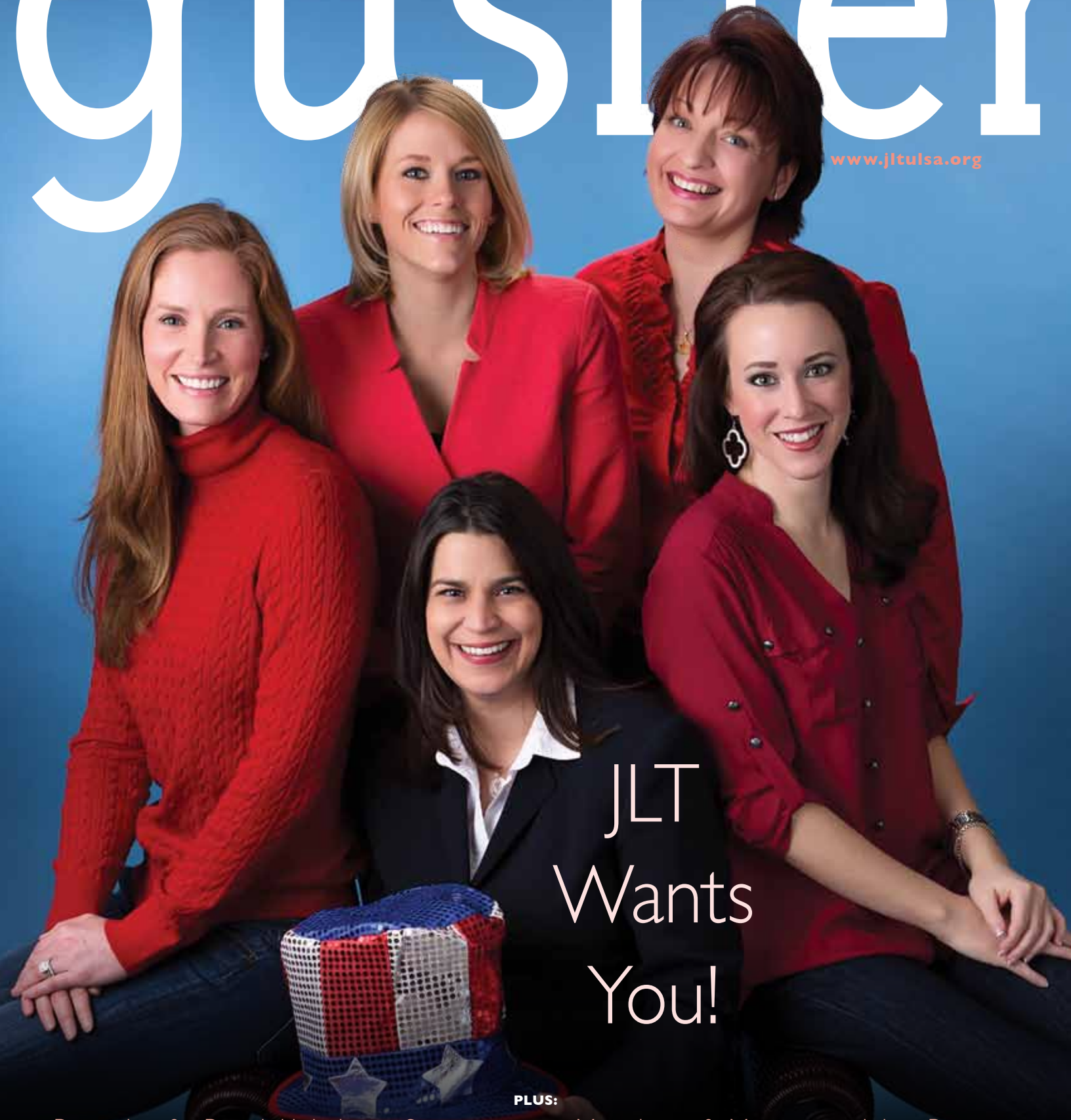


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from the editor...

All right, I admit it, I'm a Pinterest addict.

I love to "pin" ideas, from cute clothes to wear to paint colors for my walls. Now, the follow-through on all these ideas...let's just say, it isn't great. But hey – someday – I'll find the time to test my creative spirit.

For those that aren't familiar with Pinterest, it is an online site that allows users to "pin" items they find online to a sort of reminder board. Users can pin anything they find online, whether it's a healthy recipe, a funny story, ideas for parties, the choices are limitless. These "pins" are then shared with other users – you might see someone post a picture for a tasty recipe and decide you need to save that idea as well, and "repin" the image. In its most basic terms, Pinterest is an online inspiration board.

I sometimes think of the Junior League of Tulsa as a real-life Pinterest site, because on a regular basis, I am inspired by fellow Members and League activities.

I have "pinned" so many ideas into my thinking. These ideas challenge me to be better, to give more, to hope for more and to look for new opportunities to serve. But the big difference is that I act on these "pins"- I take the training that I have learned through the Junior League of Tulsa and I apply it to my life.

In this special recruiting issue of *gusher*, you'll find all sorts of "pin-worthy" ideas that inspire. From Pearls and Prohibition to the Magic of Mentorship Luncheon, our League continues to empower women and build a better Tulsa for us all. Now, these stories are available not only for you to read and enjoy – but for potential members to enjoy as well. In fact, that's what this issue was designed to do, allowing you to share this with a friend and encourage them to take a look at what the League has to offer. Allow them to start "pinning" their own inspiration!

Once again, on behalf of the *gusher* committee, I hope that you enjoy this issue as much as we do. And I hope that it inspires you to share your personal stories of League inspiration with someone else.

Happy reading,

Bridget Treadwell
Editor 2012-2013

On the cover: Special thanks to JLT Sustainer, Leslie Hoyt of Leslie Hoyt Photography for taking not only the Spring issue cover photo, but also the cover photo from the Winter 2013 edition. On this issue's cover are Provisionals Jessica Newell, Tori Ford, Kathryn Martin, Natalie Feldman and Liz Brolick, President-Elect.
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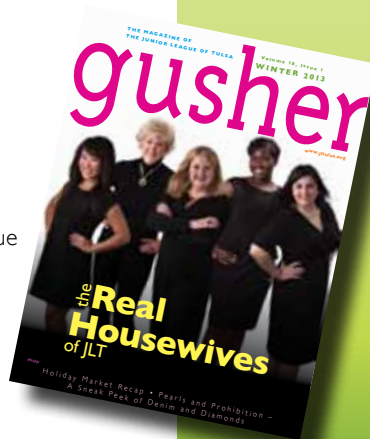
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Letter from the President

“Why did You join?”

As president and seven year member of the Junior League of Tulsa (JLT), this question is not a new one. In fact, it is the opening line of our marketing video on our JLT Website. And while it is the simplest of questions, the answer is never so easy.

“Why did I join?”

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit with prospective members at a JLT recruitment event. Instead of being asked my favorite question (Why did you join?), a provisional prospect took a different route. She asked me if I could tell her what I wished I had known, but didn't before I joined JLT. While I loved the question, I struggled to find a simple answer... probably because – it is not simple.

I never knew that I would meet so many amazing women. I never knew that I would witness such sacrifice. I never knew that I would learn so much about my city and community. I never knew that so many women would have such an everlasting impact on me. I never knew that I would learn how to have such a big impact on others. I never knew that so many doors would be opened for me. I never knew that I would be able to open so many doors for others. I never knew that I would be forever changed for the better, because of my membership with the Junior League of Tulsa.

This entire year, I have had the joy to witness the outstanding work of our members. Recently, our members hosted an outstanding anniversary and fundraising event (Pearls & Prohibition); an inspiring luncheon (The Magic of Mentorship), that celebrated the amazing mentorship that has been fostered within our organization of the past 90 years; a successful League Wide Project, with Youth at Heart; a fantastic offsite General Meeting announcing our new leadership team and community program; a successful coin drive with Mid First Bank, benefitting our Provisional Project; an amazing Membership Recruitment Event; and an impactful AJLI Visit from Anne Dalton. The energy, commitment and loyalty demonstrated this year is truly contagious.

So the next time you are asked the ever important question of “Why did YOU join JLT?” - however you choose to answer, I hope it is with a smile on your face and a warm fuzzy in your heart. Joining is the easy part! Preparing for the positive impact that you will have on others and that they will have on you... well, that is the part that matters.

Cheers,



Heather Duncan
2012-2013 President

Heather Duncan
President
2012-2013



A Potential Member's Tour of JLT

By: Christina Fravel

Welcome to the Junior League Membership Tour bus! My name is Christina, and I will be your membership tour guide today. Sit back darlings, it is going to be fabulous!

First on the tour we have informational socials. These are always fun! Prospective members are invited to learn about all the ways Junior League can help them become the well rounded volunteers that nature intended, while making our community and the world we live in a better place!

The next feature on the tour is the Provisional year, filled with activities and excitement. Provisionals are divided into small groups and given a liaison, who helps during the journey towards membership. You can look forward to a welcome event, a weekend provisional retreat and education about the role the League has played in Tulsa history. There is a provisional community project, monthly meetings and so much more!

The next feature in our tour is the biggest. In the spring of your Provisional year you will become a Member! In some ways, your membership years will not look that different from your

Provisional year. You will still have monthly meetings, education opportunities and committee responsibilities. Membership in the Junior League will lead you places you never thought possible! You will learn from the best! You will be stretched and molded and trained! The most important education you will receive is how to be an effective, useful volunteer with high capabilities, expectations and standards. You will be a finely tuned volunteer machine, and our community cannot help but be better for it!

Hold on tight ladies, here is the fun part! Junior League membership includes parties and socials, fun meetings and opportunities for all sort of merriment. The membership will celebrate with you through good times like marriages and babies, and they will be here with support through sad times. You will meet new people and make new friends!



The Provisional Board, located at the League headquarters provides Members with an introduction to the newest class of volunteers and women who are ready to help Tulsa.

The last part of our tour is the role of the Sustainer. You attain this status after your years of active membership have been completed. These fabulous ladies play the role of experts in the League and offer a valuable view honed by years of experience. They are also rumored to have fabulous parties.

This concludes our tour of membership in the Junior League of Tulsa. I hope you share this with a friend and allow me to help answer some questions that they might have! We would love for prospective members to join us for membership in the year ahead!



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- Birth announcements
- Engagement or wedding announcements
- Condolences
- Special community or workplace recognition
- Career changes

Please email information to the *gusher* at gusher@jltulsa.org

Congratulations

Amanda Brumby Alvarez received the annual Heart of Hearts award from her employer, PennWell.

Brittney Hall (A) on her new job at ONEOK.

Liz Hart, along with three other attorneys, started the Savage, Baum, Glass & Hart Law Firm.

Kathryn Martin was awarded a Masters degree in Accounting and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Paula Royce (S) was recognized in the Tulsa World for receiving a Heart Award from DVIS.

Whitney Stauffer accepted a new position in Business Development for the Stava Building Corporation.

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8 Annual Membership Meeting

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Pearls & Prohibition Sold out to the 1920's

Congratulations to the Pearls and Prohibition committee for organizing a SOLD OUT event. Attendees and guest speaker, Karen Larsen, enhanced the amazing 1920s décor by dressing the part. Even the men got into character as gangsters and 1920's Johns.

A very special part of the evening was honoring Junior League of Tulsa (JLT) past President, Frances Herndon Chandler. Mrs. Chandler and her family, including daughters Cathy Keating and Ann Butler, were thrilled to be a part of such a special evening for their mother. They raved about the event and said being recognized like this was "the honor of a lifetime" for their mother. Thanks to the Archive Committee for finding photos of the first-ever dinner-dance in 1962 hosted by Frances Chandler at none other than Southern Hills Country Club, as well as a

darling picture of her lighting the candles on the JLT 40th Anniversary cake 50 years ago. Mrs. Chandler is one of Tulsa's most celebrated volunteers and activists. She has made a tremendous impact on our city, our league and our members.

by Laura McClain





The cocktail hour with the silent auction including the Great Gatsby premier silent auction, offered some of the most popular moments of the evening, offering up items including an art piece donated by Royce Meyers Art. The Great Gatsby auction was a hit with bidders leaving it all on the table for the beer dinner with Elliot Nelson. The live auction highlights included the adorable Goldendoodle puppy who won everyone's heart but only one lucky bidder won out in the end.



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Pearls and Prohibition was an event for the ages and a perfect way to celebrate JLT's 90th Anniversary! Every guy and doll walked away with a smile on their face, having had a berries of a time and knowing they'd helped fund many JLT community projects!



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We couldn't have asked for a better, more prepared and more energetic and fun chair!



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Stephanie Eckman



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Turning Passion into Placement

by Laura Long Swan

Have you ever wondered what happens behind the scenes of the much-anticipated Junior League of Tulsa (JLT) annual “Placement Scramble”? The scramble offers a special event when active Members identify their top five choices for committee placement for the upcoming League year, where they’ll serve in various capacities to help the League and the Tulsa community.

Recently, Placement Chair, LeAnne Eakin sat down with the *gusher* to answer question on the scramble and how it works for JLT active Members. Please share this committee list with prospects and let them knowing that turning their passion into a placement, all starts by joining JLT. (For full committee descriptions, refer to your JLT Handbook.)

gusher: Where can Members find more information about the various committees?

Eakin: The “Placement Guide” lists available placements, appointed positions and board positions. It also includes each placement’s time requirements and meeting days. The guide is be available on the JLT website at jltulsa.org. JLT also hosts a Placement Fair before the April general meeting. During this time, representatives from each committee are available to answer questions from Members on their particular committee.

gusher: How are placement decisions made?

Eakin: Scramble is an online process where members rank their top five choices. Priority is given to Members based good financial standing and fulfillment of membership requirements, years of service, completion of double placements in the current year and any extra assignments.

gusher: When do you expect Members to be placed?

Eakin: Everyone should be placed in a committee by May 31, which is the end of the 2012-2013 JLT year.



JLT members love to have fun and membership events provide opportunities to make new friends and memories.

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Members of the JLT Impact Committee serve in a variety of “done-in-a-day” projects to benefit Tulsa-area non-profit organizations.

Stories of “Why”

Four Provisionals share their stories on why they joined the Junior League of Tulsa and what the experience has meant to them

by Laura Long Swan

For some people (and just to be clear, by “some people”, I mean myself), the beginning is the hardest part.

We come up with a million reasons why the timing just isn't right to join an organization, start a new project, or maybe even write an article for the *gusher*. The excuses can vary; work is too busy, the kids are too young, the refrigerator really needs to be cleaned out, etc. But, the common theme is the same: a fear of the uncertain.

It's for good reason that we are afraid to commit to something new, our schedules are already packed, and our time is valuable. So what is the incentive to try something new when we can barely keep up with our lives as it is?

These are the stories of four women who joined the Junior League of Tulsa's 2012-2013 Provisional class. They joined for different reasons, they've been placed on different committees and they come from different areas of the country. But they share two common traits: they lead extremely busy lives and they all agree that joining JLT was well worth their time.



A Skeptic, Turned Believer

Tori Ford, an interior designer for a local homebuilder in Bixby moved back to Tulsa after graduating from Auburn University in 2009, and was recruited to join JLT by her co-worker, Kristal Sack.

“I was a little skeptical about joining the Junior League at first because in some areas of the country the League is viewed differently, and I always saw it has a high-society, unattainable group where you had to know someone to become a member,” said Ford.

But, Ford was pleasantly surprised to find the women at the recruiting event to be incredibly welcoming and after that day her perception of the League began to shift. “When you're not a part of a group it can be kind of intimidating, to look in from the outside, but ever since that first social before the Provisional Retreat, my thoughts changed completely. I never expected to like it as much as I did.”

As a member of the Laura Dester committee, Ford visits the shelter every two weeks to volunteer with the children. When it was Ford's turn to plan the activity, she was able to utilize a connection within the University of Tulsa's Athletic Department to get tickets for the kids to two TU football games this season.

On top of a busy work schedule, and volunteering at the Laura Dester Shelter, Ford has also been appointed as the Provisional Lead for this year's Provisional Project with Rebuilding Together Tulsa. She runs the meetings, coordinates the volunteers and

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puts in countless hours working on the house chosen for this year. All of this activity has inspired her to stay involved in JLT in the future.

"I joined JLT because I wanted to do something with my free time that made a positive impact, but while I was here I saw all of these women who are leaders in the community. I've always wondered to myself 'how do you get there?' I feel like Junior League puts a model in front of you to become a great leader."

A Difference Maker

Natalie Feldman, a middle school counselor at Cascia Hall moved to Tulsa two years ago after finishing her Masters in Counseling from the University of Arkansas. She joined the Junior League to meet new friends and become more involved in the Tulsa community.

"So much of Cascia Hall's culture is about volunteering and making a difference in the community. JLT has been a great way for me to learn more about Tulsa, and the different organizations this city has to offer," said Feldman.

Feldman served her Provisional year working behind the scenes, setting up general meetings, and organizing the snacks and beverages for the Hospitality Committee. She's also taken a very active role in the Provisional project, leading the group tasked with improving the living room.

"We met with the woman who lives in the house about what she and her son would like to see the room look like. I hope we can relieve a little bit of stress, and bring some more joy into their life by helping with these improvements."

A New Tulsan

Freshly transplanted from Chicago, Jessica Newell was a Tulsa resident for just three months before joining the Junior League of Tulsa. As a member of the IMPACT committee, Newell spends part of her free time volunteering at various "done in a day" projects around the city.

"I work from home and I wanted to a way to meet new people, while at the same time doing something good for the community," said Newell.

As a Project Manager for UBM Studios, Newell often runs virtual events for overseas clients, which can keep her busy well into the night. On top of a hectic work schedule and IMPACT committee projects, Newell is also spending a part of every weekend scraping ceilings and painting the laundry room for the Provisional Project.

"Joining JLT has been an overwhelmingly positive experience for me," said Newell. "I've met some great friends, and I've had the opportunity through the IMPACT committee to coordinate a group to visit the Tulsa Boys Home. We had such a great time we are going back again next month!"

A Master of Time Management

Kathryn Martin works as a Human Relations Director at Precision Castparts where she works more than 60 hours a week. She also recently completed her MBA and Mas-



ters of Accounting this December.

Martin joined the Junior League to become more involved in the community. "My husband actually suggested it, he was familiar with the Junior League from Texas, and he thought it would be a good fit for me."

Turns out, her husband was right. Martin jumped whole-heartedly into her placement on the Holiday Market committee, and hopes to spend more time on the same committee next year with new ideas to bring more local vendors in.

"Joining JLT, for me, was a wonderful diversion. I love my job, but it can be all-consuming. I like Junior League because I use my free time to do something that matters in the community. I would encourage anyone who is on the fence about joining to try it out. I'm a little bit older than the average incoming Junior Leaguer, but I think that's been a benefit. I have some experience that I can give, but there is so much more to be learned from everyone's different backgrounds. I'm proud to call myself a member of JLT."



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UPDATE:

Henry Zarrow Center for Art and Education

by Sarah Rehm, Chair, Zarrow Center for Art and Education

Over the past two years ago, the Junior League of Tulsa (JLT) entered into collaboration with the Gilcrease Museum and the University of Tulsa, renewing a partnership that originated in 1962 with the establishment of the Gilcrease docent program.

The League initiated a task force chaired by Paula Settoon as construction began on the Henry Zarrow Center for Art and Education. Through surveys, they identified that parents, particularly those with young children, were interested in programs that developed their children's knowledge of art.

This past year, the League assigned a full committee to the Zarrow Center to increase community awareness and address volunteer and program needs. As the Zarrow Center expanded its own capabilities, the League honed in on an opportunity to create partnerships this past fall and assist in elevating and promoting awareness by hosting the Center's First Friday as part of the monthly art crawl in the Brady District.

The committee quickly discovered an opportunity to create partnerships with art teachers and students in local area schools, hosting monthly children's exhibits to

coordinate with the main gallery display. For example, at the December First Friday, in conjunction with the Sherman Smith Family Gallery exhibit 2100 Degrees of Glass Art by the Tulsa Glassblowing School, the League featured a children's faux-glass display from students at Moore Elementary, Carnegie Elementary, and Wright Elementary.

In January, to coordinate with the Everyday People portrait series by Tulsa World multimedia producer John Clanton, the League sponsored a metropolitan-wide children's photography contest "Youth In Focus: Everyday Photography" and displayed an exhibit of both the winning photographs and honorable mentions. Visitors consistently noted how impressed they were with the level of talent in the Tulsa community and the depth of insight our local youth conveyed in their photography, offering sketches of diversity on the Tulsa Transit system to capturing a shot of the homeless in downtown Tulsa.

For the February First Friday, while the main gallery space featured a variety of artwork submitted by art faculty at the University of Tulsa, the League celebrated diversity by featuring a children's Chinese New Year exhibit, with submissions from fifteen area schools, representing both



public and private schools and a geographic footprint from Broken Arrow to Sand Springs.

The success of the children's exhibit is in large part due to the tireless efforts of committee member Jenger Baker, who in coordinating the display, has incorporated a diverse list of schools and has made an extraordinary effort to solicit and feature artwork by sending committee members to pick up the collections at each participating school.

In March, with the February exhibit still on display, the League sponsored a children's art activity to further invite families into the creative space in the facility.

The children's exhibit has exceeded all expectations and brought increased awareness of the Zarrow Center as a destination for art enrichment opportunities. According to the Zarrow Center's programming director, Cindy Williams, "I can't tell you how many compliments I've received about the art show in the education hallway. I know it was a lot of work for you and it truly is spectacular! You did a great job and I just want to say thank you!"

The upcoming exhibit in April will feature artwork by alumni of the University of Tulsa and a children's art exhibit focusing on the theme "Reflection and Identity". The main gallery exhibit will remain in May, but the children's exhibit will change in celebration of Cinco de Mayo.

After having the privilege of chairing this committee of wonderful women this past year and discovering for myself the wealth of art enrichment opportunities the Zarrow Center offers, it will definitely be a destination I revisit. Even when our League responsibilities change in May, and we pass the program back to Zarrow, come the First Friday in June you'll find me at the Zarrow Center near the wine bar, listening to the entertainment and exploring the gallery space. If you're looking to be inspired and engaged by one of the finest art venues in downtown Tulsa, you'll join me.

For more information on the Zarrow Center for Art and Education or for a full calendar of visits, visit gilcrease.utulsa.edu/Explore/Zarrow.



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Planning for the Future

by Bridget Treadwell

The March general membership meeting offered Junior League of Tulsa (JLT) Members with the chance to cheer for the year's success and look ahead to a shining future.

During the meeting, Paula Settoon, Strategic Planning and Research Chair, presented the League's three-year (2013-2016) strategic plan. "Three years is a standard in the area of strategic planning," said Settoon. "One year is generally not long enough, and more than three is too difficult to predict. Generally when it comes to plans, the year one is detailed. Year two is less detailed and year three is the least detailed."

In setting the goals and tactics for the coming years, Settoon and members of the Strategic Planning and Research Committee sought the input of the Community Advisory Board (CAB) and the JLT Board of Directors. "Members of CAB offer a community perspective. They help JLT know the direction of the city at large. Often they also bring expertise in a particular area such as fundraising or providing community services directly to clients," Settoon explained.

Once the research is complete and a working draft is formed, the Strategic Committee presents its recommendations to the JLT Board. At that time the Board takes the draft of the plan and gives it more substance. The Board then votes on the plan and presents it to membership.

In setting the final goals, both the Strategic Planning Committee and the Board of Directors asked three simple questions...Where are we now? Where are we going? And, how will we get there?

The answers to these three critical questions became JLT's strategic plan for the next three years. In addition to the goals (seen in the accompanying graphic), annual tactics were developed to supplement the goals and ensure long-term success. This includes the identification

of roles and responsibilities for JLT's various councils.

Above all, the strategic plan allows JLT to remain focused on its mission and make the best use of resources to continuously adapt to changes and improve year-after-year.

Junior League of Tulsa Strategic Plan 2013-16



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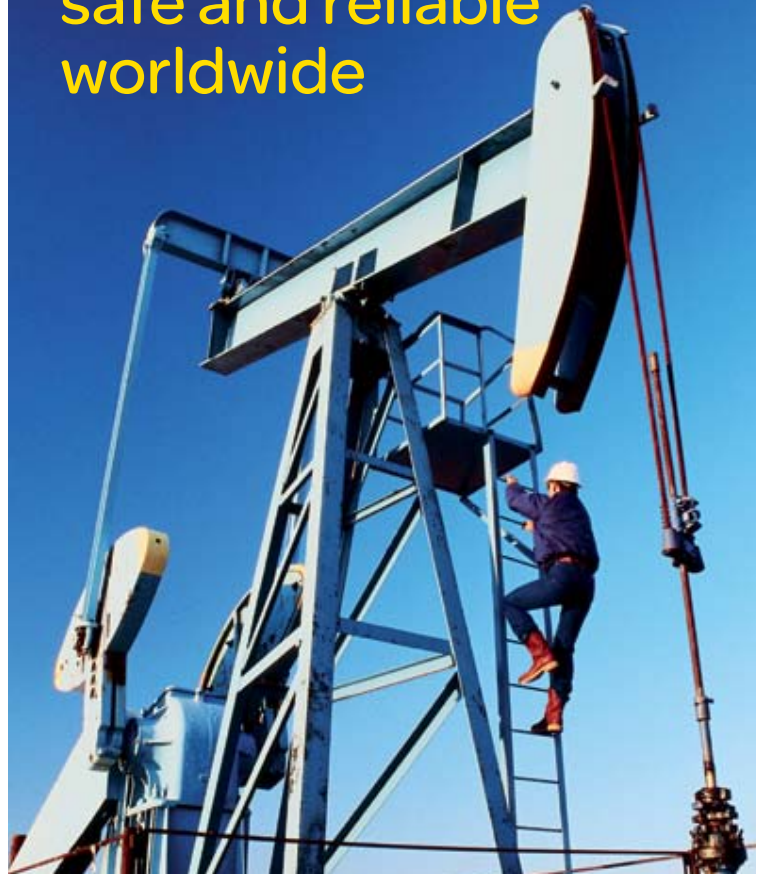
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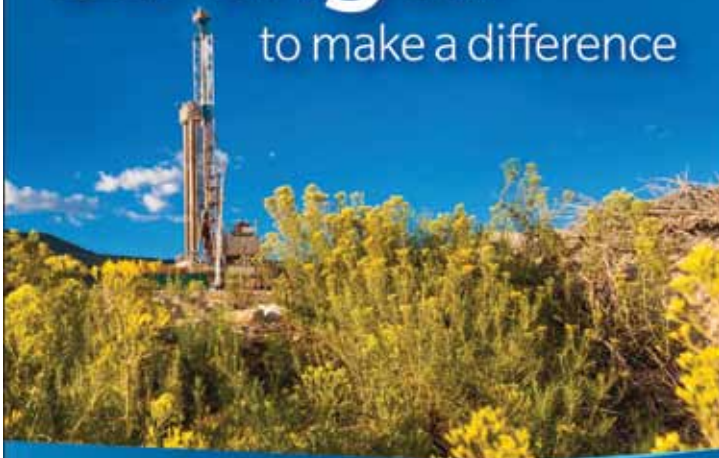


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“Why did you join the Junior League?” For some of us, it has been years since we have been asked that question. Recently, we gave a short survey and here are some of the answers we received:

- To meet women who care.
- My mother wanted me to join.
- To get connected with community volunteering.
- To meet women who share my sense of community.
- I knew active members who insisted I join.
- To be involved with an organization that helped start so many things to improve the City of Tulsa.
- To meet new people and help those in need.
- To learn about Tulsa.
- The reputation of the Junior League.

Once the Provisional year was complete, a series of Active years followed. The number of Active years required to “go Sustaining” has changed over time but is currently seven years. The next question we asked was, “what has kept you involved through the years?” You responded:

- My love of Tulsa and the people who live here.
- The opportunity to work and volunteer with such extraordinary women.
- Being a part of an organization that gives back so much.
- My strong interest in our community.
- Wonderful experiences to learn leadership skills.
- Volunteering in such meaningful ways.
- Loving every aspect of the League experience.
- Learning from women of many talents.

But the most frequent answer was.....friendships!

So, then it was your opportunity to pass on some insight with the question, “What advice would you give a Provisional on how to make the most of the League experience?”

- Relax and enjoy it.
- Take advantage of the training.
- Get involved, stay active.
- Know that the experiences gained can help both professionally and personally.
- Be open-minded to try new things.
- Use your talents and skills.
- Have fun.
- Participate and get to know as many people as possible.
- You get out of it what you put into it.
- Don't give up if the time commitment feels overwhelming, it is worth staying with it.
- Make new friends; they will be the glue for your JLT experience for years to come.
- Balance your placement with community and internal committees.

The reasons for joining and staying in the Junior League of Tulsa, from Provisional through Active to Sustainer, are spread across a wide range of experiences. However, I know that most of us would agree upon one thing...WE ARE SURE GLAD WE DID!

Sincerely,

Mary Alice Ahlgren
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Why did YOU join the Junior League? Find a prospect and tell them your “why” and pass on some good advice!



Sybil Tyler, Judy Cairl

Here's what's coming up in Sustainer clubs

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May
The Lost Dogs: Michael Vick's Dogs by Jim Gorant

June
The Submission by Amy Waldman

July
Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn

August
Eighty Days by Matthew Goodman

LUNCH CLUB (subject to change)

May
Naples Flatbread & Wine Bar

June
The Vault

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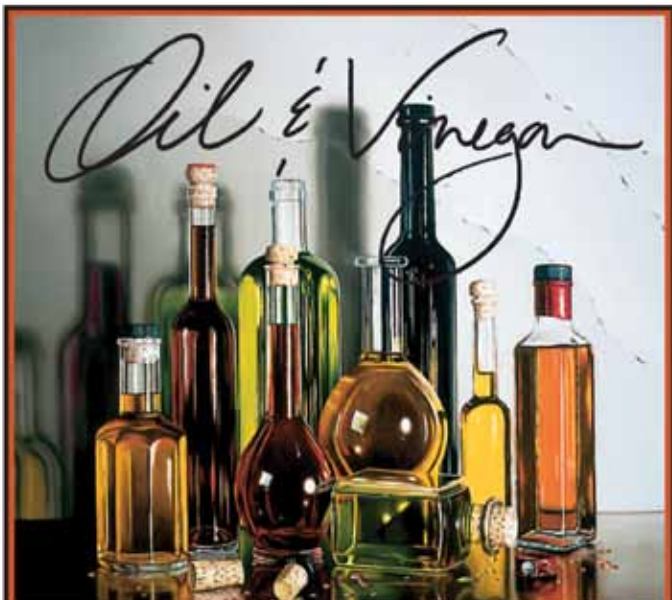
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The magic of mentorship

The Junior League of Tulsa's Magic of Mentorship Luncheon was a huge success!

By: Alexandra Paschal

It all started as a vision by President, Heather Duncan, after she attended the Tulsa Area United Way - Women's Leadership Council (WLC) Summit in the spring of 2012 where she became inspired to "find a way to recognize my mentors and the magic of mentorship that occurs when you are part of the Junior League of Tulsa." JLT Members Ashleigh Boedeker and Courtney Wilson took that vision and created a luncheon filled with magic.

Over 200 guests, including active and Sustaining Members and their mentors attended, as well as several past JLT Presidents, WLC members and many accomplished Tulsans. The luncheon took place at the new Stephenson Hall at First Presbyterian Church. JLT Member, Sarah McElvray, designed the program, invitations and took photos of the event.

Kathy Taylor, served as the keynote speaker for the event. It was Taylor who began Tulsa's own mentoring program, "Mentoring to the Max", which provides mentors to at-risk children in Tulsa Public Schools. Taylor inspired the audience as she described the importance of mentors in her life. "Mentors ask good questions. They help someone open their eyes to new possibilities. They provide encouragement. They give you nudges to take forward moving steps. And, on occasion, they might give you the good swift kick from behind that you might need," she said.

Taylor also recognized two mentors from her life who were present at the luncheon, Mrs. Ward Trueblood, her high school journalism teacher and Mrs. Barbara Berry, the mother of a college friend who served as Taylor's mentor when her parents died during her first 12 months of college.

As an ambassador to the City of Tulsa and current spokesperson for the "Mentoring to the Max" program, First Lady of Tulsa, Victoria Bartlett, harnessed the audience's enthusiasm and encouraged them to participate in several mentoring opportunities. More information about her suggestions for mentorship opportunities can be found at cityoftulsa.org.



Funds raised from the event went to support JLT's Scholarship program.

Members recognized the following mentors: Mary Alice Ahlgren; Jane Barrett; Bette Bendixen; Barbara Berry; Lisa Berry; Dede Boedeker; Ketrin Boone; Liz Brolick; Sharon Brolick; Christy Carter; India Carter; Pat Chernicky; Joan Connelly; Jan Creveling; Bernie Dornblaser; Connie Doverspike; Shelly Drullinger; Ashley Farthing; Jeri Farthing; Amanda Farthing; Katherine Fincannon; Jane Gawey; Rosie and DP Hall; Melissa Hoskins; Joy Hulver; Jerry Bass Jennings; Lindsey Johnson; Pam Johnson; Virginia Kauffmann; Deborah Kurin; Mary Lewis; Linda Mann; Paula Marshall; Giselle Martinez; Victoria Perry; Denise Piland; Leslie Porter; Janna Roberson; Anna Saah; Connie Seay; Genie Shannon; Tamra Sheehan; Sarah Stephens; Melinda Stinnett; Kathy Taylor; Wendy Thomas; Louanne Ward Trueblood; Barbara VanHanken; Cindy Wahl; Sharon Watts; Pearl Webb; Donna Whittinghill; Karen Wilson; Donnita Wynn.

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