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Connections

The Junior League of Eau Claire (JLEC) 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 **charitable** and educational.



Dental Sealants Receives ADA Grant

Linda Bohacek was pleased to announce at the January GMM that the American Dental Association awarded our local Dental Sealant program a grant. Linda said the grant was made possible by the help the program receives from League.

Volunteers are needed, contact Linda at: Lbrdh4pets@charter.net

Pictured above: Back row (l to r): Lisa Ausman, Head Start Program Coordinator, Tami Easterson, CVTC dental assistant student, Sarah Pedersen, RDH, Early Childhood Cavity Prevention Coordinator, Amanda Falch, CVTC dental assisting student, Marianne Klinkhammer, JLEC past president and volunteer, Paula Wainscott, Head Start Director, Annette Rieder, Head Start Program Manager, Richard Thoun, Health Department Director, Brooke Lieffring, RDH, President of the Eau Claire Regional Dental Hygienists' Association. Front row (l to r): Eve Vue, Rebekah Schelse, Trentin Greendeer, Aaron Hinton, and Malik Smith

Literacy Volunteers of Chippewa Valley (LVCV) Needs Volunteers to Help With Scrabble Bee.

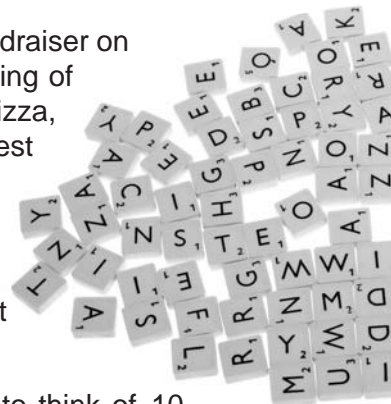
LVCV is holding their annual Scrabble Bee fundraiser on Thursday, April 12th. It is a fun event consisting of teams playing Scrabble, eating Green Mill pizza, and a raffle. Scrabble Bee is LV-CV's largest yearly fundraiser.

As may of you know, JLEC began partnering with LVCV last year. If there is enough interest among the membership, JLEC could put together a Scrabble Bee Team.

For those of you whose skills are not trying to think of 10 letter words using "z"s and "x"s and working them into an already complicated grid of little squares while all your co-workers and friends are yelling at the top of their lungs and the announcer keeps telling you that only 1 minute remains to use up all the letters on the board...

LVCV is need of approximately 25 volunteers to help score the teams competing in the event.

Scrabble Bee takes place at the Holiday Inn Campus on April 12 at 5:15 p.m. Training for volunteers will take place in March. If you would like to volunteer, put together a team of players or have any questions, please contact Pamela Macal at pmacal@wrpr.com. To learn more about Literacy Volunteers – Chippewa Valley, visit www.lvcv.org.



Did You Know?

Celebration of Women is coming April 19th, space is limited, call today to reserve your spot 858-1600!

A Message from Bobbi



As spring approaches with signs of rebirth and rejuvenation, may we all pause long enough to consider, The Daffodil Principle.



Several times my daughter had telephoned to say, "Mother, you must come see the daffodils before they are over." I wanted to go, but it was about a 30-minute drive from my daughter's house and we never seemed to have enough time. However, I conceded and promised, "I will come next Tuesday,"

Next Tuesday dawned cold and rainy. Still, I had promised. When I finally walked into Carolyn's house and hugged my grandchildren, I said, "Forget the daffodils, Carolyn! The road is invisible in the fog and there is nothing in the world except you and these children that I want to see today.

My daughter smiled calmly and said, "We drive in this all the time, Mother. It's all right. I promise. You will never forgive yourself if you miss this experience." After about twenty minutes, we turned onto a small gravel road and saw a hand lettered sign that read, "Daffodil Garden."

We got out of the car and each took a child's hand and I followed Carolyn down a path. Then, we turned a corner and I looked up and gasped. Before me lay the most glorious sight. It looked as though someone had taken a great vat of gold and poured it down over the mountain peak and slopes. The flowers were planted in majestic, swirling patterns – great ribbons and swaths of deep orange, white, lemon yellow, salmon pink, saffron and butter yellow.

Each different-colored variety was planted as a group so that it swirled and flowed like its own river with its own unique hue. There were five acres of flowers! "But who has done this?" I asked Carolyn. "It's just one woman," Carolyn answered. "She lives on the property. That's her home." Carolyn pointed to a well-kept A-frame house that looked small and modest in the midst of all that glory. We walked up to the house. On the patio we saw a poster. "Answers to the Questions I Know You're Asking" was the headline.

The first answer was a simple one. "50,000 bulbs." The second answer was, "One at a time, by one woman. Two hands, two feet and very little brain." The third answer was. "Began in 1967." There it was, The Daffodil Principle. For me, that moment was life changing.

I thought of this woman whom I had never met, who, more than 40 years before, had begun—one bulb at a time—to bring her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure mountaintop. Still, just planting one bulb at a time, year after year, had changed the world. This unknown woman had forever changed the world in which she lived. She had created something of indescribable magnificence, beauty and inspiration.

The principle her daffodil garden taught is one of the greatest principles of celebration. That is, learning to move towards our goals and desires one step at a time—and learning to love the doing; learning to use the accumulation of time. When we multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of daily effort, we too, will find we can accomplish magnificent things. We too, can change the world.

—By Jaroldeen Asplund Edwards, Author

In Celebration and Recognition of the Daffodils that Bloom Within Each of Us,

Bobbi Giles

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Community Table Success!

Sustainers, provisionals and actives cooked, served and cleaned up at The Community



Table on January 30, 2007. We had 12 volunteers in the kitchen and we had fun! We still don't know why the fire alarm went off and we had to evacuate the building. It happened just as we were in "crunch time" to get the meal ready. We pulled it off like pros anyway and thankfully there was no fire! We made a homemade meal of spaghetti and meat sauce with bread sticks, mixed vegetables and bananas. Everyone loved the meal and we are invited back again! Thanks to JLEC for sponsoring the meal and all of our kitchen helpers.

Bunco Players Brave the Snow

The Bunco, Blue Jeans and Bling fundraising event was a success again this year. Despite the snowy weather, many ladies ventured out in their "bling" on March 1st, to enjoy an evening of food, fun and friendship.

The event raised over \$2000 for League—thanks to the committee members who made the night possible. We look forward to next year's evening of dice throwing!



Volunteer Service Awards (VSA) Program

If you haven't enrolled in Junior League's VSA program, now is the time. The program allows League members who put in at least 100 hours of service on League projects each year to receive national recognition for their efforts from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. This program is a great opportunity to highlight the huge contribution we collectively make to the community through our participation in Junior League!

To enroll in the program, go to <http://vsa.ajli.org> and register, and then enter your volunteer service hours going back as far as April 1, 2006. A detailed description of the program can be found by clicking the "About the Awards" tab on the website. If you have other questions about the program, contact Pamela Macal at pmacal@wrpr.com.

Special Notes...

- Congratulations to Kate Hinnant on the arrival of Sally Katarina, born February 21 at 3:05pm, screaming at the top of her lungs, and her brother Leo Guillermo who followed suit ten minutes later. Sally's putting the fat back in Fat Tuesday, weighing in at 6lb 10oz, while Leo is a respectable 5lb 15oz.
- Congratulations to Siobhan Beeksma on the arrival of baby Luke. We are looking forward to more details and photos when we see you!

Endowment Trust

An easy way to make a long-lasting gift to JLEC is by giving to the endowment trust. Instead of spending a gift, JLEC invests the money and receives income. JLEC can then benefit from the income without using the underlying gift. The gift provides a reliable, long-term source of income for Junior League's missions.

The JLEC Endowment Trust Advisory Board helps generate funds for the Endowment Trust and makes yearly recommendations for distributions.

By utilizing the income from the Trust, JLEC will be able to guarantee continued commitment to our community. Please consider donating to our Endowment Trust through an annual contribution, a gift in honor of someone, a commemoration of a special event, a will, trust, life insurance proceeds, or an IRA.

Make your tax-deductible check payable to Junior League of Eau Claire Endowment Trust Fund and forward it to Junior League of Eau Claire, 316 Eau Claire St, Eau Claire, WI 54701 or contact your attorney to discuss including Junior League in your estate planning.

Calendar

March 27

GMM-Big Brothers, Big Sisters

April 12

Literacy Volunteers Scrabble Bee

April 19

Celebration of Women - Fanny Hill

April 24

GMM-Placement Day-River Plaza

May 22

Spring Banquet/Annual Meeting
EC Golf and Country Club

JOIN US!

March 27th — GMM Big Brothers, Big Sisters

312 S. Barstow Street

6:30pm - Committee Communications
6:45 - GMM
7:45 - Refreshments
8-8:30 – Program



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April 24th — GMM *Attendance is expected!* Placement Day - River Plaza

550 Graham Avenue

6:30pm - Committee Communications
6:45 - GMM/Placement Assignments
7:30 - Refreshments



Celebration of Women

Thursday, April 19th • Fanny Hill, Eau Claire

Belly Dancers, the sound of laughter and the scene set with periwinkle Hydrangeas...sound interesting? It is bound to be that and more. This years 'Celebration of Women' promises sights and sounds of spring coupled with great food, shopping and entertainment. Join us as we bring together old friends and new in a night that will be full of fun and inspiration.

Local Author and crowd favorite Joan Fleming will join us, as well as, a group of local dancers whose movement tells a powerful story of women, spirit and freedom. If that isn't enough, consider the opportunity to shop and enjoy a cocktail during our social hour and the wonderful dinner that will follow.

We are proud to once again be partnering with Sacred Heart Hospital. Look for your invitations in the mail and register early; we expect a sell out crowd.

For more information or to register call Sacred Heart's Center for Healthy Living: 858-1600