



## JUNIOR LEAGUE OF EAU CLAIRE

*Women building better communities*



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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.



## 2007 Distribution Week Schedule

Eau Claire School  
Administration Building  
500 Main Street  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

### Supply Setup Day

Tuesday, August 14  
8:00am - until completed

### Packing Day

Wednesday, August 15  
8:00am - until finished

### Distribution Day

Thursday, August 16  
9:00am - 4:30pm

## Celebrate the 12th year of the Back to School Backpack Program

Join in the fun and see other League members at our supply setup and backpack packing days. This is just a brief update as to where we are on the Back to School Program. The registrations forms are in, sorted and counted. Presently, the count is at about the same number as last year - 1050. We have divided up the responsibilities and are moving forward. If anyone comes across a great deal on school supplies, please contact Marianne (833-8954). We are on the lookout for the best deals on scissors, glue sticks, pocket folders, crayons, protractors, etc.

Phyllis Mattson will be calling the beginning of August for your help with various responsibilities throughout the week. Feel free to invite your families/friends to come and help with this worthwhile event on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, only adult volunteers will be on duty.

Many donations have been received. Your donations to the Back to School project are always greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate to the Back to School project, please make out your check to BTS and send it to--

Brenda Weisenbeck  
1226 Rowe Street  
Eau Claire, WI 54703

Please pass on any suggestions you have to enable our efforts to produce the ultimate results.

Thanks everyone! That's all for now!  
Back to School Committee

## Did You Know?

There are still placement spots open that need members! Contact a Board member to signup or email [JLEC@charter.net](mailto:JLEC@charter.net) for more info.

A Message from Lindsay



Happy Summer!

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the best of summer: farmer's markets, baseball games, boat rides, family vacations, gardening or golf. Whatever you love, I hope you're enjoying yourself. It seems that this favorite season of many goes by so quickly that we have to really savor and make the most of each day.

These words from author, lawyer and motivation speaker Iyanla Vanzant are very meaningful for all seasons: "We forget that if we don't show up, somebody, even one somebody, would miss what we had to offer, ask, or do that day. We do not recognize that we are love in motion, seeking to reveal itself in many ways under all circumstances."

This year, let us think of ourselves as Love in Motion: We will touch lives through our time, talents and treasure, and we will impact our community because we love and care about it. We will fill and give backpacks to children who desperately need them, donate money to organizations who need our help, educate children and families about nutrition and learn about new ways JLEC can make a difference.

Each of us has so much to offer. We are Love in Motion and we will continue to make a better life, a better community and a better world.

Enjoy summer, Lindsay Jaeger

Save the Date!

007 Casino Night

Ever wanted to be a "Bond Girl"? Well, grab your secret agent and join us for a night at the Eau Claire Golf and Country Club as it is transformed into a dazzling charity casino for the evening. The evening will be filled with delicious hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, dancing and fabulous raffle prizes.

Date: Friday, October 26, 2007

Place: Eau Claire Golf and Country Club



Proceeds from the event will support the Junior League of Eau Claire programs and help kick start our new project "Kids in the Kitchen".

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The Kids in the Kitchen program will occur around March 2008, which is National Nutrition Month in the United States and Canada. Planning is underway and committee meetings will begin in September 2007. Our partnership with The Boys and Girls Club will allow us to take advantage of their newly renovated kitchen and to make connections with other community programs with similar goals. As you enjoy the summer, please send your ideas, questions, and additional partnership opportunities to the Kids in the Kitchen committee c/o Robin Shih at [rshih@csstars.com](mailto:rshih@csstars.com) and Sheri Baemmert at [baemmert@charter.net](mailto:baemmert@charter.net).

To learn more and to research ideas from other leagues, please visit the website <http://kidsinthekitchen.ajli.org/>. As members of JLEC, you are members of AJLI, so you should log in with your member ID and create your own password for future access.



Now, get cooking! And, remember to Choose Healthy Eat Well.

## Junior League of Eau Claire Increases Children's Access To Dental Care

This year the Junior League of Eau Claire once again participated in the Sealants Today for Smiles Tomorrow Programs. Words cannot express how deeply we appreciate the volunteers and funding for these programs. Activities are underway in the form of grant writing to ensure sustainability. We just found out that we received an Anne Marie Foundation grant for \$2,000 for next year's sealant program!

During the 2006-2007 school year, 732 children and received oral health education in conjunction with information for children and parents about the importance of dental sealants. 253 or 35% of all of the second graders qualified (free and reduced lunch statistics) for the dental sealant program with 220 (87%) participating. Of those 220 screened, 188 (85%) received dental sealants with an average 3 dental sealants per child. 101 (46%) of the children screened had untreated dental decay with 39 (18%) needing urgent care. Each child with untreated dental decay averaged at least two teeth with dental decay – 74% being primary dentition. Of the 101 children identified as needing treatment, 48 or 48% received treatment to date.

Also, during this past school year, we screened 137 Head Start Children and placed 318 fluoride varnish treatments. Of the 137 children screened, 38 needed further treatment. Of those 38, only 8 have not completed treatment. Parents of Head Start children also received oral health education during parenting events.

As you can readily see, these preventive oral health programs continue to be important for preventing disease and finding a dental home for further dental treatment. Without these programs, many of these children would not have been identified as having unmet dental disease. Thanks again JLEC!!

- Linda Bohacek and Sarah Pedersen



Jessica S-D and Liz Falkner after the Board Retreat

### Special Notes...

- Thank you to Liz Falkner for hosting the Board Retreat.
- Thank you to everyone who signed up for a committee. It's going to be a great year and your help is greatly appreciated!
- Congratulations to Jen Losel on the birth of her first child, son Maddox Ellis (7 lbs. 9 oz.) on June 9th.
- Thank you to Robin Shih for all the work she has done in researching the Kids in the Kitchen Project.

# **Upcoming GMM Schedule**

## **Join Us!**

September 25, 2007	Children's Museum of Eau Claire
October 23, 2007	Boys and Girls Club
November 27, 2007	Cranberry Cottage
December 2007	No GMM; Holiday Party
January 22, 2008	TBD
February 26, 2008	Meal Connection
March 25, 2008	TBD
April 22, 2008	Riverside Plaza
May 27, 2008	Spring Banquet

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6:45 - GMM  
7:45 - Refreshments  
8 - 8:30 - Program



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## **Prospective New Member Social**

We will be hosting a new member social on Thursday, September 13th at 7pm at the home of Jessica Schreiner-Donnelly. It's your chance to bring a prospective new member enjoy a glass of wine, delight in a few treats and share your insight about League!

If you know of anyone interested in joining JLEC please invite her to join you at one of our first events of the year. Let's share all the wonderful reasons why you should join JLEC. We need your help in supporting and growing our league. Even if you cannot bring someone, please join us so you can share your favorite stories and meet prospective members!

Please forward any names and information along to Jessica Schreiner-Donnelly at [jessica\\_schreiner@baxter.com](mailto:jessica_schreiner@baxter.com) so an invitation can be sent out to the prospective member. Also, Bobbi Giles has graciously accepted the position of Provisional Counselor so we will also be seeking out current members to act as mentors for the provisional class. Please keep this in mind; all of you have so much to share as a mentor. Thanks Bobbi!

