



## JUNIOR LEAGUE OF EAU CLAIRE

*Women building better communities*

*engage. encourage. empower... eighty.*



## HAPPY 80TH ANNIVERSARY

September/October 2010

### Attention all Members!

We are thrilled to be able to say that **JLEC** has had an active league for 80 years!

### What an accomplishment!

The Junior League of Eau Claire (formerly Eau Claire Service League) was formed on March 19, 1930 as a coordinated volunteer effort after a flood devastated Eau Claire. The League was organized at the home of Mrs. Duncan Frick, who then served as its first President. Mrs. Frick moved to Eau Claire from Duluth, MN, which has one of the oldest Junior Leagues in the country. The Eau Claire Service League grew in size from its original thirteen charter members, as new members were asked to join through a sponsorship and voting process. Members were active for seven years before becoming associated members. Over the years, the active service of a member was lowered to six years and again later to five years. Through the foresight of Mrs. Duncan and the dedication of its many volunteers, the JLEC continues to develop, facilitate and support a wide variety of projects and fundraisers that serve women and children at risk in the Eau Claire area.



### Charter Members

Mrs. P.M. Beach	Mrs. E.B. Bundy
Miss Sally Burke	Mrs. Ralph Culver
Mrs. John R. Davis	Mrs. Duncan Frick
Mrs. A.R. Garnock	Mrs. L.W. Graaskamp
Mrs. Alma Hanson	Mrs. James Keenan
Mrs. V.H. Lange	Mrs. B.R. Schwahn
Mrs. V.T. Wahl	

**Junior League Trivia ....** First Junior League member to answer the trivia question correctly will win a prize. Email your answer to [lavicka@charter.net](mailto:lavicka@charter.net)

On which date did the Eau Claire Service League vote to affiliate with the Association of Junior Leagues International?

### Welcome New Members!!

The Junior League of Eau Claire is honored to extend active membership status to the provisional class of 2010. This year's class worked hard throughout the year volunteering at Kid's in the Kitchen events, Celebration of Women, Community Table meal service and Dental Sealant school days. 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 2010 Provisional Class and welcome to the Junior League of Eau Claire!

**Members welcomed into active membership status include: Amber Allen, Linda Holzhausen, Jennifer Beckerman, Angela Axelrod and Mary Tornehl.**

# A Message from JILL FENN 2010-2011 President

Greetings Ladies!

It is with great excitement that I begin to write this first note of our 2010-2011 membership year! I'm so excited and honored to serve you all in the role of President. I believe we have fantastic things ahead of us! This is a year to celebrate, and the board and special committees have already been hard at work to make sure there are plenty of celebratory events on our calendar!!!

Are you ready to "Shake Your Thang" at our upcoming Bunco fling? That's right! Bunco is back and I couldn't be more excited! Mark your calendars now for September 23<sup>rd</sup>! Actives and sustainers alike will gather to share in good food, good friends and of course some fun shaking of the dice! This is your opportunity to introduce the wonderful women in your life to Bunco! Bring those you think would love League as much as you do and we'll share all we have to offer! Watch your mail for your personal invitation. You can also call Laurie Klinkhammer at 715.864.7147 to RSVP.

In October we'll be walking and dining for a cause. Join us on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> for a unique event entitled "Cuisine for a Cause". We'll be partaking in a fantastic 5 course meal created by a local chef using local ingredients. The chef will join us between courses to discuss the meal preparation and suitable wine pairings. A silent auction and raffle will complete the evening. Proceeds will be used to support our JLEC team of walkers as they raise funds to support the fight against breast cancer through the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. To reserve your "Cuisine for a Cause" tickets or to join the walking team, please call me at 715.864.9124!

Also included in the coming year are opportunities to develop your volunteer, community impact and leadership potential. Our Giving Tree initiative, Kid's In the Kitchen Program, and Community Table involvement will provide loads of options for making a difference in our local area.

As you know, this year marks our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an organization. What an accomplishment! The amount that has been contributed to the Eau Claire community in the past 80 years is truly astounding. Whether you are new to League or a seasoned member, this year we'll be celebrating our heritage. We'll have the unique opportunity to travel down memory lane through photographs and personal stories...a living history lesson of sorts. We'll cap off the year in May with a gala honoring the past 80 years and toasting to the years to come!

Whew! Are you excited yet! I know I am! This truly is a monumental year for us all! As we celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> year we turn our focus to membership...recruitment, retention and reengagement. Why did you originally join JLEC? Why are you still a member? What stories do you want to share from your involvement! It's all about you this year!

I hope you'll join us at our General Membership Meetings, committee planning meetings, social and volunteer events! Membership is our backbone...our strength, and our membership is GREAT! Let's celebrate membership and make an impact right here in the Chippewa Valley!

Looking forward to taking this journey with you all! Jill Spaak-Fenn



She's here!

Felicity Jane Gunderson

Born Friday, August 27 at 9:06 p.m.

7 lbs. 9 oz., 20 inches long.

Congratulations!! Scott, Sadie, Piper and Felicity



## Cuisine for a Cause



**Join us for the Breast Party Ever!!**

Join the Junior League of Eau Claire in Making Strides  
Against **Breast Cancer**

*5 Course Dinner and Silent Auction*

**SAVE THE DATE: October 22, 2010**

*Where: Eau Claire Country Club*

*6:30~7:30 Cocktails*

*7:30~9:00 Dinner*

*9:00~9:30 Auction*

## Junior League of Eau Claire is Now Online!



We're always searching for new, easier ways to keep in touch with all of our members, and online seems to be the answer! So next time you're reading status updates, viewing photos and posting tweets, we invite you to check in with JLEC.

Social networking can be a great tool for our group; we hope that it will help us keep up-to-date on what's happening with Junior League on the National level, recruit new members, and make it easier for our local members to communicate with one another. The more our current members participate online, the more exposure our group will get. So we encourage you to become a Facebook fan *and* follow us on Twitter, starting today! Search for "Junior League of Eau Claire" on Facebook and hit the "Like" button. Find us on Twitter under the username "JLEauClaire" and sign up to follow us. See you on Facebook & Twitter ... Sadie Gunderson

*80 years of Women building better communities-that's the Eau Claire Junior League.*



Phyllis Mattson  
JLEC Member  
Emeritus  
85 years young  
Happy Birthday  
Phyllis!  
We love you!

### SAVE THE DATE

Sustainer Luncheon

Where: Marianne Klinkhammer's  
House

When: October 11

@

12:00 PM

Come join the FUN!!

ALL MEMBERS INVITED!!

At the February GMM, the membership voted and selected the **Beacon House** as the first recipient for our **Giving Tree Project**. **Each member attending September's GMM meeting is to bring a small donation from the "Wish List"**.

Additionally, we will be voting on the next community organization at the September GMM who will receive items for the months of October and November. The R & D committee recommends the following organizations, but is also open to other organizations.

a. Children's Theater b. Family Resource Center c. Children's Museum d. Senior Citizens Center e. Community Table

Thank you outgoing Board members **KATE GILLET** and **CYNDI POSTLEWAITE** for your dedicated service this last year!

## Welcome & Congratulations to the Incoming JLEC 2010—2011 Board of Directors !!

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## Spotlight featuring Robin Shih ~ by Laurie Klinkhammer

**This** year, Robin Shih is stepping down as chairperson of the Kids in the Kitchen program and moving into active sustainer status. Robin has contributed a tremendous amount to Junior League in the last few years, so I thought I would catch up with her.

Robin was President for two years, from 2002 to 2004. She says that writing the President's newsletter articles was one of the hardest things for her as President. She now looks at the experience as one of her personal highlights because it

didn't have before and isn't this part of what League is all about? She also credits the past Presidents for helping her and providing the support she needed.

Robin developed our Kids in the Kitchen program from the AJLI materials and was instrumental in making it the successful event it is today. One of her favorite KITK memories is how excited they all were to make and eat ice cream made just out of frozen bananas. And, how the kids all love to work the juicer.

Her favorite memory from being President, though, was her first face-

painting client at a Holiday party for foster children. After she painted a Yugi-oh dragon on his face (she says she had no idea what this was and just made a blue blob with some flames coming out), he looked in a mirror and told her, "I like it. You're kinda cool. Like a guy."

As she transitions from a prominent leadership role to a supportive role for the new league leaders, I'm sure she will continue to make substantial contributions to Eau Claire Junior League.

Thank you Robin, for all of your contributions so far!!

~ The greatest gift you can give someone is your time ~

**SAVE THE DATE**

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**JLEC 2011 New Member Social Bunco Night!**

Thursday Sept 23rd | 7:00 pm | Eau Claire Golf and Country Club

Bring a friend—don't dare come alone!



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RSVP LAURIE KLINKHAMMER @ 715.864.7147

Junior League T-Shirts  
 will be for SALE at our first GMM  
 Let's be proud and show off our EIGHTY  
 Years Serving the EAU CLAIRE AREA!!



“GOOD NEWS” shout outs TO LEAGUE MEMBERS

- Hurray for Rachel and Brett Zacho on the completion of their large home remodel project! We're glad you are back home, settled, and enjoying your beautiful new surroundings!
- Congrats to Jill Hecker-Fernandes, who recently began the process of obtaining her doctorate in nursing! Good Luck Jill!!
- Good luck to Kirsten Holbrook who has recently started the Respiratory Therapy program at CVTC. We know you can do it!
- Congrats to Jill Spaak-Fenn on her new position with Big Dot of Happiness!
- Way to go Amber! Amber Bethel Allen was featured in a fantastic article in the Sunday, August 29th edition of the Leader Telegram.
- Congrats to Marianne Klinkhammer, Laurie Klinkhammer and Kathryn Wahl on their new appointment to the Literacy Volunteers of the Chippewa Valley Board of Directors. Thank you for your continued support to our community!
- Please email us at [jlec@charter.net](mailto:jlec@charter.net) with “Good News” shout outs! Let's spread the joy!

September	October
Bunco	Sustainer Luncheon
GMM—Luther Hospital	GMM—Literacy Volunteers
Giving Tree	Cuisine for a Cause
Community Benefit Nights	Breast Cancer Walk

**80TH ANNIVERSARY  
 CELEBRATION BANQUET**

*You do not want to miss this!!  
 Engage...your commitment to  
 league  
 Encourage...to inspire with courage  
 and hope  
 Empower...women  
 Eighty.  
 May 14, 2011*

Congrats to the  
 Weichert Family!  
 Liz, Eric, Charlie,  
 Isaac and Oliver wel-  
 comed a little  
 Princess!  
 Viviane Elizabeth  
 Wiechert  
 August 3, 2010  
 5 lbs. 9 oz.  
 18 inches long



## 2010-2011 JLEC Meetings

Social 6:30 -7:00 pm

Business Meeting 7:00 - 8:00 pm

September 30, 2010,	Luther Hospital
October 19, 2010	Chippewa Valley Literacy
November 30, 2010	Girl Scouts
January 20, 2011	Family Resource Center
February 17, 2011	Chippewa Valley Free Clinic
March 22, 2011	Beacon House
April 28, 2011	Riverside Plaza
May 14, 2011	80th Celebration Banquet



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