacy of serving the Tulsa community through training members to be committed volunteers.



Belinda Hedgecock, Jana Roberson, Patty Lawson, & Amy Greene



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Community Corner

Harvest Market

The Harvest Market Committee partners with Global Gardens, a nonprofit organization, and Corner Hearth to teach cooking classes to families in nearby communities with. After touring Global Gardens and Harvest Market on their Provisional Bus Tour, so many new members were interested in the committee that it actually doubled to accommodate the membership. Now, more members will reach more of the community by teaching families how to cook nutritious meals on a budget through a hands-on approach and at the same time encouraging families to cut back on fast food meals and processed foods.



St. Francis Family Resource Library

Several years ago, the membership of the Junior League of Tulsa decided to create an accessible environment through which families of patients at the St. Francis Children's Hospital can obtain information about their child's medical condition and become informed participants in the health care process. In the final year of our partnership with St Francis, the committee has begun their transition by staffing the library in the evening and on the week-ends only. St Francis has taken over the daytime staffing of the library.



Impact

The Impact committee provides short-term volunteer assistance to 501(c)(3) organizations in the Tulsa community. This year the Impact committee has identified 13 projects designed to improve the Tulsa community.

October 2011:

- **McClure Elementary**— the Impact Committee will be purchasing Crockpots and attending their healthy eating cooking class.
- **Cooper Elementary**— JLT will be purchasing books for their March book event.
- **Youth at Heart League-Wide Volunteer Project**— Bowling with the kids in the Youth at Heart program every Saturday in October from 1pm-3pm at various Tulsa bowling alleys.
- **Down Syndrome Association of Tulsa**— their Buddy Walk is October 16 and we will be volunteering at the check-in table.
- **Owen Elementary**— the Impact Committee will be purchasing prizes and handing them out at their Fun Run on October 27

November 2011:

- **Hospitality House**— we will be purchasing items for baskets that will be handed out during the December event.
- **Mothers Group**— the Impact committee will be purchasing and wrapping books for the Santa Project event in December.

December 2011:

- **Hospitality House**— basket delivery to various hospitals for Night of Caring on December 1.
- **Mothers Group**— volunteering at the Santa Project December 3.
- **Down Syndrome Association of Tulsa**— purchasing small gifts and volunteering at the Christmas Brunch December 10.
- **Resonance**— hosting two holiday parties on December 13 & 15

2011-2012 Community Projects

Each year the Junior League of Tulsa (JLT) conducts in-depth research to identify critical emerging needs within our community and respond by developing projects to address those needs. Through collaboration with sponsoring agencies, intensive training of our membership, and direct service through volunteer hours and fund development, JLT strives to establish each community project as self-supporting before it is returned to its sponsoring agency for long-term implementation, usually within three years. This unique leadership model has allowed JLT to serve a vital role in the success of Tulsa's most prominent community agencies, such as Ronald McDonald House, Youth Services of Tulsa, Mayfest and the Francis Willard Home for Girls, while providing essential training for Tulsa's next generation of community volunteers. Current community projects of the Junior League of Tulsa include:

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YOU as a Provisional....

2011 Provisional Retreat

By BJ Weintraub

The annual provisional retreat was held at headquarters on Saturday, August 13, 2011. Our theme this year was Peace, Love and JLT! The day was jam-packed with activities. The incoming class attended breakout sessions to learn about the different committees on which they will place, followed by the famous bus tour of present community projects such as Harvest Market and the Laura Dester shelter. The Provisionals had the pleasure of being hosted by Sarah Dougherty, President, and Heather Duncan, President-Elect, who served as guides for the bus tour.

The highlight of the afternoon was listening to impromptu guest speaker, Frances Chandler (S) who was Junior League of Tulsa President in 1960-1961.

The day culminated with the placement scramble led by Rita Burke, Membership Council Vice-President.

Special thanks to the entire Provisional Committee (Mindee Ferland, Vice-Chair, Liaisons: Ruth Addison, Robyn Amberg, Meg Cardoni, Amanda Chalmers, Stephanie Currington, Elizabeth Edwards, Brooke Forgione, Ashli Rogers and Brooke Sturdivant) for organizing a tremendous retreat! Everyone had a great time and learned so much about our fabulous organization!

This year's Provisional class has many talented women whose ages range from 21-60. We have women who have lived in Tulsa all of their lives as well as some that have lived in Tulsa for only two months! We have attorneys, college professors,



party planners, financial planners, interior decorators, engineers, elementary teachers, stay-at-home mothers, and many TU, OSU, KU, OU and SMU graduates in this class. This is a diverse group that is sure to make things happen and will without a doubt make a difference in the Tulsa community!



Provisional Project

For this first meeting we kicked off the year announcing the 2011-2012 Provisional Project! NEW this year we are partnering with Rebuilding Together Tulsa to help one very special family. Kim Rolston from Rebuilding Together Tulsa shared pictures and video of past housing projects from her organization. In 1996-1997, Junior League of Tulsa actually established the Tulsa chapter of Rebuilding Together which was then called Christmas in April. We are currently having a supplies drive and collecting pennies for paint. We are in need of old paint brushes, old paint cups and latex gloves. In November, we will be having a gift card drive and collecting gift cards to help with decorating the family's home.



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New Committees Grow and Strengthen JLT

By Rita Burke (A)

As Tulsa's premiere training and volunteer organization for women, the Membership Council of Junior League of Tulsa focuses the cultivation and development of our most critical resource: our members. Each year, Membership Council committees serve JLT in many ways.

The Provisional Committee educates our newest members about JLT and prepares them to begin their commitment as active members in our organization. The Training & Education Committee provides mission-based training and educational experiences that produce well-rounded community volunteers. The Hospitality Committee ensures our General Membership Meetings and events are welcoming and comfortable. Our Placement Chair facilitates the committee placement process. The Membership Matters Committee provides social opportunities for our members to forge new friendships, meet other women who share their values, and have fun!

During the planning and preparation for the 2011-2012 League year, JLT leaders concluded that that two new committees were needed to better serve our organization. Junior League of Tulsa is pleased to welcome the Recruitment Committee and Member Development Committee to Membership Council.

"I am excited to see these new committees develop over the coming year. The chairs and members have wonderful ideas that will strengthen our organization!" Membership Council Vice President Rita Burke said.

JLT's Recruitment Committee, chaired by Katie Mabrey, will focus on recruiting women who share an interest in developing their potential and volunteering in the community. The committee will develop and execute a year-round recruitment plan, plan events, and educate potential members about JLT and the benefits of membership.

"This is a wonderful way to promote and market JLT to the community. We are already seeing early success with our largest provisional class in six years," said President Sarah Dougherty.

The Member Development Committee, chaired by MaryBeth Nesser, will mentor our active members to ensure they have a wonderful experience in our organization. The committee will celebrate our members and their contributions to our organization and the community. "Member Mentors" will reach out to active members to make sure they are enjoying their League experience.

"This committee was created for members by members. We want our membership to know we are here to provide support, counsel and guidance – anything to ensure members are having a fulfilling JLT journey," said Nesser.

Both committees have appointed members and the planning has already begun. The committees will build a foundation this year that will grow and making a lasting impact on JLT for years to come.

If you would like to refer a potential member, please email joinjlt@jltulsa.org.



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October

18 **Love Serve Lead**
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Shar McBee, author of
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19 **League-Wide
Training Opportunity**

22 **Youth at Heart
Bowling**

29 **Youth at Heart
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November

3-6 **Holiday Market**

16 **Annual Speak-Out
Meetings**

December

14 **Holiday Party &
Introduction of
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JLT Out & About



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