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Thank You to the Outgoing Board

At the Spring Banquet in May, we were able to say goodbye and thank you to the Board of Directors for the 2007 – 2008 League year. Lindsay Jaeger, Jill Fenn, Joanna Schneider, Liz Falkner, Jessica Schreiner-Donnelly, Susan Jewett, Jane Davis and Liz Kennedy-Wiechert gave of their time and talents during their year long commitment of service on the board. Starting with a day long retreat at Liz Falkner's house and followed by monthly 3 hour meetings, much time, consideration and thought was put into the policies, procedures and practices of the Junior League of Eau Claire. For their service and dedication we are forever grateful! Thank you to all 2007-2008 board members, your legacy will continue through the success of our League!

Welcome to New Members

With spring comes the birth of new things....flowers, birds, bees and new Junior League active members! During the Annual Spring Banquet at the Eau Claire Golf and Country Club, the Junior League of Eau Claire was honored to extend active membership status to the 14 provisional's in the class of 2008. This year's class worked hard throughout the year volunteering at Kid's in the Kitchen events, ECRAC shows, Dental Sealant school days and Community Table meal services. From day one their enthusiastic nature demonstrated their dedication to volunteerism and the overall improvement of our community. New provisional and active members keep our League strong, vital and able to extend much needed community services. Thank you to each member of the 2008 Provisional Class, and welcome to the Junior League of Eau Claire!

Members welcomed into active membership status include: Valerie Fedie, Jennifer Golat, Sadie Gunderson, Deb Hanson, Laurie Klinkhammer, Kristi Krimpelbein, Heather Lessard, Kristine Morgan Roehrlich, Sherri Reuter, Sarah Robertson, Stacy Secker, Rachel Zacho, Kathryn Wahl, and Colleen Gallaher.

Welcome to the New Board Members

The summer has just begun and already the new members of the 2008-2009 Board of Directors have been hard at work! The board has had two planning sessions for the coming League year focusing on overall League goals and plans and Communication Council specific items. Four planning meetings are still to come and are scheduled throughout June and July. The board reports that they are excited about the coming year and can't wait to share plans with fellow committee and JLEC members! If you have any issues you would like addressed this year, please don't hesitate to contact one of the board members. A special thanks to the new board for their time, talents and dedication to league! We look forward to another successful League year!

Welcome and Congratulations to the Incoming 2008-2009 JLEC Board!

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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.

2008-2009 JLEC President

A Message from Jill Fenn



Hello JLEC Members ~

I hope you are enjoying all the wonderful opportunities that summer has to bring! We are truly blessed to live in an area of the country where we can experience all of nature's seasons! With summer upon us, it's a great time to reflect on all we accomplished with League over the past year and all that we hope the future year will bring!

We are heading into our second year participating in the AJLI signature project – Kids in the Kitchen. What success we experienced this past spring with this new endeavor! Our efforts with the Back to School Backpack Program and Dental Sealant Program will also be a big focus in the coming months. Each of these programs are so critical to our community. If you haven't had the chance to participate in one of these activities, please consider it! Few things are as touching as the faces of the kids that are assisted with these events.

In October we'll celebrate the 2nd Casino Night for our League! I can't wait to see you all in your dresses and tuxes ready to enjoy some high rolling games! And, while it seems so far away, next spring we'll find ourselves gathered once again at Celebration of Women. People are still raving about what a fantastic time this year's event was. Kudos to that team for putting together such a wonderful time! I know I can't wait until next year.

On June 12th we held a family picnic at the Rod and Gun Park in Eau Claire. It was great to see so many League members attend and to meet all the family members! The weather turned out wonderful and the setting was perfect! Thanks to Liz Falkner for coordinating the event! We'll have to make that an early summer tradition!

Between all of those activities, we'll meet to discuss and move the business of our League forward. I'm so excited about our upcoming GMM's. This year, along with discussing business and visiting new locations throughout our community we'll also focus on growing individually as leaders...whether it's in the volunteer sector, professional sector, personal sector, or hopefully in all of those areas! We'll have the opportunity to experience some specific leadership training as well as activities like yoga classes and relaxation training. I hope you'll join us....I promise you that you will not only enjoy yourself, but also grow and develop your own personal potential.

I am so honored and excited to serve you all for the 2008-2009 Junior League year. It is truly a privilege and honor to work along side so many talented, dedicated and successful women. In closing, I'd like to leave you with these words, originally stated by Henrik Isben, "A community is like a ship, everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm." Please consider, during these wonderful summer months, how you will prepare yourself to lead in our League! I look forward to watching you each develop and discover your own potential!

Peace, health and harmony,

~Jill

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Back To School.....	Marianne Klinkhammer
	Brenda Weisenbeck
Celebration of Women.....	Ellen Anderson
	Jennifer Geurts
Community R&D.....	Valerie Fedie
	Marianne Klinkhammer
Education/Speakers.....	OPEN
Kids in the Kitchen.....	Robin Shih
	Jen Loesel
Public Advocacy.....	OPEN
Literacy Volunteers.....	Pamela Macal
ECRAC Liaison.....	Diane Terry

FINANCE

Casino Night.....	Liz Kennedy-Wiechert
	Kate Gillett
Cookbook.....	OPEN
Fund Development.....	OPEN
Grant Writing.....	OPEN

MEMBERSHIP

Bylaws/Advisory.....	Kathryn Wahl
Membership Handbook.....	Joanna Schneider
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Placement.....	OPEN
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Sustainer Rep.....	OPEN
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Spring Banquet Celebrates a Great Year!

Forty-two lovely ladies enjoyed an evening of delicious food, conversation and a celebration of another busy year for JLEC members. Upon entering the dining room, everyone was treated to a photographic review of the year displayed on a large screen. It was an awesome way to look back on the fun and accomplishments of the year! Thank you to the gals who put it all together.



Lindsay Jaeger thanked everyone for an active successful mission driven year and bade farewell. She handed the gavel over to Jill Fenn for the 2008-09 year who then gave her acceptance speech. One wonderful president followed by another--that is what the training is all about in League. Thank you both for taking on the added responsibilities in your busy lives.

Board members were honored and praised by Lindsay for their hard work and dedication. Committee chairs were given charms to recognize their leadership and project development. Fifteen provisionals were welcomed to active status bringing our membership count to 105----hooray! Let's keep the number growing!

Thank you to all of you who were in attendance--your presence made the evening special!

Junior League Summer Picnic

We had a great turn out at Rod and Gun Park in June for the Junior League Summer Picnic. Although the clouds threatened to cancel the event throughout the day, the weather cooperated and gave us a warm & dry evening. We had great food, great company and a great atmosphere. Even a little music from across the pond floated over from Sawdust City days for a little entertainment as we all enjoyed the pot-luck dinner.

It was nice to see the families of some of our league members as our events do not always allow for meeting the kids and husbands of our members. Robin Shih was the favorite part for many of the kids as she brought not only her face paints, but her balloon twisting skill as well. Of course, she had a little competition from Sadie Gunderson for kid favorite—she brought Dilly Bars!

If you have not been to this park in Eau Claire, it is definitely worth checking out. The pavilion we held the event in is nestled in-between the pond and a creek with the play structure close by. More than one kid got more than a little wet in that pond and creek. Thank you to Liz Falkner for securing the park and coordinating the evening.

SPECIAL NOTES...

- Thanks for Marianne Klinkhammer planning the Spring Banquet.
- Thanks to Liz Falkner for organizing the family picnic.
- Congratulations to Jessica Schreiner-Donnelly and her husband David who welcomed their son Harrison Charles Donnelly (6 lbs) born May 15, 2008.
- Congratulations to Emily and Paul Madsen who welcomed their son Daniel Russell Madsen (7 lbs 5 oz) born June 5th, 2008.



Harrison Donnelly



Daniel Madsen

Save the Date

Casino Night 2008!

Mark your calendars and find a party dress, JLEC Casino Night 2008 is coming up! The Junior League of Eau Claire will host Big Band Casino Night, October 17th at the Eau Claire Golf and Country Club. Vegas Nights will be back to keep the party going and the dice rolling. Tell your friends and neighbors, last year was a great success and we are looking forward to an even more successful event this fall. If you have any questions about the event or helping on the committee please contact Liz Kennedy-Wiechert at ewdynamo@yahoo.com or at (715) 836-7371.



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Placement Opportunities for 2008-2009

We are still hoping to fill a few placements for the 2008-2009 Junior League year. We hope to have each of these filled by the start of the new year. Let us know what capacity you can help League with and see which one will be the most rewarding for you!

The following placements are still available:

Membership

- Refreshments and GMM Arrangements (2 positions) - Coordinate volunteers for snacks and drinks at GMMs
- Placement (2 positions) - Work with VP of Membership on filling vacant placement positions.
- Charms (1 position) - Coordinate and hand out charms at Spring Banquet.
- Sustainer Reps (2 positions) - Liaison member between Active and Sustainer members, communicate info to other Sustainers and keep them up to date on current JL events.

Community

- Kids in the Kitchen Committee
- Back to School Committee
- Education and Speakers (2 positions) - Coordinate speakers and educational classes for GMMs.
- Finance
- Fund Development (2 positions) - Seek out new fundraising events for JL.
- Grant Writing (2 positions) - Identify the need and write grants for specific causes.
- Casino Night Committee
- Cookbook (2 positions) - Work with local businesses to display cookbooks for sale and collect money from cookbooks sold.

Please contact Jessica Schreiner-Donnelly, VP of Membership if you are interested in any of the open placements at (715) 838-0537 or jessica_schreiner@baxter.com.

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