



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
EAU CLAIRE**

*Women building better communities*



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009

# 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.



## JLEC Welcomes the **Provisional Class** of **2009-2010!**

We are thrilled to welcome all the new members of our 2009-2010 Provisional Class! On September 15th we kicked off the Provisional year with a social for new members. Thanks to Marianne Klinkhammer for hosting! During the social we were able to learn about the backgrounds of our new provisional's, as well as the goals and hopes they bring to our

League. Many members of this year's provisional class are new to the Eau Claire area. What a great way for us to be able to introduce them to our community!

On Tuesday, November 19th we'll be hosting our annual Provisional Training Session at the Eau Claire Golf and Country Club. Training will begin at 6:00 pm and conclude at 8:00 pm. All new Provisional's are asked to attend. We'll be covering the history of our league as well as exploring different ways to become involved. Several different provisional projects will also be discussed. It promises to be a great time! Watch your email for an official training session invite.

It's not too late! If you know of other's who are interested in joining League, please don't hesitate to pass on their information.

Watch future newsletters for new member spotlight introductions!

Special thanks to VP of Membership, Kirsten Holbrook and this year's Provisional Counselor, Jill Fenn. It's going to be a great year!



Go to [www.juniorleague-ec.org](http://www.juniorleague-ec.org) to view JLEC **VOLUNTEER** opportunities!

# A Message from Kate



Greetings JLEC members,

The holidays are right around the corner and our already busy calendars keep filling up with the seasonal festivities and celebrations that typify this time of year. Are you getting overwhelmed with the all the shopping, decorating, and entertaining pressures on top of the day to day obligations? Making time to volunteer or attend a League meeting can feel like just another chore on a crowded schedule when life gets hectic, but it is important to remember what League does for our community and for us personally. Why did you join League? Do you like the socialization and networking? Do you like being a part of a community of volunteers? When things get busy it helps to revisit why you are part of such a great organization. Your membership and involvement are critical to the success of our League. Programs such as Kids in the Kitchen and Dental Sealants really make a difference in our area but they are possible only with the participation of YOU!

In November, we'll be visiting Feed My People. Food is central to this time of year, as so many sit down with friends and family to give thanks for their blessings. What about those who do not have enough on their table? In Wisconsin, almost 10% don't have enough food to meet basic needs at all times. We'll have a great opportunity to learn how Feed My People helps meet the need in the west central region.

On December 4th, we'll be meeting at the Eau Claire Golf and Country Club to celebrate the amazing League year. I know Jessica Schreiner-Donnelly has planned a great party and I hope to see each and every one of you there!

I know at this time of year fitting in one more meeting and one more party can be hard, but please remember all the great things that League accomplishes. For us to continue making a difference in the community, your participation is essential. I know I have been blessed by my involvement, and I know you will be as well.

Best wishes,

Kate



Laurie Klinkhammer, Kirsten Holbrook, Kathryn Wahl, Kate Gillett, Jill Fenn, Rachel Zacho, Cyndi Postlewaite, Mandy Brash, Sadie Gunderson

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# Sustainer Luncheon

On Monday, October 12, 2009, Sustainers and Past Presidents of Junior League and Service League enjoyed the each other's company and a fabulous lunch at the home of Jill Hecker Fernandes at this year's Sustainer Luncheon. Even though it snowed, many Sustainers and Past Presidents came out to share wonderful stories about past projects sponsored by League and the many friendships that were formed through their involvement in League. Next year marks the 80th year of Service League/Junior League and we are looking forward to that celebration.

Thank You to Schotz Armstrong and Brenda Weisenbeck, our Sustainer Representatives, for helping plan the event and a very special thank you to Jill for hosting!



# Casino Night

Casino Night 2009 was a great success thanks to the hard working committee members and junior league members and friends that came out to partake in the fun and support JLEC. The evening entailed fabulous food and fun gambling with Texas Hold'Em as a new addition to the gambling venue. In all we had 71 guests come out and gamble for a good cause. That coupled with the money made from the fantastic silent auction items donated by local business and League members, the event netted over \$4,600 for JLEC and our community projects. Thanks again to the committee for all their hard work and for the membership for their support either by attendance or donation.

## *Congratulations to...*



Benjamin

Isak



Caroline

Jacob



- Sherri & Scott Reuter. Benjamin joined the Reuter family on August 26th, weighing 7lbs and 15ozs. Sherri reports that big sister Bella is helping a lot and that baby Benjamin is already growing a ton!
- Valerie & James Fedie on the birth of their son, Isak Timothy, on August 31th. Isak is welcomed by big sister's Anna and Mary. The new family of 5 is settling in nicely and enjoying this fun time with their three little ones!
- Jessica Schreiner & David Donnelly. Caroline Elizabeth Ann Donnelly was born on September 16th, weighing 6 pounds and 19 inches long.
- Robin & David Shih. Jacob David Shih made his debut October 17,th, weighing 8lbs 2 oz and is 21.5 inches long.

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

November 24, 2009      Feed My People  
January 26, 2010      Community Table

Social 6:30 -7:00  
Business Meeting 7:00 - 8:00  
Break 8:00 - 8:15  
Presentation 8:15 - 9:00



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## SAVE THE DATE

### Junior League Holiday Party

Friday, December 4, 2009 at 6:30 pm  
Eau Claire Golf & Country Club

We will be supporting the Toys for Tots Campaign again this year. Last year we had a wonderful response to this request. Please bring a new unwrapped gift to our holiday party and on Christmas Day your gift will be distributed to a child in need.

**VOLUNTEER**

## Trinity Equestrian Center

In west central Wisconsin, more than 12,000 individuals each month rely on food received from programs supplied by Feed My People Food Bank for their next meal. Approximately 40% are children. That's 4,800 hungry children. For 26 years, Feed My People has been providing food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters in our area with enough food so that thousands of people can be helped each month. Feed My People is the link between food manufacturers, suppliers, and the front-line agencies that provide direct service to the hungry. Their large warehouse, complete with freezer and cooler space, allows for storage of vast quantities of food which is then distributed to more than 60 hunger relief agencies. Join us on January 12, 2010, where we will be working at the Feed My People Warehouse, sorting and packing food for distribution. For more information, visit [www.fmpfoodbank.org](http://www.fmpfoodbank.org).

# TODAY

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**To volunteer for either of these opportunities contact  
Sadie Gunderson at [jlec@charter.net](mailto:jlec@charter.net) TODAY!**