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From the most well-known dictionary, to the internet, and even in "street terms," a servant is clearly someone who does things for others. Sometimes we think of it as a person who is forced to do things for others, but the Junior League of Tulsa is determined to turn that notion around. Servant Leadership has become a shift in thinking for our members—challenged by author Shar McBee, who spoke at one of our meetings and at a day-long workshop open to the public. You can find out more about McBee and her presentation on page 13. She challenged all of us to ask oneself, "What can I do for others in this organization?" instead of asking, "What can this organization do for me?" In turn, it has helped each of us become better members and better leaders.

That's why this issue is dedicated to the servants of the Junior League of Tulsa. Our cover story tells of a unique partnership between JLT and the Gilcrease Museum, joining forces to implement an arts outreach program in the heart of downtown Tulsa, focusing on art education and our youth. You will also learn a little bit about some of those who sit on our Community Advisory Board through a fun Q&A session. Also, if you haven't heard yet, we are now offering double the amount of Harvest Market classes to the public, encouraging healthy cooking at home. Of course, our work in the community wouldn't be possible without fundraising so you'll also read about how successful this year's Holiday Market turned out, and a special preview of what's in store for our annual gala "Denim & Diamonds." And don't forget to check out all the latest in our "Community Corner"—the section specially dedicated to the work being done every day in our community.

The *gusher* committee hopes you walk away from this issue better understanding how the Junior League of Tulsa and its members strive to be servants in all we do -- to love, serve, and lead within the Tulsa community.

Sincerely,

*Tracy Guara*

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# Letter from the President

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. It is nice to have time off to enjoy each other and have renewal for the coming year. My family spent our first Christmas in our new home and enjoyed sharing our old traditions as well as creating some new ones.

In our eighty-ninth year, JLT has created many traditions in our Tulsa community. We have traditions of service, advocacy, training, and a dedication to improving not only our wonderful community but also by developing the women who volunteer for JLT and commit to doing great things for Tulsa. When you consider your service to JLT, what traditions do you hold dear?

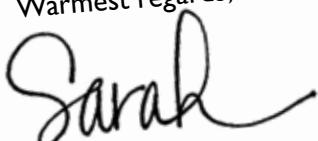
I have so much appreciation for JLT's tradition of serving our community. I love to see our past partners flourish today because of JLT's involvement. In 1962 JLT established the docent program known as the "Gillies" at the Gilcrease Museum. Today we have the opportunity to renew our partnership with Gilcrease with the opening of the Zarrow Center for Art and Education in downtown Tulsa this Spring. I'm particularly excited about this as it showcases JLT's ability to do capacity building for other organizations. This is critical to growing and developing other community non-profits. It will also open up multiple volunteer opportunities for our membership.

We welcome a new tradition as Denim & Diamonds brings the bling! We have a new name but offer the same fun, affordable evening for our members and the community to come together and support JLT. Thank you to Bruce G. Weber Jewels for providing beautiful pieces from the new Ivanka Trump line for our auction and raffle. I am certain these pieces will be on everyone's wish list.

We will honor someone who has been a faithful employee of our organization on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Doris Brown, our office manager, is celebrating 30 years of service to JLT this year. We appreciate her many contributions to JLT's traditions.

And finally, please join me in welcoming the newly announced 2012-2013 Board of Directors. Led by President Elect Heather Duncan, I am sure they will honor JLT's traditions and look forward to the new ones they will create together for JLT's future.

Warmest regards,



Sarah Dougherty  
2011-2012 President

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**Mentoring:** Essential growth for future generations

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### **John Henry Rausch**

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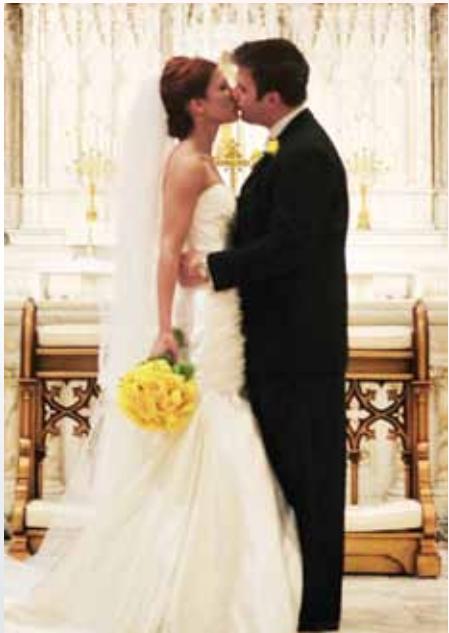
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# Hello, Sustainers!

On a cool and crisp fall October evening Sustainers met in a new venue, a "Sustainer Social", at Sonoma Bistro in Brookside. Past President Cassie Barkett served as hostess. It was such fun to enjoy the beautiful evening on the patio with Sustainer friends. Sustainers came for the more informal gathering to visit and have dinner or not. It was a nice way to enter the fall season with the Sustainers. Thank you Cassie for coordinating the first social, and we will do another after the holidays.

Sustainers celebrated fall again in our more traditional way, the Fall Party, at the home of Pattie Bowman on the evening of October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pattie's lovely home set the atmosphere where we enjoyed each other and the wonderful food catered by Petty's Catering in Utica Square.

Another event enjoyed by many Sustainers was the Holiday Market. I enjoyed the Preview Party and shopped the many merchants' booths and happened upon a new aloe lotion which I understand many return to buy each year. I trusted the salesman and invested in the lotion which I can tell you I will return again next year to buy. It is great! There were so many choices to shop from and it was fun to visit with Actives and Sustainers shopping and supporting JLT.

Sustainer Book Club activities continue in momentum under the leadership of Sustainer Annabel Jones. In October Book Club reviewed *Spies of Warsaw* by Allen Fursts at the home of Nancy Daniel. Allen Fursts, recipient of the Peggy Helmerich Distinguished Author Award in December, 2011, wrote the book focused on the main character of Colonel Jean-Francois Mercier set in Warsaw before World War II, and it is full of intrigue and espionage! In November *The Monsters of Templeton* by Lauren Groff was discussed at the home of Laurie Brumbaugh. The story centers on the young life of Willie Upton, a college archeology student, pregnant by one of her professors, who returns to her childhood home in Templeton, New York. Her mother, Vi, who raised Willie as a single mother, a free-spirit of the 60's and a born-again-Baptist, has kept the true identity of her father a secret for 30 years. Willie's archeological interests lead her to seek her father's true identity weaving a story of truths, deceipts and mysteries. To start a new year of reading please join us in January to read and review *Dead Man Walking* by Helen Prejean at the home of Connie Doverspike, in February, *Behind the Beautiful Forever* by Kathryn Boo at the home of Annabel Jones and in March, *Steve Jobs* at the home of Francine Bandy.

Lunch Club met at familiar and new restaurants which are always fun to try. In October ladies lunched at Wild Fork in Utica Square and in November at the White Owl on 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Lunch Club continues in 2012 with locations selected and arranged by Sustainer Robyn Cannon on a monthly basis. Please come and enjoy!

Restaurant Club met in October for a special cooking and dining experience at the Urban Kitchen on 15<sup>th</sup> Street, and it was educational and good! The newly reopened Charlie Mitchell's at 51<sup>st</sup> and Yale served as the November location. Sustainer Ann Foster continues to lead this fun group.

JLT Sustainers, welcome 2012 by coming to Sustainer activities. You will sure to be pleased.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Sue Curry  
Sustaining President

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# *Fall Party*



Pattie Bowman and Sue Curry



Deidra Kirtley, Mary Alice Ahlgren, Denise Payne, Mary Deisenroth



Ellen Fuller, Ann Foster

## *October Restaurant Club*



Nancy Daniel, Sue Curry



Dale Roberson, Caroline Crain, Beverly Torr, Francine Bandy, Candace Conley, Teresa Flusche



Ann Foster, Carla Gilbert

## *October and November Lunch Club*



Ann Foster, Carla Gilbert, Beth Rainey, Meredith Blackstock



Maggie Cornell, Francine Bandy, Robyn Cannon, Connie Doverspike



Robyn Cannon, Carla Gilbert, Maggie Cornell

## *November Restaurant Club*



Mary Deisenroth, Revelle Clousing



Carla Gilbert, Francine Bandy, Cathy Swadener



Earlene Gathright, Rita Foster

# JLT Partners with Gilcrease Museum and TU for Art Education

By the Gilcrease/TU Task Force

An exciting collaboration is in development between the Junior League of Tulsa and Gilcrease Museum. When current Junior League president, Sarah Dougherty, and past president Cassie Barkett heard about the idea of a downtown location that would house new art exhibits, focus on art education and provide studio space for local artists, their interest was peaked. Meetings were had, plans were made, and a Junior League and Gilcrease partnership was hatched.

"JLT has a long-standing history of promoting art education. We appreciate the opportunities this partnership will bring to JLT in terms of offering capacity building services for the prestigious Gilcrease Museum. It is also exciting to work again with a past partner as we established their docent program in 1962," said President Sarah Dougherty.

Construction on the Zarrow Center for Art and Education, located in the Brady Arts District, is progressing as planned, with scheduled completion set for the spring of 2012. The Zarrow Center for Art and Education will serve The University of Tulsa's School of Art and Gilcrease Museum. Early efforts from The Junior League of Tulsa's Task Force have helped identify and implement arts outreach and programs.

The Zarrow Center for Art and Education is located in the Mathews Warehouse. Construction is underway on the warehouse that spans the city block between Boston and Cincinnati Avenues. Through the generosity of George Kaiser Family Foundation and a partnership with TU and Philbrook Museum of Art, the Mathews Warehouse will be transformed into an artistic center that, in addition to the Zarrow Center, will feature Philbrook's Eugene B. Adkins Collection and Study Center.

Plans for the Zarrow Center span the warehouse's three stories

and 18,000 square feet. The first floor will feature gallery space and a supporting wine and cheese bar, where members of the public can come together to enjoy exhibits in a social setting. The second floor will include four classrooms, where TU instructors, Gilcrease Museum educational staff and guest teachers will provide arts education. The third floor will feature studio space to serve TU's Master of Fine Arts program, making the site a living laboratory of artistic expression for resident talents and visiting professionals.

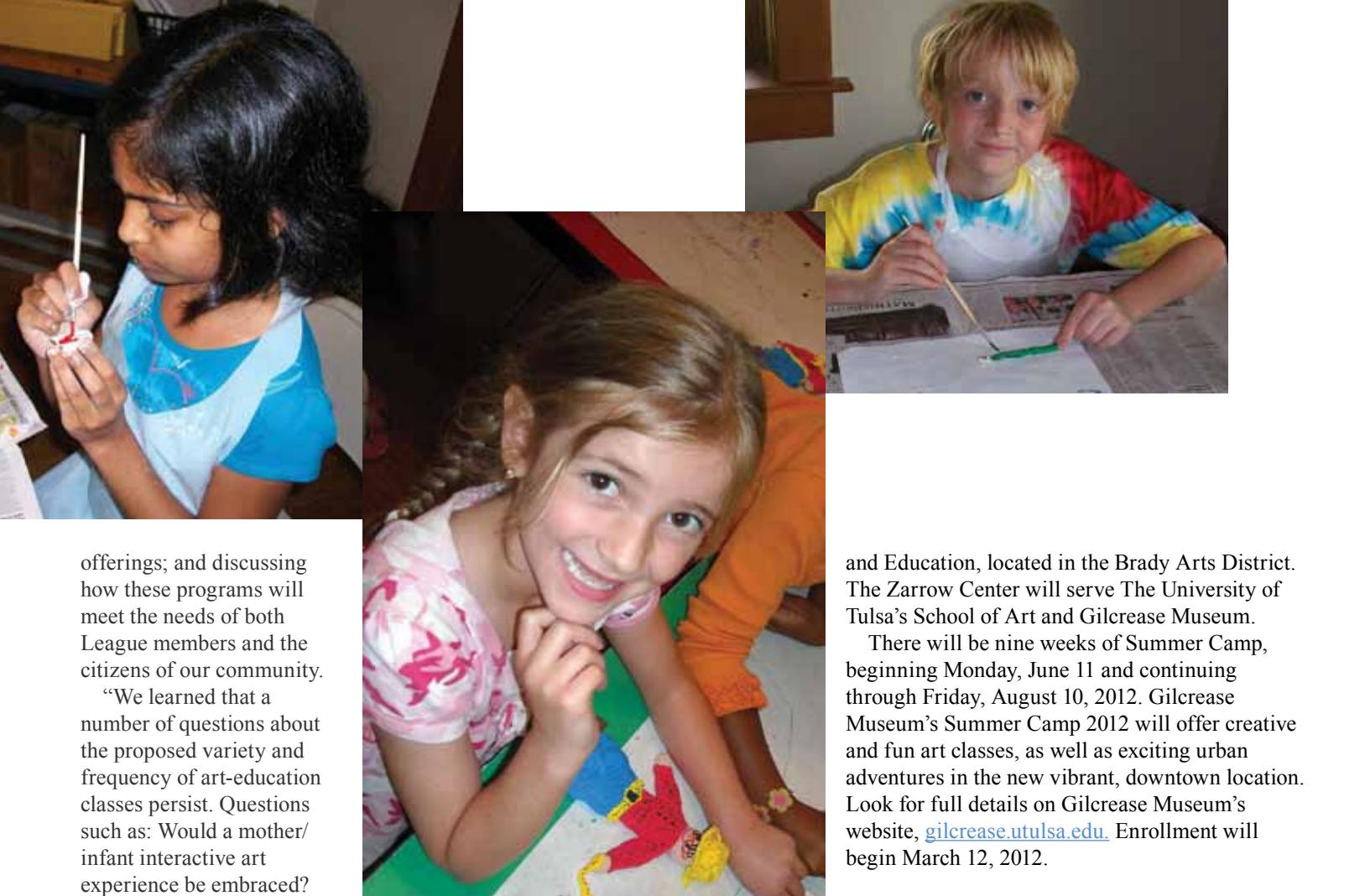
"This center will be a place of creativity, learning, and community – values that are central to artistry and to citizenship alike," said TU President Steadman Upham. "We are truly excited to be part of this cultural anchor in one of downtown Tulsa's most exciting locations."

The Junior League of Tulsa formed a task force in 2010, and conducted surveys to identify programmatic needs in Tulsa related to the arts.

"It took time to develop a survey to determine what the community knows about the offerings at Gilcrease," said Paula Settoon, past Gilcrease task force chairwoman. The task force set forth a goal to determine what Tulsa citizens were looking for in the area of arts education. Through their crucial research they discovered that Gilcrease has a terrific opportunity to market their programs. Paula went on to say, "We also discovered that parents, particularly those with young children are very interested in programs that will develop their children's potential."

Now in its second year, the Gilcrease task force has a fresh set of faces. At present, they are researching meaningful ways to assist with the launch of the program by working to identify volunteer needs; reviewing Gilcrease's proposed program





offerings; and discussing how these programs will meet the needs of both League members and the citizens of our community.

"We learned that a number of questions about the proposed variety and frequency of art-education classes persist. Questions such as: Would a mother/infant interactive art experience be embraced? How would the Zarrow

Center for Arts and Education recruit and retain volunteers for art educators and assistants in numbers sufficient to meet the anticipated demand?" said Sarah Rehm, task force member.

To answer these questions, the task force hopes to cull existing research from several sources, including the National Art Education Association, to identify key elements in centers similar to the Zarrow Center for Art and Education that have led to successful programs elsewhere. They will also be examining whether those programs have components that can be replicated or recreated in our own community to advance inclusive, learner-centered, participatory, and interest-driven art education, key attributes of connected learning.

"The Junior League of Tulsa is proud of its early advocacy through the task force. Continued involvement from the Junior League of Tulsa will elevate the project.

Enthusiasm for programs in the Zarrow Center from League members is anticipated," said Sarah Dougherty.

A preview for the Zarrow Center is slated for May 2012 at the Annual Membership Meeting.

Junior League Members, along with their families, will have an opportunity to enroll and participate in the spring offerings at the Zarrow Center as well as Summer 2012 Art Camp opportunities.

Gilcrease Museum will offer Summer Camp in two locations in 2012. Camp for children ages 4-6 years old will be held in June at the Gilcrease Museum – with programming staged in the Thomas Gilcrease House and various locations inside the museum. Camp activities for youth ages 7-9, 10-12, and 13-15 years old will take place in June, July and August at the new Zarrow Center for Art

and Education, located in the Brady Arts District. The Zarrow Center will serve The University of Tulsa's School of Art and Gilcrease Museum.

There will be nine weeks of Summer Camp, beginning Monday, June 11 and continuing through Friday, August 10, 2012. Gilcrease Museum's Summer Camp 2012 will offer creative and fun art classes, as well as exciting urban adventures in the new vibrant, downtown location. Look for full details on Gilcrease Museum's website, [gilcrease.utulsa.edu](http://gilcrease.utulsa.edu). Enrollment will begin March 12, 2012.



# Harvest Market Now Offers Double the Cooking Classes

By Chair Giselle Martinez

The Harvest Market Committee began in 2010, as an expansion of our partnership with Global Gardens. The committee offers cooking classes for both children and adults in the Eugene Field community at the Westside Harvest Market grocery store. The Westside Harvest Market is a grocery store in the Eugene Field neighborhood that was opened by 10 investors from First United Methodist Church. It serves as the only grocery store for several large public housing projects. Prior to its opening, the food choices for those in the Eugene Field's neighborhood were relegated to fast food or whatever could be grabbed from a nearby convenience store.

The Harvest Market Committee offers cooking classes that focus on making healthy meals on a budget. This

year the committee has undergone exciting changes and growth. The number of committee members has grown from nine to eighteen. Chair Giselle Martinez explained, "Because of the interest from our provisional class to join the committee, we were able to double in size."

In addition to expanding in membership, the committee has also increased the number of cooking classes offered at Harvest Market. This is due in large part to an exciting grant that the committee received from the Gelvin Foundation for 3,000 dollars.

"The grant enables us to offer double the number of cooking classes. We are now offering four classes throughout the year on Tuesday evenings allowing those who work on Saturdays to participate. We also now have four classes where the

kids do all the cooking, helping us bridge the Harvest Market cooking classes with Junior League's Kids in the Kitchen project," said Martinez.

Funds from the grant have also provided bags of food to each of the families who attend the class so they may prepare the recipes at home. Written copies of the recipes are given to each family encouraging them to make the healthy meals they learned for their families.

"It's really wonderful to see the families come together to cook and share a meal. The parents and children seem eager to learn new recipes and try new things. And they are all so grateful to leave with a bag of groceries to make that meal again at home," said Project Planner Lauren Hettler.

The classes serve not only to teach



healthy cooking techniques, but also to make the Harvest Market store a “community center” for the Eugene Field community. The adults and children gather together to chop, peel, and dice around the counter in the Harvest Market kitchen. Discussions range from the health benefits of vegetables and whole grains, to what is going on at the Eugene Field Elementary School. A feeling of community and empowerment is truly being fostered during the cooking classes.

A special emphasis is placed on introducing the children in the classes to a variety of nutritious foods. This emphasis helps ties the Harvest Market project to the objectives of the Kids in the Kitchen project. Maggie Rosene, Project Planner, has enjoyed her role in teaching children about healthy foods. “It has been a joy to see how excited the kids are to participate in cooking and especially to see how adventurous they can be when it comes to trying new foods. Those kids sure love their veggies!”

Member Linde Dutke, feels that by teaching the parents and children about good nutrition they are “planting seeds that can grow into a healthy lifestyle. Harvest Market is a great link with the community it serves, and it’s rewarding to be a part of such a worthwhile organization.”

The Harvest Market committee is very dedicated to continuous improvement and looks for ways to reach more people and better serve the community. Chair Giselle Martinez said, “This year we are really trying to expand our reach and tell more

people about cooking classes. We are working on some exciting ‘recruiting’ plans that we will set in motion after the New Year. For example, we are going to offer a small prize to people who bring a friend. I can’t wait to see what this year will bring for us!”



# Holiday Market Rolls Up The Red Carpet For Next Year

By Chair Ashley Farthing

Junior League of Tulsa's Fifth Annual Holiday Market was a SPARKLING success!

With more than 100 vendors and 3,000 plus shoppers, it was a weekend full of glitz, glamour and great shopping.

This year, we rolled out the red carpet for our VIP guests, as we kicked off the event with the annual Preview Party which was held on Thursday, November 3rd. Guests enjoyed a walk down the red carpet, themed photos, delicious cocktails and desserts, discounts from the wonderful merchants, a wreath auction with more than 40 custom designs, a designer raffle featuring items like a couture rabbit fur vest, and to top it all off – a runway fashion show styled and designed by our Premier Preview Party sponsor, Miss Jackson's. The talented Jason Ashley Wright emceed the fashion show, and our very own JLT members were the beautiful models of the evening.

This "red carpet" experience is just what we needed as we launched into the three day holiday shopping event. Guests came from all over the Midwest to enjoy Tulsa's premiere shopping experience. There was literally something for everybody in the family. From jewelry, to custom men's clothing, to home decor items and famous homemade pickles, everyone walked away happy.

All of the proceeds from this year's Holiday Market go directly back help fund the Junior League of Tulsa's community projects including the Laura Dester Children's Shelter and Harvest Market.

The success of this event would have not been possible without the support from our wonderful sponsors: Miss Jackson's, BMW of Tulsa, KTUL-Channel 8, Petty's Fine Foods, Party Pro Rents & Events, Southwood Landscape and Nursery, Whistler, Oklahoma Counseling, Tulsa World, TulsaPeople, Mary Murray's Flowers, 918Moms.com and High Plains Services.

A huge thank you for supporting JLT's largest fundraising event, we truly appreciate you!

And last, but not least, cheers to the

incredibly talented and extraordinary 2011 Holiday Market committee: Maggie Ellsworth, Christianne Warlick, Lori Parris, Kristin Bradshaw, Michelle Dickason, Ashton Cook, Stacey Grant, Kathleen Castleberry, Katie Zoretic, Mary Gregory, Christine Babcock, Juell Homco, Lauren Reeves, Laura Long, Laura Miller, Christina Clayton, Julia Kwok, LeAnne Eakin, Tara Tumey, Kimberly Qualis, Sara Hulse, Andrea Martin, Heather Luessenhop, Tara Proctor, Maria Gaw, Laura McClain, Jennifer Wyckoff, Heather Smith, Elizabeth Richardson and Milly Hughes.



# Author Speaks to JLT, Public About What It Means to be a Leader

By President Sarah Dougherty

Several years ago at an AJLI training event I was introduced to the book *To Lead is to Serve* by Shar McBee. It was my first year to serve on the JLT Board of Directors and I was eager to learn about leadership best practices. The book highlights the subject of servant leadership and inspired me to think about different leadership styles and what type of leader I want to be.

As I prepared to serve the League as President, I read the book again and reflected about how the principles could serve the League in the coming year. I knew these principles could be applied in so many different ways, from personal and business relationships; League committees and outside volunteer opportunities. I believed that they could serve as a training opportunity for our membership. The book also provided inspiration for my theme of Love, Serve, Lead.

I purchased a copy of the book for each board member and we committed to reading and discussing a chapter a month as part of our board meetings. It has been a wonderful framework to guide us this year as we serve the League. We have recognized that we have internal and external customers and have placed a great emphasis on serving our membership. We decided to bring Ms. McBee to Tulsa to share her insight with our membership and the community.

Our October General Membership Meeting featured Ms. McBee as our speaker and trainer. The training was interactive and engaging. Our members had opportunities to express appreciation for each other. We also took time to reflect on the benefits of being a member of JLT. While there were a myriad of responses, most members reflected that the friendships they have developed while serving with like-minded women ranked at the top of their list.

A new feature of our meetings is the Mission Moment. We have a member highlight how JLT's mission has impacted them. We incorporated the Mission Moment in Ms. McBee's presentation. Brandi Thomas, our Training Chair, spoke about how JLT helped develop her potential and prepare her for a new job opportunity. A former teacher and stay at home mother, Brandi was presented with a job in sales. A friend encouraged her to apply and reminded her she had developed sales and marketing experience while serving as the Holiday Market Merchant Coordinator. With the confidence of her League training, Brandi applied and was selected for the position.

The night ended with a toast by Stephanie Eckman, Hospitality Chair, to our membership as we "love, serve and lead" in the Tulsa community this year.

The following day JLT hosted a community workshop for area non-profits. We had attendees from the Child Abuse Network, Gilcrease Museum and the University of Tulsa, the John Hope Franklin Reconciliation Center, Cascia

Hall Preparatory School, Leadership Tulsa, Jenks Public Schools, OU-Tulsa, Catholic Charities, DVIS and several others. It was a great way to showcase JLT as a training organization and we received great feedback from the participants.

To share one of McBee's lessons, the easiest way to begin incorporating servant leadership principles is to make the shift from getting to giving. That is something JLT members demonstrate every day.

## How to turn adversity into victory

When you are in a leadership position, you will run into opposition. It's inevitable. So what do you do? I've spent many sleepless nights wondering, "Why are they being so hard on me? I'm just trying to do a good job." Adversity appears to be the reverse of success, but it can lead to success if you are strong. When you meet an obstacle, it takes strength to not become insolent and hard on others. A good way to overcome obstacles is something that I've learned from water. Without changing its own nature, water can fit what is square or what is round. It flows on.

When a leader meets with adversity, if you can remain cheerful, your cheerfulness becomes the source of later successes. If you let your spirit be broken by opposition, you'll have no success. But if it only bends you, instead of diminishing your power, it gives you power. In time, the adversity becomes your victory.

- Shar McBee



# Community Corner

## IMPACT

In October, the IMPACT committee as well as numerous Junior League members bowled with the kids in the Youth at Heart program every Saturday.

The IMPACT committee hosted an event at the Hospitality House on December 1, 2011. The Hospitality House put on a presentation for the volunteers with food, a Christmas light show, and the Cascia Hall handbell choir. When the festivities were over, we went to Hillcrest Medical Center and delivered 80 waiting-room survival kits that we had prepared beforehand. They were filled with snacks, books, toiletries, games, neck pillows, and blankets. In total, Hospitality House provided 500 of the bags that evening to waiting rooms across Tulsa! Waiting in a hospital is never fun, but it was



great to bring joy to the lives of the few people we interacted with that evening. We look forward to more inspirational events with the Hospitality House.

Members of the IMPACT Committee assisted the Mother's Group Inc. with their annual Santa Project on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at the

Greenwood Cultural Center. The Santa Project began in 1999 and gives underserved families in the community an opportunity to have a picture with Santa, apply for a library card and receive an age-appropriate book to promote literacy and the importance of reading to children. Volunteer members enjoyed helping the Mother's Group Inc. decorate the Greenwood Cultural Center before the Santa Project, handed wrapped books to children, gave candy canes to children and staffed the printer table where families could receive a copy of their picture with Santa during the event.

On December 10, 2011 the Junior League of Tulsa partnered with the Down Syndrome Association of Tulsa (DSAT) for their annual holiday brunch at Camp Loughridge. The Junior League of Tulsa provided and distributed

the presents for Santa to give to the children at the brunch. Junior League members also assisted with decorating and setting up before the event; ran the registration, door prize, and fundraising tables during the event; and helped clean up afterwards. The Junior League of Tulsa helped to provide an enjoyable afternoon for DSAT members and families.

The IMPACT Committee also hosted two holiday parties for participants in the Resonance program. There are about 50 current participants in the Resonance program, and about 25 attended each event – in addition to other Resonance volunteers. Our JLT volunteers helped serve food, helped the women select donated gifts for their children, and handed the women a lovely holiday basket.

On Sunday October 16, 2011, the 9th Annual Buddy Walk for the Down Syndrome Association of Tulsa was held at Union Central park at 67th and Mingo. This walk helps raise awareness of Down Syndrome in the Tulsa Community. The IMPACT committee provided nine volunteers to assist with registration at the walk. Nearly 6,000 attended this year's event and \$65,000 was raised.



## Upcoming IMPACT Events

### February

- 25th: Youth at Heart—Taking the kids to the Circus

### March 2012:

- 29th: Cooper Elementary—Volunteering at their Book Event
- 31st: Youth at Heart—Making crafts with the kids & Senior Citizens

### April 2012:

- Youth at Heart—Hosting a Holiday Party for the kids on April 7
- Resonance—Job Skills Workshop

### Laura Dester Children's Shelter Committee

In October, a Mary Kay consultant donated her time and samples for the girls aged 13-17 to use. The committee helped the girls do their make-up. Also, a committee member made Halloween bags with nail polish and emery boards for each of the girls. The girls aged 6-12 decorated cupcakes and they loved the icing and the sprinkles of course! The boys aged 6-12 played Halloween bingo, which was a huge hit. The boys and girls aged 2-5 decorated Halloween buckets with stickers for Trick or Treating.



At the Owen Elementary Fun Run, kids wore Halloween costumes, ran around the playground, and then received a medal and a healthy snack.

### Scholarship Committee

The Junior League of Tulsa is continuing its commitment to the Tulsa community through the offering of five college scholarships. The JLT Scholarship Committee is excited to announce there will be three \$1,500 W. Albert Cook Scholarships and two \$1,500 Founders' Scholarships available this year.

The W. Albert Cook Scholarship is awarded to non-traditional female students interested in furthering their education at an accredited college, university or technical trade school. The recipients will be selected based upon their commitment to their education and demonstrated financial need.

The Founders' Scholarship is for high school senior girls who demonstrate a commitment to voluntarism, have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) based on a 4.0 scale and attend high school in the Tulsa area.

Questions pertaining to the scholarship or the application process may be directed to the Junior League of Tulsa Scholarship Chair, at [scholarshipjlt@yahoo.com](mailto:scholarshipjlt@yahoo.com).

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# SPOTLIGHT ON: Community Advisory Board

Ken Busby



**Tell us a little about your background/ role in the community...**

I'm the Executive Director & CEO for the Arts & Humanities Council of Tulsa. We provide arts education programs to approximately 62,000 youth and adults, mostly from at-risk or underserved communities, each year in Tulsa County.

**Please explain your role on the JLT Community Advisory Board...**

Our main function is to help make connections to other individuals and organizations to help further JLT's mission. We also serve as a sounding board for new marketing and programmatic ideas.

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

Just as JLT founded the Arts & Humanities Council of Tulsa fifty years ago, so it continues to provide important leadership today for projects that make our community better.

Carolyn Blair

**Tell us a little about your background/ role in the community...**

I was raised in Tulsa and attended Tulsa Public Schools. Immediately following high school, I went to TCU in Fort Worth, Texas. After graduating, I began my career in fundraising in Fort Worth. I moved back to Tulsa for a career at The University of Tulsa in 2002 where I have worked as a Development Director for ten years. When TU began its management partnership with Gilcrease Museum in 2008, I began my role in fundraising specifically for the Museum.

**Please explain your role on the JLT Community Advisory Board...**

When Gilcrease Museum became part of the George Kaiser Family Foundation's vision for Tulsa through the Mathews Building in Tulsa's Brady District, pairing Junior League of Tulsa with the Zarrow Center project seemed a natural fit. The Zarrow Center is a three story, 18,000 square foot portion of the Mathews Building. Gilcrease Museum's educational outreach and programs, along with TU's School of Art, will share this newly renovated space. I believe support and involvement among Junior League members for the Museum's educational programs will be one paramount aspect to successfully launching this project in our community. I am proud to have been one of many who have helped steward the partnership with Junior League of Tulsa over the last year.

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

The Junior League of Tulsa casts a wide net for good. It's important to the Tulsa Area because once an organization or project has earned Junior League's vote of confidence that confidence transfers to the larger community. The Junior League of Tulsa provides vital training to women in leadership roles who in turn provide leadership for their community, families, and careers.



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# Denim & Diamonds



## "Get Glam" For Our Community

By Co-Chair Katy Houchin

In an effort to provide the level of training, support, and key response to those in need, Junior League of Tulsa (JLT) members are ready to "get glam" for Denim and Diamonds, JLT's major annual fundraising event, which will take place on March 10, 2012, at the Tulsa Convention Center in Downtown Tulsa. Event proceeds benefit the Junior League's mission, training, and continuous involvement in its outreach programs.

Evening entertainment includes dinner, music from the Undecideds, and silent and live auctions featuring stunning jewelry from this year's Presenting Sponsor, Bruce G. Weber and the Ivanka Trump collection. Tickets are \$75 per person and are available for secure purchase online through [www.jltulsa.org](http://www.jltulsa.org).

"Even with the glitz and glamour of this event, the primary focus of the evening will be to showcase our community projects and pay homage to our volunteers, past and present, for their time and dedication not only to JLT, but also to our city and those we serve," said President Sarah Dougherty.

JLT's current community projects include Harvest Market Cooking School/Kids In The Kitchen, the Laura Dester Children's Center and the Family Resource Library at the Children's Hospital at St. Francis, amongst others.

Together with the support of the community, the Junior League of Tulsa can do more. Sponsorship opportunities start at less than \$1,000 with all proceeds benefitting the various community programs of the Junior League. For additional sponsorship details, please contact Event Co-Chair, Katy Houchin, at 918-688-6509.

## Community

### Auction Items

Some very glamorous items and packages are up for auction at this year's Demin & Diamonds. Here's just a sparkle of what's to come:

- Two week-long trips to the Bird of Paradise Villa in Manzanillo, Mexico
- Necklace and Earrings from the Ivanka Trump Collection: 18-karat white gold mixed crystal beaded necklace (valued at \$4300) and 18-karat rose gold rock crystal faceted drop earring (valued at \$1700)
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