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from the editor...

It's so beautiful to look around Tulsa and see everything turn to green with pops of bright colors. Spring brings to mind thoughts of new growth, blooms, and a fresh start. With that also comes the time to wind down our "JLT year" and look forward to the next one—a very special new year. Next year, the Junior League of Tulsa will celebrate its 90th birthday! The *gusher* committee would like to take this year and this time to reflect on what the Junior League of Tulsa has meant to our community. That's why this issue is dedicated to our past, our present, and our future.

Looking to our past, you will read a first-hand account from past president Ann LaGere. It's a fascinating article that remembers a very unique time in our history and just how the Junior League of Tulsa fit in. For the present, get ready to get up close and personal with JLT. Our Treasurer Jennifer Roberson breaks down all the numbers. And if you're curious what members themselves have to say about the Junior League, then you'll want to read what was said at this year's member "speakouts." Lastly, a look to our future of course lies through the eyes of our provisionals and provisionals to come. Do you remember what it was like being a provisional? Why did you initially join the Junior League of Tulsa? Find out what appealed to Provisional Christina Clayton that has her looking forward to more years to come for JLT.

In my opinion, this is THE issue to learn about all things Junior League of Tulsa. Whether you've been a member for ten years, you just joined, you're thinking about joining, or you're curious as to who we are, we feel this issue has something for everyone. With nearly 90 years under our belt, there's no doubt our history is rich, our present is amazing, and our future is bright – just as bright as the colorful azaleas spring brought with it at Woodward Park.

Sincerely,

Tracy Guara

Tracy Guara
Editor 2011-2012



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Letter from the President

“It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.”

This quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson makes me reflect about the rewards of volunteering. April was National Volunteer Month and gave us a chance to pause and celebrate our membership and the accomplishments of our organization. Voluntarism is at the heart of what it means to be a Junior League member. And for 89 years, our members have set the standard for promoting voluntarism in our community, a critical aspect of our mission.

We often talk about the power of the trained Junior League volunteer and how it can be seen in so many ways in our community. Our membership is full of dedicated women who don't limit themselves with a committee description or accepted norms. They have a heart for service and that desire leads to accomplishments we should all admire and appreciate.

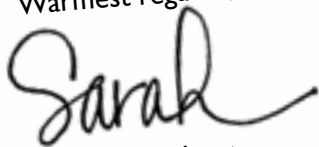
We celebrate and recognize our Denim & Diamonds committee, who just concluded the most successful Denim & Diamonds' fundraiser in our history. Our chairwoman Kristal Sack and her team of 30 devoted volunteers elevated the event to a new status in our community and raised much needed funds to continue the great work we do. What an inspiration it was to work with such a fantastic group of volunteers.

We are preparing for the May launch of the new Zarrow Center for Art and Education after two years of diligent work on the part of our members in collaboration with the Gilcrease Museum and the University of Tulsa. That is definitely something to celebrate!

I think the Junior League of Tulsa's voluntarism can be summed with this year's theme Love, Serve, Lead. We have a heart for our community. We love Tulsa and the people we serve and lead. Our members have rolled up their sleeves and worked tirelessly to improve this community we love so much. And in the past 89 years I would submit we have impacted Tulsa in a bigger way than any other organization.

Let's enjoy this time to celebrate our accomplishments and reflect on what it means to be a volunteer. Thank you to all the incredible women of JLT who are building a better Tulsa. We could not do it without you.

Warmest regards,



Sarah Dougherty
2011-2012 President

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Sarah Dougherty
President
2011-2012



Women Building a Better Tulsa

Mission Statement

The Junior League of Tulsa, Inc.,
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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.

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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

Leadership: The development of individual potential

Respect: For our members' time, energy and skills

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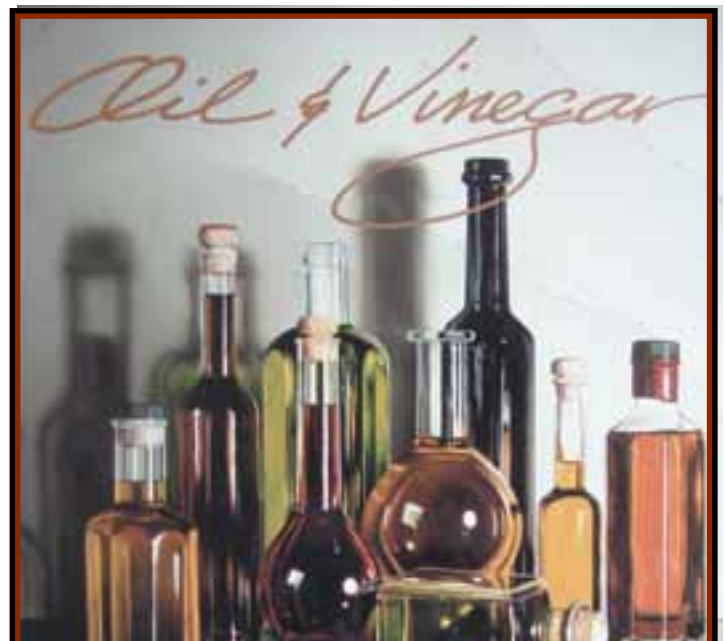
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Transitions

Engagements

Christina Clayton (P)
to Blair Frederick
on October 25, 2011.



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,
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Achievements

Ashley Farthing (A), Farthing Events LLC, was honored by The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at it's "Tulsa's New Leaders" benefit April 5, 2012. Honorees exemplify leadership qualities, are active in volunteer roles and contribute to the Tulsa business community.

Connie Doverspike (S) will chair RSVP's Fourth Annual Denim to Diamonds, July 28, 2012 at The Hard Rock Casino Event Center. Connie serves on the Board of Directors for RSVP.

Condolences

Sustainer Emeritus **Eleanore Reed**
passed away on January 9, 2012.

Sustainer **Janie Funk's** mother, Mary Jo Stiles,
passed away on January 28, 2012.

Sustainer **Peggy Helmerich's** husband and Sustainer **Janell Helmerich's** father-in-law, Walt Helmerich III,
passed away on January 10, 2012.

Past President **Sharon Sawyer's** mother, Thelma Smith,
passed away on February 11, 2012.

Sustainer Emeritus **Marion Neblett**
passed away on February 26, 2012.

Sustainers **Anne Bodley Rupe** and **Kay Bodley Holmes's** brother passed away on March 24, 2012.

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May

9 Annual Meeting
at Gilcrease Museum

12-15 Zarrow Center
for Art & Education
Launch

June

23 Leadership Retreat

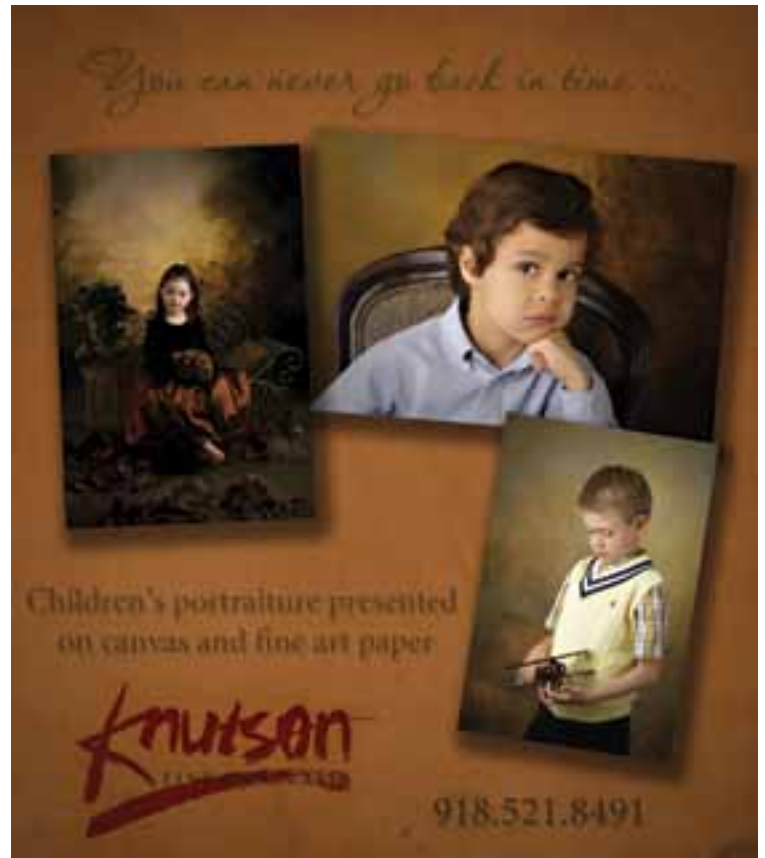
September

19 General Membership
Meeting

October

17 General Membership Meeting

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Hello, Sustainers!

The holidays are over and spring has come earlier this year. The Bradford Pear trees are in full bloom looking like snow! However, with the holidays and winter's passing JLT Sustainers have great memories of holiday activities and good times in beginning 2012. On December 8th Sustainers gathered and enjoyed the beautiful holiday themed home of Jane Grimshaw. Catering by Orr provided the holiday buffet.

Book Club did not review a book in December but celebrated a holiday party at the home of Rita Foster. The white elephant gift exchange included hilarious gifts. Rita once again triumphed in this area of creative gift giving. In January *Dead Man Walking*, with a theme on capital punishment, by Sister Mary Prejean was reviewed by Rachel Hunsucker. Rachel also shared information about Sister Helen Prejean's appearance in Tulsa in connection with the Tulsa Opera production of *Dead Man Walking* in February. Discussion of *Steve Jobs* by Walter Issacson began in February by Sue Curry at the home of Connie Doverspike. Connie served a wonderful buffet of jambalaya and other Mardi Gras foods plus shared her recipes. The *Steve Jobs* review continued in March, and the book is a most interesting read about a complex and brilliant entrepreneur!

Lunch Club met in December at Andolini's on 15th Street, Charlie Mitchell's in January, and the Ripe Tomato in the Market at 81st and Harvard in February. Lunch Club continues to add new Sustainers along with great conversations and friendship.

Restaurant Club has experienced the largest attendance ever in December, January and February! In December Sustainers enjoyed the lights at Utica Square while dining at The Wild Fork, in January at The Brasserie and in February at Flemings with thirty-two Sustainers attending and welcoming a new Sustainer Transfer, Julia Kacergis.

Sustainers have engaged in JLT Active events including JLT University held in February, general meetings and a special reception honoring Doris Brown, JLT Office Manager of 30 Years, "Congratulations Doris"!

Please join us for all upcoming Sustainer activities!

Sincerely,

Sue Curry
Sustaining President

December Restaurant Club



Cathy Swadener, Teresa Flusche, Dale Roberson

Melissa Basse, Denise Piland

December Lunch Club



Denise Piland, Melissa Basse, Teresa Flusche, Sug Selby



Robyn Cannon, Fritzi Prather, Carla Gilbert, Ann Foster, Connie Doverspike

Holiday Party



Dru Johnson, Robyn Cannon, Pam Rosser



Belynda Spitzer, Debbie Baker, Kris Lovely



Hostess Jane Grimshaw, Sue Curry

January Restaurant Club



Debbie Baker, Jola Houchin, Jane Grimshaw



Revelle Clausing, Lindsay Patterson, Mary Deisenroth

February Lunch Club



Beth Rainey, Meredith Blackstock, Fritzi Prather



Maggie Cornwell, Robyn Cannon

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Incoming Board of Directors at Spring Retreat

SPOTLIGHT ON: Community Advisory Board

Mike Neal

Please tell us a little about your background/role in the community.

I am currently in my fifth year as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Tulsa Metro Chamber. The American Chamber of Commerce Executives has named the Tulsa Metro Chamber as the Nation's Best Chamber for a record three of the past five years. The Chamber received the National Chamber of the Year in 2010, 2008 and 2006.

My wife Jana and I have two daughters, Cambridge, age 16, and Caroline, age 12, both students at Cascia Hall Preparatory School.

Explain your role on the JLT Community Advisory Board.

My service to the JLT Advisory Board will be as a resource concerning community challenges, needs and long-range initiatives. The Advisory Board can also assist JLT on identifying where to focus their efforts to make the most impact.



Why do you think JLT is important to the Tulsa Area?

Tulsa has been nationally ranked for its charitable spirit and JLT embodies the action and leadership of Tulsa area women committed to improving our region's quality of life through volunteerism.

Lee Clark Johns

Please tell us a little about your background/role in the community.



Since 2006, I have been helping create the new John Hope Franklin Center for Reconciliation in Tulsa, a nationally unique center whose mission is "to transform society's divisions into social harmony through the serious study and work of reconciliation." The first phase, the John Hope Franklin Reconciliation Park, opened in January 2011 and provides an outdoor education site that memorializes

the tragedy of the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot and tells the story of African Americans' role in building Oklahoma. The Park already draws visitors from throughout the world and is a popular site for school excursions. One middle school has brought all 600 students to learn about Tulsa history.

Explain your role on the JLT Community Advisory Board.

I was honored to be invited to serve on the JLT Community Advisory Board. I hope any advice I can give will help the League work to end the racial and ethnic divisions in Tulsa and create a healthier civic environment. Also, the JHF Center looks forward to continuing its community partner relationship with the League by involving JLT members in our programmatic initiatives. So I see my presence on the Advisory Board as symbiotic— a source of knowledge for the League's commitment to diversity and a vehicle for active League participation.

Why do you think JLT is important to the Tulsa Area?

As a former League member, I know the power of the Junior League as leaders and initiators of ground-breaking community projects. The Junior League of Tulsa has a long-term, stellar reputation for building a better Tulsa. But there's still work to do to achieve the equitable, hospitable community we all want.

LOOKING TO OUR PAST

by Ann LaGere, President 1978-1979

My association with the Junior League began “a few years” ago and has continued to be an important part of my volunteer life. I can truly say that it is one of the most satisfying experiences I have had. To work with, learn with, and to get to know new people is awesome. The training is invaluable and helps with other volunteer opportunities in the Tulsa community. The mission of the Junior League is as vital today as it was when I was an Active.

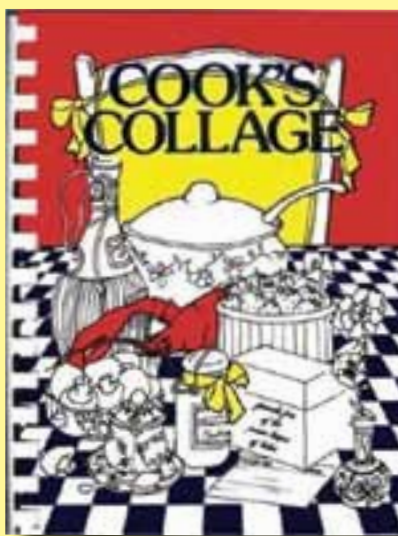
We had many challenges and opportunities during my tenure. The year I was President was a time when the Equal Rights Amendment was a very hot topic both locally and nationally. We were asked by some of our members to take a stand on the issue by way of membership vote. We studied the topic from head to toe and brought the issue to a general membership meeting. The issue was whether the Junior League should vote to publicly support the Amendment. The vote was conducted using *Roberts Rules of Orders*, with each side having a set amount of time to present their position. While supporting the concept, the League voted to not take a public stand. For me, it was satisfying because all sides felt like they had their voices heard and that it was truly conducted in a fair and meaningful way.

We also published the first Junior League Cookbook—*Cook’s Collage*—which most of us still use and cherish. Many of my family’s favorite meals come from those recipes. It was a really fun project with tastings going on for more than a year. Much camaraderie and team-building happened during this time.

We were sponsoring a pro-am golf tournament each year as our main fundraiser to support our projects and outreach. My year, it rained in Houston which was the city where the pros were playing before coming to Tulsa. At 7:30 on Sunday morning, we received a phone call that it had rained in Houston, and; therefore, the pros were going to play 36 holes that day. They could not be booked on commercial planes after their rounds because the planes were full or had no more flights out that day. In true typical Junior League fashion, we contacted our “really good friends” in the corporate world and arranged for private planes to transport all the pros to Tulsa on Sunday evening. Wouldn’t you know, the top pros were so kind and gracious. The “rabbits” or beginners complained because they all wanted to go on the fanciest plane we had down there. What they didn’t know was that they were just lucky to get to get to play.

Our members, both Active and Sustaining, can be justifiably proud of the contributions that the League has made to our community. We see the results all around us of seeds planted through this organization. Three cheers to each and every one.

It was during Ann LeGere’s year as President that JLT first published *Cook’s Collage*. Still relevant and popular, the cookbook was reprinted for the fourth time in fall 2004. The popular *Cook’s Collage* was largely considered one of the best Junior League cookbooks ever printed. To purchase your copy call the Junior League office at 663-6100 or buy online at www.jltulsa.org/?nd=cook.



fun facts of 1978

The Dallas Cowboys defeated the Denver Broncos, 27-10, to win Super Bowl XII.

The 50th Academy Awards were held with Annie Hall winning Best Picture.

Al Unser won his third Indianapolis 500.

King Hussein of Jordan married 26-year-old Lisa Halaby, who takes the name Queen Noor.

Louise Brown, the world’s first test tube baby, was born.

Pope John Paul I succeeded Pope Paul VI as the 263rd Pope but died after only 33 days. Pope John Paul II succeeded Pope John Paul I as the 264th pope.

The New York Yankees defeated Los Angeles Dodgers and win the World Series.

President Jimmy Carter signed a bill that authorizes the minting of the Susan B. Anthony dollar.

Births: Ashton Kutcher, Tim Hasselbeck, Kobe Bryant, Katie Holmes

Deaths: Golda Meir, Ed Wood

State of League

By Jennifer Roberson, Treasurer

It is with great honor that I have been able to serve as the JLT Treasurer for 2011-2012, what a unique opportunity to learn not only about JLT's finances, especially from a fundraising perspective, but also learn where our money goes and to see how JLT is fulfilling its mission by developing the potential of women, improving our community and promoting volunteerism. As the Treasurer, there are really two big questions I am asked consistently. (1) How much money did we make, and (2) Where are we spending our money? Let me try to lay out those two questions for you.

So, where does our money come from? Our revenue, or as you can say, JLT's salary, is largely comprised from our big fundraisers, Holiday Market and Denim & Diamonds, as well as from our cookbook sales, rentals at our headquarter building, the dues we pay, sponsorships and donations received, and a little income is

also contributed from the interest income we earn at the bank. The graph illustrates that our largest two income sources is our fundraisers at 65 percent and another 22 percent from our dues. We work extremely hard for our money. We all contribute to JLT with our paid dues and the participation with the fundraisers. Everyone's support is necessary and is the reason for our continued success.

So, what about our expenses? This is the fun part - spending the money to create a better community. Our expenses hit three different buckets: our community programs, training and education and our supporting services. Community Programs include but are not limited to: Harvest Market, The Children's Hospital at St. Francis Family Resource Library, IMPACT projects, Laura Dester and our Scholarships. Training and Education includes: September's general meeting which provided education on

Tulsa's war on meth with Tim Harris, and recent JLT U classes this year.

So, what about our future? Just like many of you who have invested into a retirement program, JLT also has a retirement goal. You can think of our Endowment Fund as JLT's 401(k) program. Our goal for our future is to fully-fund our Endowment. Our Endowment Fund was created in 1994 with the sole purpose to create a steady stream of income for our operational expenses to allow 100 percent of our fundraising revenue to go directly into our mission based expenses, such as our community programs. We are well on our way to completing our goal of \$2 million and currently have an Endowment balance of \$570,866 as of end of last year. We are grateful to the donors to date who have made the decision to invest in the future success for JLT and the Tulsa Community.

Statement of Financial Position for 2010-2011

92 percent of expenses support our mission to promote volunteerism, develop the potential of women and improve our community.

Functional Expense Allocation

Training	35%
Community	25%
Fundraising	32%
Management	8%



Looking at Our Present: Member Feedback Through Speakout Sessions

By Abigail Prescott, Strategic Planning Chair

League-wide Speakouts were held November 16, 2011, for all active and provisional members of Junior League of Tulsa (JLT). Hosted by League members in their homes and facilitated by the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee, these meetings offer small groups of eight to twelve women a chance to “speak out” on targeted, short-term issues — such as a specific fundraiser, community project or internal process — as well as the long-term, strategic direction of the League.

Spurred by JLT President Sarah Dougherty’s renewed focus on membership and a transition to issue-based community impact, the Strategic Planning Committee developed this year’s speakout questions specifically to explore: 1) which events and programs make our members most satisfied; and 2) what those events and programs have in common.

Thanks to great member participation and the support of our hostesses, Board members and Nominating Committee, Strategic Planning collected a great sample of “data” from our members. Each house, with a different hostess, facilitator, and group of members, was able to provide a unique perspective on the speakout questions while still revealing a consensus of the needs and values our members share.

When asked what JLT does well, our members find the League to be an efficient, well-run organization that is particularly effective in the areas of nominating, training and technology. Members appreciate the opportunities JLT offers for us to invest in other people and develop relationships.

Our members also find great fulfillment in the League’s community programming. Current projects with St. Francis Hospital, Global Gardens/Harvest Market, Laura Dester Shelter, and our done-in-a-day Impact projects give us the opportunity to see the difference we make in our community. Projects where the positive impact is readily apparent; projects that allow members to work directly with clientele, especially children; and projects that offer flexibility were some of the factors our members value the most in community programming.

JLT’s collaboration with Gilcrease Museum and the University of Tulsa generated lots of speakout discussion. The debut of the Zarrow Center for Arts Education this Spring will offer our members opportunities both to volunteer and to participate as patrons. Speakout input will serve JLT’s continued involvement through the Gilcrease/TU Task Force to maximize our efforts with the Zarrow Center. Members voiced interest in family-oriented programming, especially parent/child classes, as well as outreach to underserved and low-income groups.

Members also had an opportunity to speak out regarding our fifth annual Denim & Diamonds fundraiser (formerly known as Decadence). Feedback on this event reflects its growth as most members enjoy the “denim and diamonds” theme, the ticket price, the live and silent auctions, and the March event date.

As expected, our members recognize that training is what sets JLT apart from other service organizations. Our members

expressed appreciation for the League’s commitment to member development, particularly our focus on “on-the-job” training. We also find our system of support and mentoring for leaders on all levels to be an essential element of the process. While we enjoy training events, particularly local speakers speaking about local issues, we recognize the most effective training comes from the hands-on act of serving. Training is a process, not an event.

Members also appreciate the personal growth we’ve experienced through JLT. Members report an increase in confidence, leadership skills and community awareness. Many members cited the invitation to accept a leadership role as the first step in leaving the “comfort zone” and developing one’s own potential. Many of us also reiterated the need to feel appreciated for our efforts as an essential part of the leadership ladder.

On the personal side, our members feel most connected to the League through the relationships we build with other members and the people we serve. We appreciate the opportunity to invest in our own potential through training and committee placements. The familiar mantra, “You get what you give,” holds true for many of our members.

When asked to describe the ideal “JLT of the Future,” our members want to increase our diversity, our member retention, our understanding and application of the Mission, and build our profile within the community. Ten years from now, members see a League that continues to be flexible and responsive to change, to foster lifelong friendships, to be member-focused, and to be an ever more powerful force for change in our community.



Looking to Our Future: Through the Eyes of a Provisional

By Christina Clayton, Provisional

Growing up I loved to attend Christmas parties with my grandmother at the Junior League of Tulsa. Little did I know I would grow up to be a part of this amazing organization she and so many amazing women have been a part of before me.

I joined Junior League this year after a friend of mine sent me an email with the information for this year's Provisional class. She informed me that it wasn't just an organization for my grandmother, but for women just like me, who are committed to community service and making Tulsa a better place through community outreach. After my Provisional workshop, I knew I was in the right place. My small group contained women I could not only network with, but also could share my passions. I had an incredible time on this year's Holiday Market committee. Owing my own event-planning company, Christina Leigh Events, gave me the proper training to assist with the Preview Party planning, including heading up the swag bags and designer raffles. I am also excited to co-chair the Marketing & House Warming committee for our Provisional project.

I would have never dreamt of jumping into such a wonderful organization so quickly, but I have enjoyed every moment. I have learned more about myself and my potential as a woman than I ever thought. I have

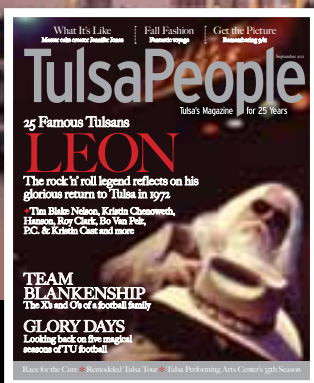
learned Tulsa has great women who want to make a difference in our community.

I am excited to continue networking, growing, and educating our community in my years with the League. I know my time is not finished, and will not be for quite a while. I am ready to see next year's Provisional class, and where my path may lead as I continue my journey with this incredible group of women.



Provisional Christina Clayton (bottom row, third from left) with fellow Holiday Market committee members.

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Community Corner

Scholarship

The Scholarship committee has chosen this year's scholarship recipients, who will be formally announced at our May meeting. The Junior League of Tulsa offers five \$1500 scholarships. Three of the scholarships go to women who are non-traditional students. Non-traditional is defined as anyone who has had a break in their education. The other two \$1500 scholarships are given to high school girls who have shown a commitment to volunteerism.

Recipients of the Mrs. W. Albert Cook Scholarships:

1. Darla Bell
2. Gail La Beau
3. Angela Mackey

Recipients of the Founders' Scholarships:

1. Summer Hill
2. Savannah Nicks

Harvest Market

The Harvest Market committee is producing a cookbook of recipes from this year that will be distributed at the final class in May.

Zarrow Center For Art and Education

For the past two years, the Gilcrease/TU Task Force has been researching and developing an art education curriculum to be implemented in Gilcrease's new art facility in downtown Tulsa opening May 15, 2012. Volunteers are needed for "Launch Week" starting May 12, 2012.

St. Francis Resource Library

For the past three years, the Junior League volunteers have worked with the Saint Francis Hospital to maintain and staff the Family Resource Library in the Children's Hospital at Saint Francis. Currently, JLT volunteers cover all the weeknights (except Thursday) and weekend shifts at the St. Francis Resource Library. In June, the League will start the transition over to St. Francis Hospital, meaning St. Francis volunteers will take on all the shifts.



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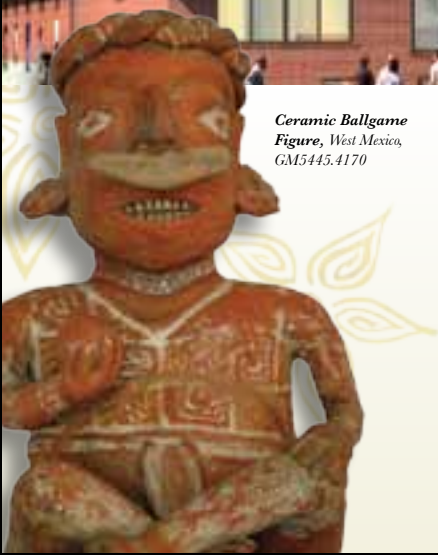
The IMPACT Committee helped supervise 42 kids from Youth at Heart at the Shriners' Circus March 3, 2012. Most of the kids have never been to the circus and were very excited to see the show. We provided drinks, popcorn, and even flashing necklaces to all the kids.



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2011-2012 Provisional Class Project

This year's Provisional Class chose to partner with Rebuilding Together Tulsa ("RTT"), a local non-profit organization and leader in home repairs, to help a fellow Tulsa woman in transition. On Saturday, April 28, 15 homes in the Kendall-Whittier neighborhood received numerous home renovations as part of the 15th Annual Rebuild Day. The repairs focused on neighborhood improvement and included carpentry, trash removal, and painting. Since 1997, 1,000 homeowners have been helped by funders and volunteers. Each of the 15 homes that received repairs on Annual Rebuild Day had a sponsoring team partner with RTT to make the repairs happen. The Junior League of Tulsa's Provisional class was the sponsor for Ms. Jessica and made numerous repairs to her home.

After one of the first visits to Ms. Jessica's house the group discovered she did not have a gas range. This was an item we felt was not only needed for cooking, but also, to be used as a secondary heat source for her home. At the January Provisional meeting, Vice Chair Mindee Ferland mentioned to our Provisional class that this was an item we'd like to give to Ms. Jessica in addition to painting her home. Within one hour we had four gas ranges offered up for donation. This year's Provisional class is truly dedicated to making a difference in Ms. Jessica's life.

In 1996-1997, The Junior League of Tulsa established the Tulsa chapter of Rebuilding Together Tulsa, which was then called "Christmas in April." RTT makes home repairs year-round for Tulsa homeowners and families which include roofing, plumbing, home modifications, energy efficiency and much more. The Annual Rebuild Day is Rebuilding Together Tulsa's largest volunteer event which brings together local corporations, churches and civic organizations to provide sponsorship and volunteers to make home repairs. Each year the Annual Rebuild Day takes place on the last Saturday in April. The Tulsa chapter is a part of the national organization with 200 affiliates across the nation.

Rebuilding Together Tulsa solicits house applications through social service agencies and neighborhood associations. The homes are selected following a personal visit by Rebuilding Together Tulsa to determine need and extent of work. All work is done free of charge to the homeowner.





Welcome to the
WestSide Harvest



The Harvest Market Committee has been busy this year! We've shared some great recipes that families have told us they make time and time again at home. This is what we're all about. We wanted

to share some of these recipes with you, because not only are they delicious, but they are affordable and healthy for you and your family.

Whole Wheat Pizza Crust

Recipe Provided by Rachel Calvert

Ingredients:

2 tsp active dry yeast	1 Tbsp honey
1 cup warm water	1 ½ cups all purpose flour
1 cup whole wheat flour	¼ tsp salt
1 Tbsp olive oil	

Directions:

- Mix together the yeast, honey and warm water. Wait for about 10 minutes, until it gets foamy.
- Combine flours, salt, and olive oil in a large bowl. Add the yeast mixture and combine.
- Knead for 6-8 minutes until you have moderately stiff dough that is smooth and elastic (add a bit more flour if you need to).
- Cover and let rest for 20-30 minutes.
- Preheat oven to as hot as it will go.
- Lightly grease two cookie sheets. Divide the dough in half.
- Place each half on a cookie sheet and pat it with your fingers until it stretches over the whole pan.
- Put the crust in the oven and pre-bake for 3-5 minutes.
- Turn down the oven to 425F.
- Decorate the crusts with pizza sauce and the toppings of your choice.
- Bake at 425F for 10-20 minutes longer or until bubbly and hot.

Healthy Hot Pockets

Recipe Provided by Lauren Hettler

A favorite recipe for kids to make as a great after school or weekend snack!

Ingredients:

Whole wheat pita bread	
Mozzarella cheese	
Other filling items such as:	
Diced ham	Sliced olives
Mushrooms	Diced cucumbers
Diced tomatoes	Chopped broccoli

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Cut pita bread in half (if not using pre-split pitas).
- Place filling items in a small bowl and stir to combine. Filling should total about ½ cup per pita half (approximately ¼ cup of cheese and ¼ cup other fillings).
- Stuff pita and place on piece of foil or baking sheet.
- Bake for 5 minutes or until cheese melts.

Turkey Chili with Beans

Recipe Provided by Giselle Martinez and Jessica George

Ingredients

1 tsp oil
1 large onion, chopped
2 cloves medium-size garlic cloves, minced
1 lb turkey, ground, 93% lean, raw or 1 lb lean ground beef
2 medium carrots, shredded
2 tbsp chili powder
1 tbsp paprika
1 1/2 tsp red pepper flakes
1 tsp ground cumin seed
2 medium tomatoes, chopped
1 cup canned tomato sauce
1 cup canned chicken broth
1 1/2 tbsp apple cider vinegar
1 1/2 cups cooked kidney beans, rinsed and drained
1 medium green pepper, chopped
1/2 tsp table salt, or to taste
1/8 tsp black pepper, or to taste

Directions

- Add oil and onion to hot pot; sauté onion until soft, about 5 to 7 minutes.
- Add garlic and carrots; cook until garlic is softened, about 1 minute.
- Add turkey or beef and season with salt and pepper; brown meat, breaking it up with a wooden spoon as it cooks, about 5 minutes. Stir to break up lumps.
- Add chili powder, paprika, red pepper flakes, cumin, tomatoes, tomato sauce, broth, vinegar, beans and green pepper; bring mixture to a boil.
- Cover, reduce heat and simmer until meat and vegetables are tender, about 30 to 45 minutes.
- Season to taste with salt and pepper.

We hope you enjoy these recipes!



Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser

Dazzles Attendees

It was a night of glam as partygoers danced the night away at the Tulsa Convention Center for JLT's annual spring fundraiser, Denim and Diamonds. This year's chair, Kristal Sack, along with vice chairs Katy Houchin and Ashley Trombley, worked with committee members to raise more sponsorship money than ever before.

This year's headlining sponsors included: Bruce G. Weber; Saint Francis Health Systems; Citizens Security Bank; F&M Bank; Jarboe Sales; the University of Tulsa; WPX; McGraw Realtors; Mid-Con Energy; and Muirfield Resources Co.

Bruce G. Weber worked with jewelry designer Ivanka Trump to secure a beautiful crystal necklace and stunning drop earrings for the raffle and live auction. Other live auction items included three separate vacations to exotic locations in Mexico, a fur coat from Miss Jackson's, a wine package from Gallo Winery, a dinner party with friends provided by Convention Center's Chef Devin Levine and a luxurious Chanel purse.

The evening began with a silent auction while Steve Liddell and his band played in the ballroom. Guests could take pictures in a photo booth while enjoying cocktails and shopping. After dinner and the live auction, the band Undecided took the stage and partygoers hit the dance floor. With over 350 guests in attendance, the evening was a shining success.





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We ♥ Doris

On February 9, 2012, Junior League members gathered at the home of Ashleigh Boedeker to honor Doris Brown for 30 years of dedicated service to the Junior League of Tulsa. When Doris began her career with JLT, the world was a much different place as was the League. In those days, Headquarters was located in a rented space in London Square and most League members worked in the home. Today, JLT owns a beautiful facility at 36th and Yale. In addition, over 80% of the membership works outside the home. While the women and headquarters of Junior League may have changed, the mission of the League has not. Just as it did 30 years ago, the Junior League of Tulsa continues to develop the potential of women, improve the community, and promote voluntarism. The service Doris Brown has shown to Junior League has been just as constant of the mission, and for her years of service, we say thank you . . . and WE HEART DORIS!



JLT Sustainer Chosen For AJLI Committee

JLT's own Deidra Kirtley has been chosen to sit on the Association of Junior Leagues International Nominating Committee. What is the AJLI Nominating Committee, you ask? We went straight to the source to find out. Deidra Kirtley explains:

The Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) Nominating Committee works almost year round to assess the capabilities and experience of applicants for AJLI-elected positions and presents a slate of qualified candidates to govern the Association. The proposed slate is elected at the AJLI annual conference in April.

Any woman who is an Active or Sustaining member in good standing with her League, except women who would be President or Present-Elect of their Junior Leagues while serving on the committee, is eligible to apply for a 2-year position on the Association Nominating Committee. Applicants must demonstrate a breadth and depth of leadership experiences and skills gained through the Junior League, community organizations and employment.

The AJLI Nominating Committee is comprised of 13 members including six area representatives, four at-large representatives, the nominating chair and vice chair, and a representative from the Board of Directors.

The Committee's responsibilities include:

- Staying up-to-date with Association governance issues and working collaboratively with the Board of Directors to represent the Association and its members
- Assuring a broad range of members are informed about the availability of Association positions and the competencies

required to serve in these elected positions

- Identifying women who have the competencies and who understand the responsibilities of serving in Association governance positions
- Working collaboratively with the entire committee to decide which candidates best meet job requirements and organizational needs
- Evaluating Committee work to continually improve the results and process

The committee begins work in June, although it is most intensive from mid-September through mid-November, during which time the committee meets as a group in Arizona and then again in Florida to complete the slating process. Detailed AJLI Nominating Committee information and applications can be found on the AJLI website.

Deidra Kirtley also sits on JLT's Endowment Management Board and is the Sustainer Advisor to the JLT Board of Directors. As an Active member, she held many board positions including: President (2003-04), Communications

Council VP, Treasurer, and Strategic Planning Chair.

In the community, she has served as Chair of the Ronald McDonald House Charities Board and also Chair of the Ronald McDonald House Advisory Board. Last year, Kirtley served as President of the Cascia Hall Parent Faculty Association.

She is employed at Tulsa Community College as Special Projects Coordinator. There Kirtley works with the Signature Symphony Advisory Board coordinating special events and fund development.

Congratulations, Deidra Kirtley!



Members Blog About Leadership Training Experience

By Jennifer Roberson
and Mary Beth Nesser

The Association of Junior League International (AJLI) hosts its Organizational Development Institute (ODI) conference every year. This year, the conference was located in Fort Worth, TX, and two Junior League ladies from Tulsa were selected to attend. The three-day event featured the following areas:

- Achieving Community Impact: Identifying and Building Powerful Community Projects
- Building Internal Capacity: Strengthening Your League's Operating Infrastructure
- Diversified Fund Development: From Fundraising to Comprehensive Funding
- Electing Leaders for Tomorrow's League: New Strategies and Tools for Nominating
- Membership Development: Creating Tomorrow's Community Leaders

There were also general sessions covering strategic planning, managing diversity and effective communication strategies.

We asked this year's JLT attendees, Jennifer Roberson and Mary Beth Nesser, to blog about their experiences while at the ODI conference. Here are the pages ripped right out of their journals:

JENNIFER ROBERSON, Treasurer

Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012 11:47 pm

I have my bags pretty much packed, reading material printed, my kids bags packed as they are going to their nana and papas for the next few days and food in the refrigerator for my husband. WOW, so much to do for a mom to be able to go out of town just a couple of days. It has just really set in that I'm getting a couple of days to myself. That alone, is very exciting for a mom of a two and four year old. With all the things on my "to-do" list, I had not had the time to really think about the weekend before me. I'm driving down tomorrow morning and should arrive in Fort Worth an hour or so before the luncheon begins. Obviously, I am honored more than I can ever say, but I'm also really, really excited to learn all sorts of new things about how to achieve issue-based community impact, which is the learning track I have selected. I'm so excited! What an amazing opportunity. Mary Beth and I are blogging our journey for all of you.

Friday, Feb. 10, 2012 1:00 pm

I cannot believe I am sitting in a hotel

ballroom with almost 400 Junior League women. What an honor – a network of women who are developing as community and civic leaders, while creating community impact in their respective cities. At my lunch table of 10, I'm sitting with two ladies from London, England; three from Salt Lake City, Utah; and four from Atlanta, Georgia. The opening plenary started as any other Junior League meeting would, with what else? With an ice breaker, of course! I can't wait for my ODI buddy, Mary Beth Nesser to arrive, as I will enjoy having a cohort for these open training sessions.

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012 7:00 pm

I'm not sure I know where to start. Vicki Clark was the presenter for the community learning track. If you have been fortunate to hear Vicki Clark present, you know that I was not bored for one second. She is absolutely fabulous and very, very funny. There were a couple of lessons that stick out to me the most. The first was not really in the area of community, but a reminder about League and our members. She reminded us that the women in the League are on a journey. The League is also on a journey. And I also have

my own journey. I need to remember that my definition of commitment to the League might be different from someone else's definition of commitment. We are not on the amazing race of the Junior League. We all have years where our commitment might ebb and flow depending on what is going on in our lives. There are the years we are walking around cheering, "Junior League! Junior League!" raising our hands in the air giving JLT our time and glory. Other years we might moderately be giving our talents to the League and we might only get the word, "Junior, Junior" out when speaking the "JLT cheer." And then, in life we experience the years that we even find it difficult to get the "ja ja" spoken very softly out of our mouths. Are we as a League, meeting our members where they currently are in their journey?

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012 9:45 pm

As the weekend has come to a close, I wanted to share a bit of information I learned about achieving community impact while identifying and building powerful community projects. Ms. Clark spoke most of the weekend about Junior League's becoming issue-based. I would like to answer one

question for you: WHY should JLT be issue-based? We should consider being issue-based for two main reasons:

- It will keep our mission relevant. If we understand who we are as a non-profit, we can have a deep knowledge of the community and the issue at hand.

- It's a path to civic leadership that impacts the community. It is our opportunity to become thought leaders of civic leadership development and also helps us differentiate from other non-profits.

As I ponder the past weekend, these are my notes to you to consider:

"If my League was issue-based..."

Community partners, elected officials and influential change agents would see JLT as issue experts. They would seek out League leadership for answers and partnerships. They would also understand who we are and why we do what we do.

Our League could attract more members while keeping current members engaged. We could fundraise with people/funds that are issue specific. We could have a deeper, more measurable impact in the community. We could lead the way on community collaboration.

As I close this blog, it is my commitment to League as the Community Program VP for 2012-2013, along with Carissa Cooper, Community Council VP 2012-2013 and Paula Settoon, Strategic Planning Chair 2012-2013 to continue to move the Junior League of Tulsa to an issue-based community impact structure.

MARY BETH NESSER, Membership Development Committee Chair

Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012

So very late!

Ever the procrastinator I have finally finished my work, packed my bags and am ready to head to Fort Worth for the 2012 Spring ODI training. I am very honored to have been chosen to attend what everyone has said is a life changing seminar hosted by AJLI. I am going to participate in the membership track and cannot wait to bring back ideas for JLT's new Membership Development Committee. I have even done my homework and read (well, scanned may be a more honest word) the pre-reading materials, and I am certain there will be a number of ideas and tools that I will bring back to benefit our fabulous membership. Just a few hours of sleep, a quick meeting in the morning and I will be on my way!

Friday, Feb. 10, 2012

VIP time

I have made it to the Historic Hilton in Downtown Fort Worth, albeit a little late, and walked into a ballroom of 400 people. Because my flight was a little later in the morning, I arrived at ODI during the ice breaker and what a sight! Picture 400 women running around the room finding people to answer questions! Clutching my welcome bag of goodies, nametag around my neck, and ODI Binder and notepad in hand, I stood in the doorway, a little deer in the headlights, scanning the room for the first open seat I could find. I had texted my weekend buddy, Jennifer Roberson, but standing at just about 5'2" I knew there was no way I could see through this crowd to find her. There in front of me was a table of women, sitting and chatting and with 2 open seats! BINGO! I walked over, smiled and asked if I could sit down. This fabulous woman broke out in a huge grin and said "Absolutely, hun! And hurry and grab your lunch before the opening session starts." I quickly ran out of the room, grabbed lunch and got back to my seat just in time to hear our Executive Director, Susan Danish, begin the opening session and introduce our instructors for the weekend. I heard the first few names but had not yet had a chance to look up. When I did get organized and looked around the table I realized, all the instructors were sitting with me. Anne Dalton (Chief Officer for Strategic Planning) Martha Ferry (Chief Financial Officer), Janine Le Sueur (Director, Education & Programs), the legendary Vicki Clark, my group leader Naomi Chavez, and the big one - AJLI's President, Delly Beekman. I swear I turned 5 shades of red when I realized I was at the VIP table. I apologized profusely for ignoring the blatant sign which said "reserved seating" and received laughs, huge smiles and open armed welcomes from each of the women. I realized this was my first lesson of ODI. As members of the Junior League of Tulsa we are charged with opening our arms and embracing our members. We have to welcome and support each other, and when they need it, give them a seat at the VIP table. This is going to be a great weekend.

Friday, Feb. 10, 2012 6:20 pm

What a day! We have done so much already, I feel like I have already gotten a weekends worth of training and we are just getting started. Naomi Chavez is a brilliant trainer and I cannot wait to continue this weekend of all membership talk, all the time. I have met women from Canada, Texas, New York and Oregon, and it is amazing to hear

how different each of our leagues are, but how we are each striving to achieve the same things. We all aim to train our members, engage them in inspiring and meaningful activities, and educate them on the path they can take with the Junior League. From mentorship, to communication, to working with sustainers we are getting a crash course in developing the potential of our members. Tomorrow is going to be a big day!

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012 - 7:45 p.m.

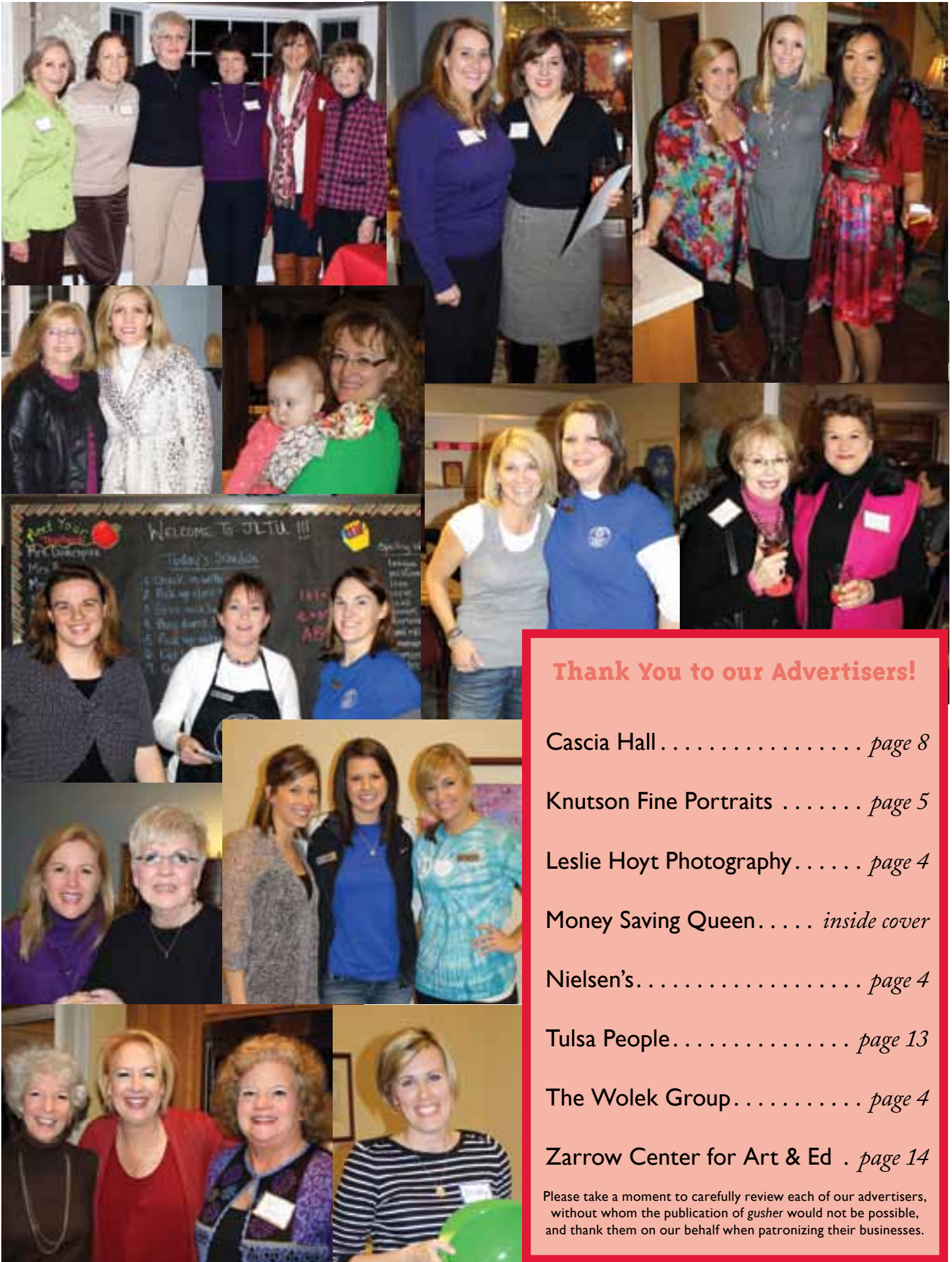
What a whirlwind! We have jumped right into our membership session and one thing that we have repeatedly focused on is COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE!!! It is so very important for every member of our league to have an outlet and to be heard. Transfers, provisionals, sustainers and actives all work together to create our fabulous organization. By supporting one another we lay the building blocks for an unstoppable organization. We have spent the past eight hours sharing our stories and experiences and developing ways in which we can help to increase the power of communication in our own leagues. From speak-outs to career path counseling, social activities to mentorship, there are so many ways for us to be educated and engaged as members of the Junior League.

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012 - 5:30 p.m.

Well, our weekend is finished, bags are home (but not unpacked) and I am now able to take a breath and reflect on this fabulous weekend at ODI. Admittedly, I have had a drink of the Junior League kool-aid, and I liked it! I am grateful that I was able to participate in this training seminar and I cannot wait to bring my ideas and materials back to Membership Council. I wish every member of JLT could experience the excitement of ODI, from our fabulous speakers, inspiring instructors, and bright and beautiful fellow League members. I cannot wait to take the education and training I have received and help to integrate it into our own training and activities. Our league leaders inspire us to jump in and get involved and I hope that with the tools I have to share with JLT we can keep that momentum going, keep the communication engaging and continue to educate and develop our membership as it is the true lifeblood of our organization. We are leaders in the community. We are mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, professionals, philanthropists, fundraisers, party go-ers, provisionals, transfers, actives, and sustainers. We are the Junior League of Tulsa and our future is bright.

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