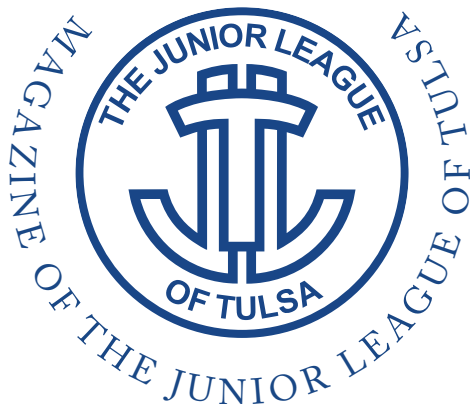


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is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

The Junior League of Tulsa is committed to working to end the cycle of poverty through hands-on education and community based programs.

The Junior League of Tulsa, Inc., welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations and communities.

CORE VALUES:

Community: It is the heart of all we do.

Voluntarism: An essential component of our society.

Leadership: The development of individual potential.

Collaboration: Forming partnerships and strategic alliances.

Diversity: The synergy of different perspectives.

Mentoring: Essential growth for future generations.

Respect: For our members' time, energy and skills.

Well-being: Physical, mental, emotional and social.

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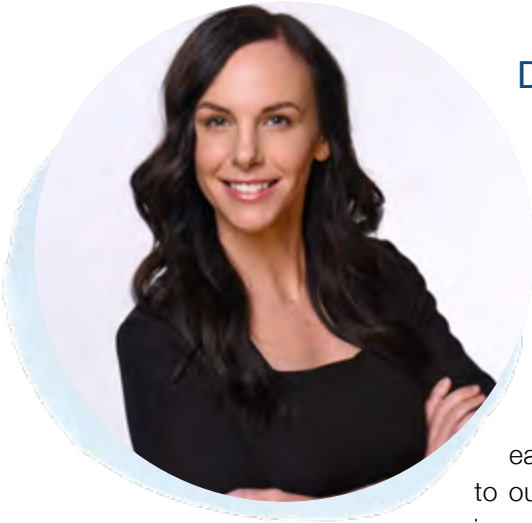
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Dear *gusher* Readers,

When I reflect upon the last year, I am reminded of the resiliency the members of The Junior League of Tulsa (JLT) have demonstrated since founded in 1923. For 98 years, including during a 100-year pandemic, social injustice, and political uncertainty, the members of JLT have continued to execute the mission to develop the potential of women, improve the community, and promote voluntarism.

In a year many of us would say is “worth forgetting,” I would encourage each of us to find something worth celebrating. In September, I revealed to our members the annual theme of “Celebrate 98” to honor our 98 years of service. In addition, I announced we would highlight and celebrate a different core value each month. During a time that tested our core strengths and revealed our core values in a meaningful way, I’m grateful we were able to recognize and celebrate each of our core values in action.

During the pandemic, JLT continued to serve the community as a training and volunteer organization for women, and responded to our community’s greatest needs with our community partners. With more than 600 members serving on over 25 committees, I’m proud to say our organizational framework and core values, allowed us to develop new leaders and deliver a differentiated outcome to our community. Our members demonstrated that, even in the face of a pandemic, we will adapt, serve, and thrive.

I hope you enjoy reading more about JLT’s impact to the Tulsa community and celebrate JLT’s resiliency in this annual *gusher* issue. A special thanks to our *gusher* Committee, under the leadership of our editor, Julie Etchison, for sharing our journey and their commitment and dedication to this issue.

To our members, you are truly exceptional women. Thank you for the resiliency you demonstrated. We all experienced loss this year, yet, we continued to say “yes” to serving each other and our community. I appreciate you placing your confidence and trust in our leadership team. Together, we successfully faced the challenges and will forever be changed – for the better.

And, to the 2020-21 Board of Directors, thank you for joining me on this journey. I have learned so much from each of you. I appreciate your willingness to endure the complexity of decision-making and challenges due to the pandemic. We embraced each other and our organization as a foundation of experience, advice, and counsel that resulted in the best possible outcomes.

Looking ahead, I remain optimistic about the resiliency of our members. I see a future that includes enhancing our membership training programs, collaborating with community partners, and celebrating our 100 years of service to Tulsa. Thank you for your support!

Your 2020-21 President,
Ashley Pettingell



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COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Members partner with individuals from Women in Recovery and a horticulturalist from the Jewish Federation of Tulsa to care for a community garden while receiving educational tips and lessons on various gardening topics. Everything grown is donated to the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma.



Members mentor and plan social activities for women transitioning from incarceration into employment at Take 2: A Resonance Cafe.



Members support the mobile grocery initiative by planning monthly events in local food deserts. They provide a fun and inclusive setting for attendees to shop for fresh fruits and vegetables, and to learn more about their community resources.



Members teach cooking classes focusing on affordable and nutritious meal options for high school students. Meals are prepared and sent home with students for the weekend.



Members plan and implement bi-monthly community dinners in two local elementary schools where students are experiencing food insecurity, providing parents and teachers a comfortable and relaxed setting to create and foster relationships.



Members prepare and package meals for families whose children are undergoing treatment at the Children's Hospital at Saint Francis.

HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Members teach 2nd grade art classes for children at Hawthorne Elementary and provide a creative outlet in response to the lack of school funding.

PROVISIONAL RETREAT

The 2020-21 Junior League year looked a bit different, starting with the Provisional Retreat. This retreat usually presents a great way to meet the provisional class and to serve the Tulsa community with a volunteer project. This year, the retreat was held virtually due to COVID-19.



Since the members could not meet in person, the ladies did a drive-through retreat to meet their Provisional Liaisons and several members of the JLT Board, and pickup their JLT goodie bags. JLT President, Ashley Pettingell adds, "Our members have demonstrated such resiliency in the face of a pandemic. They have had to be creative on ways to further our mission with safety as the top priority." Although virtual, the retreat was still a success in welcoming our 59 newest JLT members!



"The biggest takeaway from the retreat was wanting to meet our Provisionals where they are at! We wanted them to feel like we value their safety, are excited they are joining us, and are going to have a great year! We are focusing on cultivating the relationships with the girls through social media and online. We are living in crazy circumstances and want to make the most of it." – Danielle Hunt, 2020-21 Provisional Chair



MENTORSHIP LUNCHEON

The annual Mentorship Luncheon was held virtually on February 12, 2021. The event celebrated mentorship and awarded four scholarships to women pursuing their education. The Founders' Scholarships were awarded to high school seniors Grace Lam and Emma Zemenak, who will both be attending University of Oklahoma in the fall. The Mrs. W. Albert Cook Scholarships were awarded to non-traditional students Cherice Allen, who is pursuing a bachelor's degree in business at the University of Phoenix, and Brianna Fowler who is pursuing a degree in optometry at Northeastern State University.

Speaker, author, Tulsan and founder of Vocal Authority, Rena Cook was the keynote speaker at the Mentorship Luncheon. While the event was virtual, Rena managed to give an interactive presentation on how to find and empower your authentic voice. She also spoke about the mentors and mentees that have impacted her life and the importance of mentorship in achieving your goals.



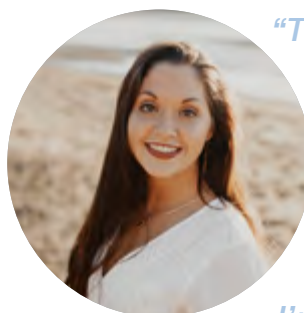
"This scholarship means a lot to me because not only will it help me pay for college, but it encourages people to be involved in their community." - Emma Zemenak



"At a time where I was lost on how I would be able to fund my educational dreams, the Founders Scholarship was an incredible gift to me. Words truly can't encapsulate the gratitude I hold for the Junior League of Tulsa's generosity." - Grace Lam



"Receiving this scholarship has helped me to reduce some of my financial burdens, given me peace of mind, and will allow me to continue to pursue my educational dreams. I greatly appreciate the Mrs. W. Albert Cook scholarship and JLT for investing in me as I invest in my future."
- Cherice Allen



"This scholarship is literally the difference between life and school for me. I couldn't afford it without help, and I'm still struggling to pay the rest. Medical school and optometry school may not be an option simply because of cost, not lack of drive or desire." - Brianna Fowler

GEM GALA

The Junior League of Tulsa was thrilled to celebrate Michelle Hardesty and the Hardesty Family Foundation as our 2021 Gem Gala Honoree and Community Gem. The annual Gem Gala recognizes the inspiring contributions of both an organization and an individual in our community. “Gem” stands for “going the extra mile,” and Michelle and the Hardesty Family Foundation exemplify the sentiment to its fullest.

Established in 2005, the Hardesty Family Foundation has sought to build a better future for all who choose to call Oklahoma home. Through investing in our community’s arts and culture, education, health, and human services, they have played an integral role in making Tulsa a place where people want to live, work, and play.



“You can’t look around Tulsa and not see the direct impact that the Hardesty Family has had in the community. Michelle and the Hardesty Family Foundation are true gems who embody the mission and values of JLT, and we couldn’t be happier to celebrate the work they’ve done in Tulsa,” said GEM Gala Co-Chairs Brooke Bedford and Lauren Smith.



These organizations work to end the cycle of poverty and empower women in our community, both tenets of Junior League of Tulsa’s mission.

This year’s amethyst-themed event was held virtually on April 24, 2021. The event raised over \$48,000 to support JLT’s community partners.



Additionally, the Hardesty Family Foundation supports several of JLT’s community partners, such as the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, DVIS, Women in Recovery, Street School, Food on the Move, and Resonance Center for Women.



Special Thanks to our Gem Gala Sponsors

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Kendall & Derek Mordhorst

Brandon & Ashley Pettingell

Lauren & Harrison Smith

Lesley Hess & Chuck Stimac

AJLI Rising Star Award 2021



The Association of Junior Leagues International awarded Amy Brown the 2021 Rising Star Award. The Rising Star Award is given to an active member who demonstrates significant promise consistent with the vision and values of The Junior League Mission.

Amy has been a member of JLT since 2016, and since that time, she has embodied the JLT values. Amy is a leader who operates with the utmost integrity, committing to doing what is right in the face of adversity, hurt, and sometimes anger. As Deputy Mayor of Tulsa, Amy has played an integral role in the 1921 Graves Investigation tasked to locate the mass graves of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre. The process of planning, coordinating, and funding the 1921 Graves Investigation has

been legally, historically, and emotionally complex. The Investigation has brought nearly 100-year-old wounds to the surface and forefront of our community dialogue.

Throughout this process, while shouldering the anger, grief, and undue blame thrust upon her personally by members of the community, Amy has diligently advocated for fairness, for transparency, and for healing. Participating in highly emotional public meetings, navigating unique legalities, and spending hours on site at cemetery excavations, Amy has led her team's efforts to act and advance productive work on the 1921 Graves Investigation with the hope of identifying and honoring victims, and restoring relationships in our community. For Tulsa, the 1921 Graves Investigation is a long overdue step to acknowledge the harm that racism has done in our community and to move forward the effort to eliminate the racism that has long divided us. Amy has been and continues to be an agent for change when and where it is needed most.

“Perhaps most importantly, my membership in the Junior League of Tulsa helps me to maintain a community mindset while serving as a leader in local government. At the City of Tulsa, we strive to be the foundation for economic prosperity, improved health, and enhanced quality of life for our community. JLT has allowed me to see the challenges and opportunities faced by our community partners firsthand, and it has shown me the tangible impact that volunteers can have on ending the cycle of poverty. There is strong alignment between the work at the City of Tulsa aimed at changing systems and the work in the Junior League of Tulsa aimed at changing individual lives through voluntarism. I am a more effective civic leader because I get to experience both, and I know it is only through both efforts that our community is truly transformed.”

- Amy Brown

DID YOU KNOW?

A BBC News World Service radio program produced a story about the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre and included oral history recordings of survivors from JLT's archives. The radio show has an estimated audience of 140 million people worldwide.

Listen to the full radio program here: bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3cszjvy

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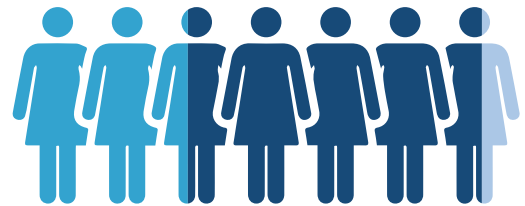




98 Years of Women Building a Better Tulsa



**1.6M Hours
Contributed**



Members:



**\$40,688,000 Worth
of Volunteer Time**

212 Active

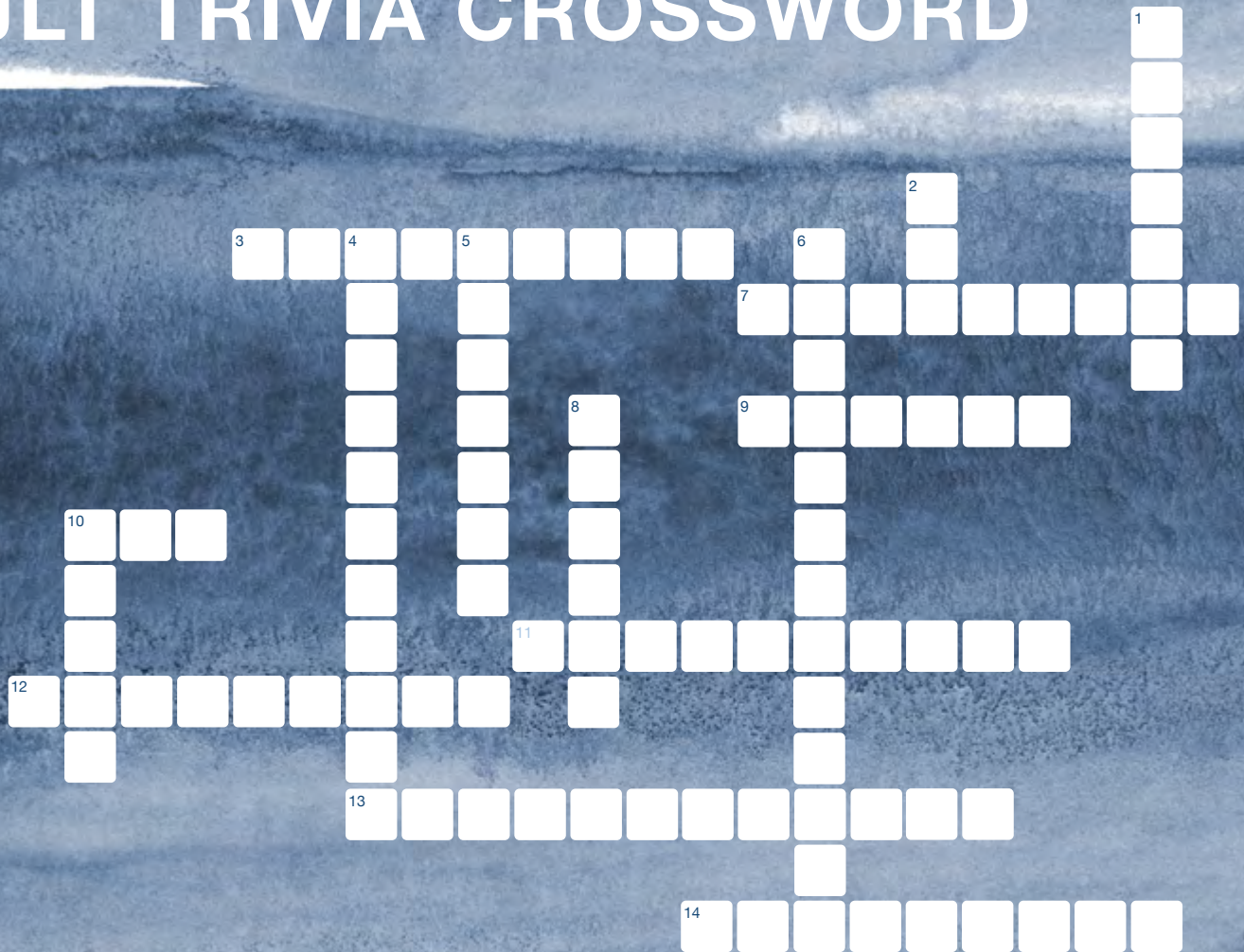
298 Sustaining



Over \$5M Raised

59 Provisional

JLT TRIVIA CROSSWORD



Across

- 3 Core value: The synergy of different perspectives.
- 7 Core value: It is the heart of all we do.
- 9 2021-22 President-Elect (first name)
- 10 Training education achievement.
- 11 Core value: The development of individual potential.
- 12 Core value: Physical, mental, emotional and social.
- 13 The founder of The Junior League.
- 14 Core value: Essential growth for future generations.

Down

- 1 The Junior League of Tulsa, Inc. is devoted to ending the cycle of _____.
- 2 Stands for "going the extra mile."
- 4 Core value: An essential component of our society.
- 5 Core value: For our members' time, energy and skills.
- 6 Core value: Forming partnerships and strategic alliances.
- 8 Official magazine of Junior League of Tulsa.
- 10 The Junior League of Tulsa was organized in 192_.

JLT OUT & ABOUT

Members still found a way to connect despite a year of virtual events and social distancing.





Members in the Community



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Gourmet Gift Baskets and Boxes
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Julia Dixon
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Jessica Engelbrecht
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Jessica Yoon

Jewel Level

\$1,200

Gem Gala: 2 tickets + recognition in program & website

Mentorship Luncheon: 2 tickets + recognition in program & website

Trivia Night: 2 event tickets \$200 towards JLT Dues

\$100 to Endowment Fund

\$100 to Building Fund

Leader Level

\$800

Gem Gala: 1 Ticket

Mentorship Luncheon: 1 Ticket

Trivia Night: 1 ticket

\$200 towards JLT Dues

\$75 to Endowment Fund

\$75 to Building Fund

Trailblazer Level

\$400

Gem Gala After Party: 1 Ticket

Mentorship Luncheon: 1 Ticket

\$200 towards JLT Dues

\$30 to Endowment Fund

\$30 to Building Fund

Golden Driller Salad

SERVES 8

Salad

2 (15-ounce) cans black beans, rinsed, drained
1 (10-ounce) package frozen corn, thawed
1 avocado, coarsely chopped
1 red bell pepper, chopped
1 red onion, chopped
1 bunch fresh cilantro, chopped
¼ teaspoon chili powder
16 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, cut into cubes

Driller Dressing

1/3 cup red wine vinegar
¼ cup olive oil
1 teaspoon sugar
Salt and pepper to taste
1 garlic clove

TO PREPARE THE DRESSING, combine the vinegar, olive oil, sugar and salt and pepper to taste in a small bowl and whisk until well blended. Add the garlic clove and let stand for 30 minutes.

TO PREPARE THE SALAD, combine the beans, corn, avocado, bell pepper, onion, cilantro, chili powder and cheese in a large salad bowl and mix well.

Remove and discard the garlic clove from the dressing. Pour the dressing over the salad, tossing to mix well. Serve with tortilla chips.

Wonderful Waffles

SERVES 6

Ingredients:

4 egg yolks
2 cups heavy cream
2 cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt

1 tablespoon sugar
¼ cup (½ stick) butter or margarine, melted
4 egg whites
Milk

Beat the egg yolks in a large bowl until thick and pale yellow. Add the cream and mix just until blended. Sift the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar together. Add the sifted dry ingredients to the egg yolk mixture all at once and stir until just combined. Blend in the butter just until smooth.

Beat the egg whites in a small bowl until stiff peaks form. Fold into the batter gently. Thin the batter if needed with enough milk to make the desired consistency.

Cook in a waffle iron using the manufacturer's instructions. Serve with melted butter, warm maple syrup and fresh fruit.

These recipes and more can be found in the Junior League of Tulsa's "Oil & Vinegar" cookbook. The cookbook can be purchased online at jltulsa.org/store.



Members, Community Partners, Supporters, and Friends,

The Junior League of Tulsa has weathered many storms over the past 98 years – the Great Depression, World War II, economic busts and booms, social and political changes – and now, a global pandemic. While I can only imagine the challenges our Members, our League, and our Community met during those times, I have every confidence that the Members of JLT faced those challenges with the same spirit, steadfastness, and commitment I see in our Members today. In a year filled with fear, anxiety, and loss, JLT offered me an outlet, a sense of purpose, and a place to belong. I learned that JLT continues to give me more than I could ever hope to give back, that the servant leaders in our organization are an impressive combination of flexible and strong, and that the needs in the Tulsa area are greater than ever.

But more than anything else, I realized that through all types of hardship, our commitment to our community endures. We still show up, we still serve, and we still care. When I look at our logo, I am often reminded of an anchor, which is more than a device used to hold a ship in place. Merriam-Webster also defines an anchor as “a reliable or principal support: mainstay” and “something that serves to hold an object firmly.” When used as a verb, to anchor means “to secure firmly” or “to act or serve as an anchor for.” An anchor can symbolize safety, strength, stability, security, and hope.

The Junior League of Tulsa is a reliable, principal support, and has been a mainstay of the Tulsa community for 98 years. Through our commitment to our community programs, volunteer training, and leadership development, we built a legacy of service, support, and stability. The impact our volunteers have made and their ongoing dedication to developing the potential of women, improving the community, and promoting voluntarism embody the strength, stability and hope symbolized by the anchor in our logo.

As we look toward our 99th year of service to the Tulsa community, I am cautiously optimistic that we will be able to return to our “new normal.” Though there is still some uncertainty as to what that looks like for each of us individually and for the Junior League of Tulsa as a whole, I am excited for the possibilities that lie ahead. In the coming year, we will embrace new community impact partners, such as Tulsa Dream Center and Flourish Homes, update our Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures, partner with the Association of Junior Leagues International to implement a new Placement Matching Tool, celebrate our Scholarship recipients at Mentorship Luncheon, execute our 2021-24 Strategic Plan, honor our community gems at GEM Gala (Save-the-Date! April 23, 2022), and prepare for our Centennial Celebration.

We will renew our commitment to our community, holding fast to our values and furthering our mission through intentionality, diligence, and passion. As we face new challenges and meet unprecedented needs in the Tulsa area, we will remain committed to community.

I look forward to partnering with you as JLT continues to serve and evolve over the coming year.

Very truly yours,

Elaina Osteen
President, 2021-22





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