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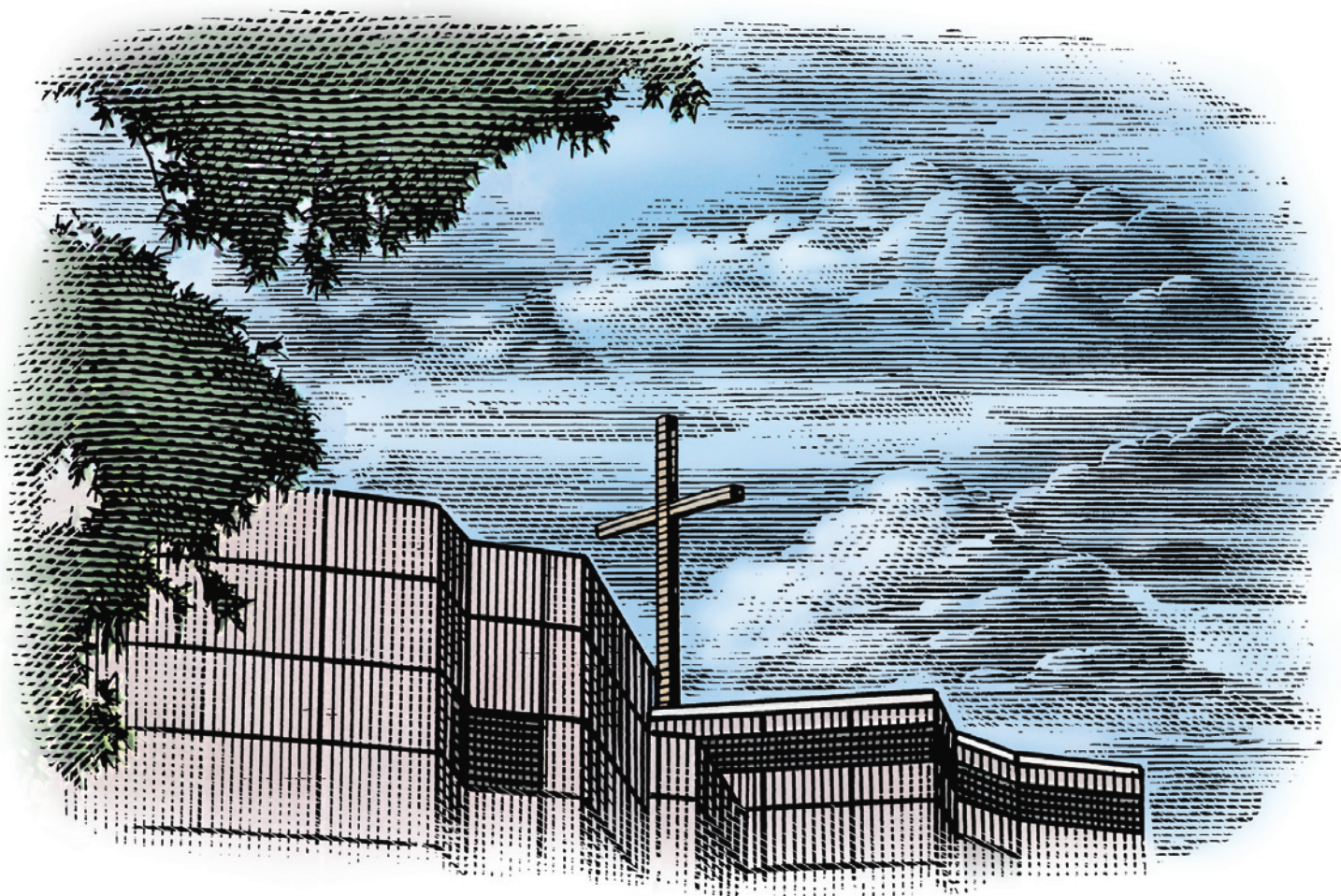
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EDITOR'S LETTER

Welcome to the fall issue of *gusher*! Fall is hands down my favorite time of the year. What's not to love about fall: crisp weather, football season, pumpkins, and of course, the start to a new year in Junior League. Fall is also the time where we acknowledge the beauty of change and all that we have to be thankful for. I am most thankful that I have the opportunity to serve as your *gusher* Chair for the 2013-2014 year, and with that, you will see new features and changes to the magazine in this issue. Our fabulous committee has been working extremely hard on the concept, content, and design of this magazine, and we hope you enjoy the new features and changes as much as we do!

This issue's feature story (and cover photo, courtesy of the brilliant Leslie Hoyt) is entitled "Now and Then." The cover photo and title are a call back to the 1995 film that chronicles the lives of four girls and how they transitioned into adulthood. Our story focuses on four pairings of Junior League of Tulsa members (mother/daughter; mother-in-law /daughter-in-law; grandmother/ granddaughter) and how our chapter has transitioned over the years, all told through the eyes of these eight individuals. Just like the girls in the movie and the women on the cover photo, the Junior League of Tulsa is family. It's a family that has seen its changes, and it's a family that has grown tremendously over the years. It is a place you can call "home."

My hope is that you feel at home reading this issue and that your fall season is full of fun and thanksgiving. Cheers to a new year in JLT and to each and every one of you!

JLT Love,

Jennifer Wyckoff
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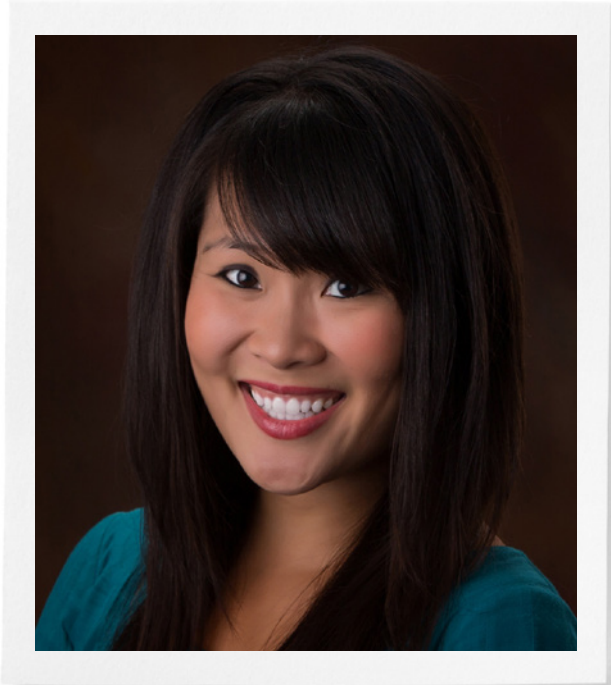


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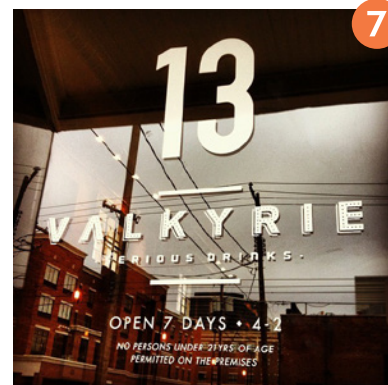
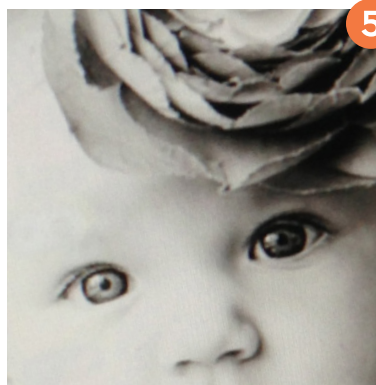


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From left to right: Kelly Karlovich, Carla Gilbert, Brooke Sturdivant, Barbara Sturdivant, Joan Stauffer, Shelby Stauffer, Connie Doverspike, and Jennifer Doverspike.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall has always been my favorite time of year. I've always felt like it is a time when everything old becomes new again. So much is happening...the school year starts, the leaves change, the weather is cooler, football season opens, and of course Junior League is back in full swing!

Things have kicked off with a bang this year. We have welcomed the largest Provisional Class in recent history. Over 110 women have joined us in our efforts to help us make Tulsa a better community. A special thanks to Marti Levinson and her amazing Recruitment Committee for working all spring to achieve this goal in record time! I know these ladies are in for a great Provisional Year with Kylie Olson and all the Liaisons. We LOVE the 90's!

Thanks in part to our growing membership numbers, we have launched two new community projects! We are partnering with the Philbrook Museum of Art, taking the My Museum project mobile to help reach children who won't make it to the museum. Chris Oden and her committee are excited to start the program at The Children's Hospital at Saint Francis this fall.

Jenger Baker is leading an all-star committee to partner with the Resonance Center for Women as our second new project. This team will be researching and then creating a business model for their Center's graduates. This model will allow Resonance clients to gain skills to return to the workforce while working at a company run by graduates of the program.

JLT is in the news! In magazines, in papers, online, and on TV...we are everywhere! Our Communications Council Committees are knocking it out of the park with articles, pictures, interviews, the *gusher*, and more. Before long, everyone in Tulsa will know who the Junior League of Tulsa is (and will know what a driving force we are!).

Holiday Market is right around the corner, December 5th through the 8th at Expo Square. I hope you have plans to be there. This is going to be an event you don't want to miss! Preview Party, Christmas and Croissants with John Brooks Walton, Cookies with Clauses, and more. This truly is your one-stop holiday shopping destination!

I am honored to be serving as your spokesperson and President this year, and I am humbled to watch the work being done each day by each of you! A wise person once told me that a pessimist sees the glass as half-empty. An optimist sees the glass as half-full. But a Junior League member finds someone who is thirsty to give the glass to. You are the ones making a difference in Tulsa. Thank you for all you do!



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Best,

Liz Brolick

Liz Brolick

2013-2014 PRESIDENT
Junior League of Tulsa

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our mission

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CORE VALUES

Community: It is the heart of all we do

Diversity: The synergy of different perspectives

Voluntarism: An essential component of our society

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Leadership: The development of individual potential

Respect: For our members' time, energy and skills

Collaboration: Forming partnerships and strategic alliances

Well-being: Physical, mental, emotional and social

SAVE THE DATE

Nov. 20 – General Meeting

Dec. 18 – Lattes with Liz

Nov. 25 – Libations with Liz

Jan. 15 – General Meeting

Dec. 5-8 – Holiday Market

Jan. 22 – Libations with Liz

Dec. 11 – General Meeting

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transitions

JUNIOR LEAGUE FAMILY NEWS



Brooke (A) and David Sturdivant welcomed Collins Page Sturdivant on January 10, 2013.

The Junior League of Tulsa (JLT) family wants to know what is happening in your life. Please take a moment to let us know about your important events, including:

- Birth Announcements
- Engagement or Wedding Announcements
- Condolences
- Special Community or Workplace Recognition
- Career Changes

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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: Kate Clark

How long have you been in Tulsa?
7 years
Where is your go-to place to shop?
J.Crew
What has been your favorite committee in JLT? Holiday Market since that's the only committee I've been on!
Three words to describe yourself? sarcastic, level-headed, and witty
What is the most exciting place you've ever traveled? Beijing for the 2008 Olympics
What other volunteer work have you done? Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, and Junior Achievement
What is your favorite restaurant in Tulsa? The Ridge
One word to describe Tulsa? emergent
What is the one item you can't leave home without? Burt's Bees Chapstick
Who's your celebrity crush? Jack Dorsey (CEO of Twitter)



Active: TJ Warren

How long have you been in Tulsa?
11 years ago last May!
Where is your go-to place to shop?
On a Whim
What has been your favorite committee in JLT? So far the CPDC Committee is focusing on several groups that could benefit from partnering with JLT.
Three words to describe yourself? sincere, empathetic, and warm
What is the most exciting place you've ever traveled? Hawaii
What other volunteer work have you done? Tulsa Boy's Home, Junior Achievement, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and volunteered/fundraised for Mannford fire victims, among other relief efforts
What is your favorite restaurant in Tulsa? Juniper
One word to describe Tulsa? Charming
What is the one item you can't leave home without? iPhone and lip gloss – equal importance
Who's your celebrity crush? Adam Levine



Sustainer: Carla Gilbert

How long have you been in Tulsa?
40 years
Where is your go-to place to shop?
Chico's, Steinmart, and Saks
What has been your favorite committee in JLT? Civic Affairs
Three words to describe yourself?
content, giving, and fun
What is the most exciting place you've ever traveled? Majorca, Spain
What other volunteer work have you done? political, church, and Day Center for Homeless
What is your favorite restaurant in Tulsa? Stonehorse Cafe
One word to describe Tulsa? on-the-go
What is the one item you can't leave home without? credit card
Who's your celebrity crush? George Clooney



Board Member: Whitney Mathews (Membership Council VP)

How long have you been in Tulsa?
10 years
Where is your go-to place to shop?
Target, Fleet Feet, and Collins Midtown Liquor
What has been your favorite committee in JLT? Chairing Holiday Market
Three words to describe yourself? tall, quiet, and sarcastic... emphasis on the sarcastic!
What is the most exciting place you've ever traveled? Las Vegas with a handful of JLTers!
What other volunteer work have you done? Designer Showcase and Tulsa Tough
What is your favorite restaurant in Tulsa? Desi-Wok
One word to describe Tulsa? primed
What is the one item you can't leave home without? two-year-old, unfortunately
Who's your celebrity crush? Ira Glass



The BEST of TULSA

Each issue your friendly *gusher* Committee will give you their top picks for living life in Tulsa. From food, to cocktails, to hotspot locations, these ladies have the scoop on where to go and where to be in the Oil Capital of the World.

BOUTIQUE: Tag at Brookside is my favorite boutique in Tulsa. They carry the most up-to-date fashion and at a FANTASTIC price. You can't go wrong. And to top it off, the owner and staff of the boutique are pleasant and extremely helpful. Every time I visit the boutique I feel welcome and enjoy my visit. I would recommend this boutique to anyone who wants great fashion at a great price! – **Amanda Alvarez**



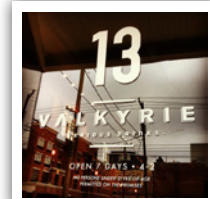
BAKERY: For a sweet afternoon treat stroll to Antoinette's Bakery located in Brookside. Get lost in the endless choices of irresistible and unique pies, cakes, tarts, breads, and bite-sized goodies almost too pretty to devour. Their most requested treats are the macarons made in over 40 flavors and sporting a variety of vivid colors, my favorite being the chocolate espresso! Be sure to invite a friend to share in the indulgence. – **Ann Boyd**



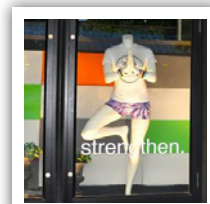
RESTAURANT: Waterfront Grill, located in South Tulsa. With a great atmosphere inside and out and views overlooking the river, this is the best place to dine in Tulsa. Favorites on the menu include the Cucumber Martini and the Chicken Stir Fry. All the food is fresh and delicious. You will be pleased with anything you order. – **Katie Zoretic**



COCKTAIL: The Bee's Knees most certainly lives up to its name. Made with gin, honey, and real lemon juice, this refreshing cocktail is sure to please your palate. Head to Valkyrie in the Brady District where you can order this delicious drink with an oversized icecube! – **Jennifer Wyckoff**



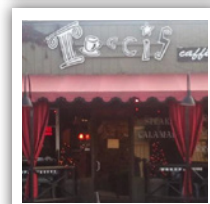
FITNESS: Salt Yoga. This beautiful studio is located right in the heart of Utica Square and has the perfect amount of radiant heat. It's hot, but not so hot that you want to melt. These small and intimate classes fill up quickly, so get there early to secure a space. Can't miss instructor: Ayngel - she leads you through a flow that's sure to get your heart pumping! – **Laura Swan**



HAPPY HOUR: My favorite Tulsa Happy Hour spot is Vintage 1740 located near 18th & Boston. They feature an eclectic mix of wine, beer, and cocktails, and their offerings change seasonally so there is always something new to try. Their intimate and cozy indoor setting as well as their outdoor patio make it a great place to relax with a cocktail, no matter rain or shine. – **Holly Payne**



RESTAURANT: Honestly I can't say enough about Tucci's Café Italia on 15th Street. The vibe, patio, food, drinks, and service are exceptional. You get a delicious Lemonata Salad before each meal along with their bread, which is to die for. I love the Pasta Primavera, although the lasagna comes in a very close second. It's perfect for a romantic date night, a night out with friends, or just a quick lunch. – **Kara Fleege**



COOKING

with **JLT**

The "Official Cookbook of Tulsa," *Oil & Vinegar* is an emulsion of recipes from Junior League members, friends, and families. Known as the "Oil Capital of the World" nearly a century ago, Tulsa lured thousands of people seeking to strike it rich. These ambitious families brought a variety of traditions, legacies, and dreams, creating a culinary melting pot so beautifully depicted in this collection.

Copies of *Oil & Vinegar* are available for \$24.95 plus tax and can be purchased by calling the Junior League of Tulsa office at 918-663-6100.



OIL CAPITAL CHICKEN FLORENTINE

- 1 (10-oz) packages frozen chopped spinach, cooked, drained
- 16 oz cream cheese, softened
- 3 cups milk
- 2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- 4 cups shredded cooked chicken breasts
- 2 cups cooked rotini
- bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spread the spinach in a greased 9x13-inch baking dish. Beat the cream cheese in a medium bowl until smooth and fluffy. Add the milk gradually, beating constantly until smooth and creamy. Add the cheeses, salt, paprika, and garlic powder and mix well.

Pour half the cheese mixture over the spinach and layer evenly with the chicken and pasta. Spread the remaining cheese mixture over the top and sprinkle with the bread crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serve with crusty bread and a fruit salad.

SERVES 8

PROVISIONAL RETREAT

by Holly Payne



August marked the 2013-2014 Provisional Class' first experience with Junior League of Tulsa. The weekend kicked off with a social on Friday evening, August 16th, at Dilly Deli, which provided an opportunity for the Provisionals to get to know one another in a casual setting before the retreat the next day. The retreat for the 90th Provisional Class, held on Saturday, August 17th, had a fitting 90's theme. The Provisional Liaisons greeted the 114 new members in 90's attire and kicked off the day with a video based off the "Friends" theme song with the message that Provisional Liaisons will "be there for you" during their Provisional year.

Throughout the day, the Provisional Class learned about

JLT and its mission and values. Additionally, the new members were given opportunities to get to know each other and socialize during ice breakers and activities. A highlight of the day was a bus tour to some of the Community Project sites. Provisionals visited the Harvest Market not-for profit grocery store in West Tulsa as well as the Laura Dester Children's Shelter. During the



visits, they received tours and learned more about JLT's impact on these organizations in the community. Following the tours, the Provisional Class received an overview of the various committee opportunities for the year. After hearing from the committee chairs, they then made their selections for their committee placement. After learning more about JLT and what to expect their Provisional year, the retreat came to a close.

Thanks to Provisional Chair Kylie Olson and the Provisional Liaisons (Lauren Bradley, Michelle Dickason, Tori Ford, Chelsey Gobbo, Brittany Guest, Maggie Robinson, Alex Holder, Lauren Landwerlin, Leslie Lewis, Carly McKeon, Anna Smith, Jessica Weeks, and Stephanie Wheet) for putting together a memorable weekend to kick off the 90th Provisional Class' JLT experience.



HOLIDAY MARKET

by Kara Fleege

Get into the holiday spirit while shopping at the Junior League of Tulsa's 8th annual shopping event. If you're looking for unique apparel, accessories, home décor, and gourmet food, you'll find it! With an expected 100+, merchants there's something for everyone.

"The 2012 Holiday Market Committee certainly set the bar high, and the 2013 committee has its work cut out to produce another successful event. We are excited to bring our upscale shopping experience to Tulsa during the first weekend in December. Our goals this year include hosting 120+ merchants, 6,000 shoppers, and raising \$125,000," said Holiday Market Chair, Margaret King.

The Holiday Market Committee has worked countless hours to make sure that Holiday Market is once again a hit with the shoppers as well as the merchants. All monies raised during this event help to fund the Junior League of Tulsa's many community projects. It's time to shop for a great cause!

SPECIAL TICKETED EVENTS

Tinsel and 'Tini's Preview Party
Thursday, Dec. 5th 6 pm-9 pm
The Holiday Market Committee

is very excited about this special event. Come be the first to shop at Holiday Market, drink JLTini's, eat hors d'oeuvres, buy tickets for the designer raffle, participate in the wine pull, and mingle with friends. JLT is also capping off their 90th year and kicking off their 91st with a birthday celebration you won't want to miss. It's a great night out with something for everyone!

Christmas and Croissants Brunch

Friday, Dec. 6th 9 am-10 am
John Brooks Walton, noted Tulsa architect and author, will be the guest speaker for Christmas and Croissants. He will be sharing his love of Tulsa architecture and history while guests enjoy breakfast and mimosas. You may just see photos of JLTers from the past during the presentation! Mr. Walton will also be signing his books after the presentation, and you will also be able to shop around afterward.

Cookies with the Clauses

Sunday, Dec 8th 1 pm-3 pm
Bring your kids or friends out Sunday to get that yearly picture with Santa and decorate cookies with the Jolly Old Man himself! Make sure you're not on that naughty list!

EVENTS DURING GENERAL ADMISSION

Tinsel for Teachers

Friday, Dec. 6th 4 pm-7 pm
To thank those who are shaping the future, teachers are invited to come shop on Friday afternoon. With a valid school district ID, teachers, administrators, and support staff will receive complimentary general admission. The first 50 lucky educators will receive a swag bag with gift cards and coupons.

Merry for Military

Saturday, Dec. 7th 9 am-6 pm
To honor those who protect and serve the home of the free, military families are invited to shop all day Saturday. With a valid military ID, active duty military, veterans, and their family members will receive complimentary general admission in observance of Pearl Harbor.

NEW THIS YEAR:

Husband Parking

Some spouses may not find the shopping extravaganza that Holiday Market offers nearly as wonderful as the shopper. For these patient souls, there is a place to cozy up and watch some football. Otherwise known as a "Man Cave," there will be a comfortable place to keep one's spouse from trying to rush home to watch the big game.



Shopping Docents

Need help making purchasing decisions? We can help with a personal guide through Holiday Market. Did you shop around and see things you'd like to receive for Christmas? Make your wish list and have your loved one come see one of our Shopping Docents!

Gift Card Pull

Enjoy the thrill of making a purchase and potentially doubling your money? Shoppers will have the opportunity to participate in a gift card pull throughout the weekend. A limited number of gift cards will be available each day of Holiday Market. Shoppers will receive a gift card for at least the value of their donation. All proceeds benefit the Junior League of Tulsa.

Christmas Door Decor

Too busy to make the latest Pinterest door decoration? Purchase a decorated frame at Holiday Market! Proceeds benefit the Junior League of Tulsa.

HOLIDAY MARKET REVENUE HISTORY

<i>Year</i>	<i>Net Revenue Raised</i>
2007	\$10,616
2008	\$40,289
2009	\$41,490
2010	\$50,182
2011	\$53,862
2012	\$55,281
Total	\$251,720

2013 HOLIDAY MARKET TOP TEN "MUST-SEE" MERCHANTS

- Casually Cashmere*
- Shawls by Barrett*
- Stirling's Flowers*
- Fox Lane Pearls*
- Ellen J Gifts and Jewelry*
- The Party Darling*
- Tawnini Boutique*
- Amaranth Collection*
- Amber Marie & Company*
- The Hamlet*

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RESONANCE COMMITTEE

by Laura Swan

The Resonance Center of Tulsa describes itself as an “organization that has been helping women break the cycle of addiction while providing alternatives to punitive measures.” The Junior League of Tulsa is an “organization of women committed to developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.” Given their similar goals, it is no surprise that Junior League of Tulsa and Resonance Center have partnered in multiple activities in the past, but this year the Resonance Committee has important goals: 1) develop a plan for a self-sustaining business in order to give non-violent female offenders relevant job skills after a period of incarceration and 2) offer employment options for women participating in a substance abuse program in lieu of incarceration.

Jenger Baker, committee Chair, has a passionate belief in the women of the Resonance Center, combined with the skillset necessary to lead this project to a successful conclusion. As a former educator and eight-year League member, Baker is a key component to the outcome of this ambitious undertaking. Together with her committee,

handpicked for their diverse backgrounds, they will spend their time constructing a viable business plan and identifying local “second-chance friendly”

“For these women, securing employment is difficult. Some have felony convictions. Most, if not all, face many barriers...”

companies in order to provide more options for the women enrolled in the program.

“What we are finding in our early research is that placement is key to the success of this program. Some women may thrive in the small business setting, and others may need a different environment. We have already started identifying companies that are willing to give these women a chance in spite of their previous records,” said Baker.

At the conclusion of the year, the committee will present their plans to Diedra Kirtley, former JLT President and current Executive Director of the Resonance Center. In the meantime, planning is still in its infancy, and the committee is open to ideas from the entire League. In September, Baker addressed those in attendance at

the first general meeting:

“For these women, securing employment is difficult. Some have felony convictions.

Most, if not all, face many barriers such as lack of skills, transportation, child care, and an ever-changing daily schedule due

to random drug testing, required counseling, and court appearances. Few employers afford employees the flexibility to work around these barriers, especially in entry level positions. As a result, few employment options are available for these women. However, studies show that securing employment within 30 days of release substantially reduces the odds of recidivism... With the expertise, knowledge, and resources each of you have, we would be remiss if we didn't ask for your input. Any, and all ideas are welcome. We want to leave no stone unturned. Our goal is simple. We just want to be able to help as many women as possible.”

COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

2013-2014

by Holly Payne

The Community Advisory Board is comprised of community leaders with a variety of professional and personal experience. Their role is to advise the Junior League Board regarding current community programs, strategic directions, and special events. In addition, the Community Advisory Board brings unique perspectives, drawing from corporate, non-profit, and entrepreneurial expertise. We look forward to introducing the 2013-2014 Community Advisory Board to our community partners and programs and to annual JLT events including Holiday Market, the Mentorship Luncheon, and Spring Gala.

As the Junior League of Tulsa celebrates its 90th year, we are pleased to present the 2013-2014 Community Advisory Board:

VICTORIA BARTLETT, *City of Tulsa Appointee*

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NOW & THEN

the Junior League Legacy

by Amanda Alvarez

Meeting times, dress code, and age of members. These are all topics that came up several times when asked, "What has changed since you joined the Junior League?" But the answer that came up the most was the change in the membership process.

For many years new members had to be nominated by an active member who would then sponsor them throughout their membership. Once a new member was nominated and seconded they were notified that they had been accepted into the League. This was a highly respected and a time-honored tradition that some Leagues still utilize. However, Tulsa is not one of those Leagues. In today's JLT, all are welcomed who would like to join, which is especially nice to those who are new to Tulsa and would not be able to join if they needed someone to nominate them.

To take a look at how JLT has changed over the years, I met and interviewed several family duos that are currently in JLT. From Sustaining members to Provisionals, all were ready to compare their experiences. The result? There are fantastic and accomplished women in JLT, and there is no doubt that the tradition of serving in JLT will continue in these families, as well as many others, for years to come!

Barbara and Brooke Sturdivant

Barbara Sturdivant joined Junior League in 1972 and has since served the league in both Tulsa, OK and Dallas, TX.

Why did you join Junior League: "I was interested in meeting people and serving the community."

Placements: Research and Resource, Advisory Planning, Philbrook Library, Provisional, Executive Committee (Treasurer and President), just to name a few!

Favorite Placement: "My favorite

would have to be President of Tulsa Style."

How has League changed since you joined: "The age of membership and the way in which you became a member. The average age of League members when I first joined was 22 to 40, and the women were typically sustaining around 40 years old. But the biggest difference was the way in which you become a member. When I joined, it was more 'secret' and everyone had to have a sponsor to join."

How has the League impacted your life: "I am more knowledgeable about the community and its needs, I am more confident in myself and abilities and therefore take more risks and step out of my comfort zone, and I have developed friendships that have been very important. It also gave me a great appreciation for the Tulsa community and opened doors for me to serve the community."

Favorite Memory: "There are too many to single out one, but the friendships are the greatest memory as they have been strong and lasting."

Why did you encourage your daughter-in-law to join: "When Brooke and my son were moving to Tulsa, I encouraged her to join the League as I saw a lot of potential in her and knew she would do well in League."

Brooke Sturdivant joined Junior League in 2010 after she moved to Tulsa with her husband in late 2009 from Oklahoma City.

Why did you join Junior League: "My mother-in-law had been involved and loved her time in League, so I thought it would be a good way to meet friends and learn more about the town in which I'd become a part of, but also to become part of a tradition to my new family as well."

Placements: "I have served on the Spring Gala (Denim and Diamonds) committee and was a Provisional Liason last year. During the past few

years I also double placed several years on the St. Francis Library and Harvest Market/Kids in the Kitchen committees as well. I am the Marketing Chair this year so if you see me taking lots of pictures at the meetings, you will know why."

What inspired you from your mother-in-law's experiences with League: "I have learned so much from her as I compare and contrast our League experiences. She talks about how League used to be and how they accomplished so much."

What is your favorite memory from League: "It would have to be the Rebuild Tulsa Provisional Project. Having volunteered at both houses, I find that this partnership between JLT and Rebuilding Tulsa is one that does exactly what we aspire to do in our mission statement: we literally help to build a better Tulsa!"

Connie and Jennifer Doverspike

Connie Doverspike joined Junior League of Tulsa in 1996.

Why did you join Junior League: "I was looking for a way to become active in the community. I wanted to be a part of an organization that empowered women and gave us a chance to make a difference in our community. This organization truly opens doors for women in Tulsa, as well as the many other cities around the country with Leagues."

Placements: "I have served on many committees but to name a few, I served on Headquarters, Financial Council, Communications, Blooming Deals, and on the Board of Directors as the Strategic Planning Committee Chair.

What was your favorite placement: "Through the years I have had many wonderful placements, but my current activity is my favorite. I am an active founding member of the Sustainer Book Club and enjoy it very much. We have been running for 8 years!"

Why did you encourage your daughter-in-law to join: "I love JLT and encourage many women to join so of course I encouraged Jennifer as well. I knew she would be a great addition to the group and I am glad she has joined."

Jennifer Doverspike is currently a Provisional this year as she just moved to Tulsa.

Why did you join Junior League: "I have met many women in Tulsa, from church, from my husband's work, from other volunteer projects, and parents of my husband's childhood friends. All of whom I have admired. Turns out, most of them are Junior League members! This was definitely encouraging for me and pushed me to join. That along with my grandmother's encouragement, of course."

Placements: "I am currently on the IMPACT Committee for my Provisional placement and am enjoying it very much. I am also really looking forward to the opportunity to work with the Laura Dester Committee."

What inspired you from your mother-in-law's experiences with League: "I have been lucky to witness her serve in many different roles within Junior League, and this has only encouraged my passion for volunteerism. I wanted to join a group of women who have drive and love for their community, and that is what I have found with the Junior League of Tulsa."

Carla Gilbert and Kelly Karlovich

Carla Gilbert joined Junior League in 1965 in Fort Worth, TX, and has since moved to Tulsa and served in the Tulsa community.

Why did you join Junior League: "My mother enticed me to join! I laugh when I say that because I grew up knowing and appreciating the work she did in Tulsa and later in Fort Worth. She informed me when I was being proposed, and I was thrilled when I was invited. Back in the day, a girl was proposed and seconded and had to be approved before joining the League."

Favorite Placement: "It would have to be working with the underprivileged children at South Haven. I felt I had a personal impact on the children, teachers and the parents. But if you want the most fun memory, then it was definitely the Golf Tournament that we sponsored at Southern Hills Country Club, and we all wore those

cute little red skirts. One year I was sent to the mall to hand out flyers, and I had to wear "Bogie," the golf ball outfit, and we laughed the entire time! The head kept falling off or tilting. But I got to meet Bob Hope and Pat Boone!"

How has League changed since you joined: "The work is different because there are different needs, but the commitment from the young people is pretty much the same."

How has League impacted your life: "Both my mother and step mother were also in League so being able to have that connection has always been important to me. My mother became ill with terminal cancer, and one of our last conversations was about the Junior League. She told me she didn't care if I was indigent, that I was always supposed to pay my Junior League dues! Through the years I have laughed about that, but it just tells you how important it was in her life. I know that she would be proud that her granddaughter has now followed the same path, and we both always pay our dues!"

Kelly Karlovich, Carla's daughter, joined the Junior League of Tulsa in 2008.

Why did you join Junior League: "I always knew I would join Junior League one day. My mom was active when I was growing up, and I knew that my grandmother as well as my step grandmother had been active as well. I loved that my family had such a strong history with the League."

Placements: "I have served on the Global Gardens, Denim and Diamonds, Headquarters and Laura Dester committees."

What was your favorite placement: "It would have to be Denim and Diamonds because I not only gained friends but it also pushed me out of my comfort zone by soliciting donations for the gala. Never in a million years did I think I could ask for donations, but with encouragement from my committee chairs, I secured several that year."

What inspired you from your mother's experiences with League: "The way my mom would talk about the League."

She also said that her experiences in League made her a better leader, and once I joined I could definitely see why she said this. My experiences have made me a better leader, and I have been able to apply these skills to other areas of my life as well."

Joan and Shelby Stauffer

Joan Stauffer joined the Junior League of Tulsa in 1959.

Why did you join Junior League: "I saw my friends join and doing things that benefitted the community, and I wanted to be a part it!"

Placements: "I have served on the Community Arts, Nominating, Admissions and Finance committees, but I have also served as a board member as well. I have served as Vice President and President."

How has League changed since you joined: "You used to have to be sponsored and proposed to join the League. If you sponsored someone then you were responsible for that person during their time in League. Also, we never had evening meetings."

Why did you encourage your granddaughter to join: "I just hope Shelby enjoys her time in League as much as I did."

Shelby Stauffer joined the Junior League of Tulsa in 2012.

Why did you join Junior League: "I wanted to join an organization that actively gave back to the community in which I live in. I have also heard many great stories from my grandmother which encouraged me to join."

Placements: "I have served on the Laura Dester and Holiday Market committees. I am currently the Placement Vice Chair for Member Development."

What inspired you from your grandmother's experiences with League: "My grandmother has many stories to tell about her time in League so it's hard to pinpoint one in particular. However, it was the way she spoke about not only giving back to the community but also the friendships she made during her time in League that was truly inspiring."

Hello, Sustainers!



This gusher issue is about Now and Then. When the Sustainer Engagement Committee kicked this idea around from the Sustainer perspective we thought about several things. We remember when being a Sustainer was basically involving social events before there were the clubs. In 2005, the Dinner Club started, 2006 the Book Club, and then several years later in 2009, the Lunch Club. Now, in 2013, we have added the Catch Up Over Cocktails Club. Interest groups such as these keep us connected to those we have served with but have also created connections across generations. That has been an added bonus!

We also remember the evolution of “when” you could go Sustaining. It was either at a certain age or after a certain number of years served. Those numbers have moved around to fit the needs of the women of those times, just as it is doing so now. Once upon a time you had to have served at least 10 years, another time it was 3 years or 40 years old, now it is 7 years of service. We have discovered that as the ages broaden within the Sustainer membership, so do interests and desires. A variety of clubs, events/parties, and day vs. night availability are all needed to keep us engaged.

The fact that JLT can move and change alongside the needs of their members is reflective of the League as a whole and their promise to growth. May we always be considered “current” no matter which level of membership we are in...Provisional, Active, or Sustainer!

Sincerely;

Mary Alice Ahlgren

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Sustainer Engagement Committee Chair

Welcome to the 2013-14 JLT year! Your Sustainer Advisory Board has made some changes. First, we have a name change, and we have now become the Sustainer Engagement Committee. I, as our representative, am attending the monthly JLT Membership Committee meeting. The first meeting was very interesting and informative. I was able to give some historic information, and they were able to help us enlarge the Sustainer Engagement Committee to include some women who have gone Sustaining within the last several years.

Another change is that we are adding a new club! This will be the “Catch Up Over Cocktails” Club, coordinated by Leslie Frazier. The first meeting will be October 23rd, and at that time those attending can help decide what day of each month will be the best for those interested. Keep your eye out for the JLT Facebook page and Sustainer e-Blast for information on time and location!

For events/parties, we have decided to have two rather than three. It seems so difficult to schedule a Holiday Party in December with so many competing events. We will have one event/party in the fall and another in early spring. This will help our finances stretch further so we can bring the cost of the event/party down a bit. This way, we hope more of you can attend!

2013-2014 SUSTAINER ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Laurie Brumbaugh
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SUSTAINER UPDATE

JLT WEBSITE: It's easy to access the Member Login section of the JLT website (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!



OPPORTUNITY

IMPACT committee has requested Sustainers to come help! They need additional volunteers for a project on November 18th from 9:30-2pm for the Crosstown Learning Center Old Bags Fundraiser.

If you are willing, please contact Jennifer Walling at jenniferwalling@hotmail.com.

ACTIVITIES

THE BOOK CLUB

November: *The Remains of the Day*
by Kazuo Ishiguro

December: Holiday Party
No book

LUNCH CLUB (subject to change)

November: Cheesecake Factory
December: Juniper

DINNER CLUB (subject to change)

November: The Tropical
December: Polo Grill

INVOLVED?

*Want to get involved
in Sustainer Activities?*

Book Club
Third Tuesday each month
Annabel Jones, (918) 629-7522
ajones@samson.com

Lunch Club
First Wednesday each month
Robyn Cannon, (918) 298-7753
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Dinner Club
Second Monday each month
Ann Foster, (918) 694-6118
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Dues for the coming year are as follows:

Active Member Dues.....	\$175
Sustainer Dues.....	\$100
Sustainer Dues – over 65 years of age.....	\$75
Sustainer Dues – over 80 years of age.....	\$0

**If you would like to make a gift to the JLT endowment, make note of this generous gesture here:*

I would like to donate \$_____ to the JLT Endowment.

I would like to make this gift in honor or memory of:

Step 2: Stay in touch

Stay in touch with JLT and provide updated contact information, including adding an email address. (While email correspondence might not always be the easiest way to stay informed, it is the least expensive and most timely.)

_____ *Check here if your address is incorrect on the gusher.*

If incorrect, advise us of changes here:

_____ *Check here if you do not want to receive updates from JLT via email.*

Preferred email address:

Please share your contact number for the JLT directory:

Step 3: Stay connected

_____ Check here if you are interested in getting involved with a committee or task force. A member will contact you for more information and your areas of interest.

Thank you for supporting the Junior League of Tulsa.

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