



## JUNIOR LEAGUE OF EAU CLAIRE

*Women building better communities*

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

# Connections

January/February 2011



## Connections Past President Spotlight Linda Bohacek

**What projects was Junior League involved in during your Presidency?**

During my presidency, we were involved with the Peddler's Cottage – a consignment shop that served to support the League as a fundraiser and a clothing bank for women needing financial assistance for clothing for job interviews. The Peddler's Cottage also served as placement site for JLEC members to accumulate required hours.

**What is your favorite or most memorable experience with Junior League?**

I remember the Legislative Breakfasts. Legislators, citizens, public officials, businesses, and non-profit agencies were asked to participate and offer their thoughts on what needs were not being met in the community. This served as a mechanism for JLEC to decide future project initiatives and or where to donate money to other causes. From a personal perspective, I have had the good fortune to develop friendships with many League members for over 20 years now. I continue to be an active member and enjoy the meetings and functions. The younger generations of JLEC members is great and do a good job of carrying out the mission of JLEC.

**What were some of the needs in the community at the time of your Presidency?**

What I remember is that some of the very things that were needed then, are still needed now –services for women and children living in poverty.

**What is your favorite pastime?**

My husband would probably say volunteering!!! I do enjoy reading, fitness, biking, and boating.

Linda served as President in 1999-2000. The pictures are of Linda and some of the legislators, citizens and public officials that attended the Legislative Breakfasts.

Thank you for all you have done for JLEC and our community.



# A Message from JILL SPAAK-FENN

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Happy New Year Junior League Members!

Whew...we made it through the hustle and bustle of yet another busy year. I hope you were able to wrap up 2010 with fond memories and lots of time with the ones you hold dear.

It's with great anticipation that I look forward to 2011. For me, there are few times within the calendar year that feel so fresh and full of promise, as the early part of January does. I find myself busy making lists, thinking of new projects and to-do's, and recommitting myself to certain "hobbies" that I may have let slip a bit towards the end of 2010 (so what if the receptionist at the gym asked me if I was a new member the other day!). This year I'm determined to make this fresh, full of promise feeling last past the beginning of March! It should be easy to keep up my enthusiasm for new ventures (and yes, trips to the gym), right?

With new ventures in mind, enthusiasm and excitement will be catching as the Junior League of Eau Claire begins embarking on several new activities during the late winter/early spring months. Our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is getting closer! Have you signed up for a committee spot yet? We need your help! Please contact Sadie Gunderson to learn how your skills can help make our gala fantastic! Kids In the Kitchen and Celebration of Women are also on the horizon! Don't miss the January 25<sup>th</sup> GMM, scheduled to be held at the Eau Claire Family Resource Center, for your opportunity to get involved and help volunteer to make each event a success! Watch for emails and newsletter postings for upcoming social events.....doesn't spending a night dining with your JLEC friends or playing Bunco just immediately brighten your outlook on a cold February day?

Now that I've got you half way through February and looking forward to all the fun events in store, let's move on to the spring! While the year is just beginning, it's not too early to begin thinking about the 2011-2012 membership year. JLEC is only as strong as our active participants! Now is the time to ask yourself what areas of League you envision yourself focusing on in the 2011-2012 membership year. Don't be shy! If you have an interest, or would like to take on a leadership position on the Board, let me know! I'd love to personally chat with you about what opportunity might best fit!

Stay warm over the next month ladies! Don't forget those mittens, boots and other good winter gear! Bundle up and venture out on the 25<sup>th</sup>! I look forward to seeing you at the GMM!

Wishing you a new year of peace, health and harmony. Jill Spaak-Fenn

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## Social Hours...

GMM: Tuesday, January 25th...Social After - Mogies Pub - 436 Water Street

Mid Winter Blues Beating Social.....The Livery - Friday, February 11th at 7 pm.

### Provisional Update:

We held our provisional training session on November 17, 2010 at the Eau Claire Country Club and we are thrilled to welcome the 2010-2011 provisionals to Junior League. The class projects for the year include Community Table, the Provisional Directory and helping with the 80th Celebration. A special thank you to Jill Spaak-Fenn and Liz Kennedy-Weichert for serving as the provisional counselors.

Welcome: Val Bestland, Trish Cummins, Adrienne Dorig Leland, Tara Geske, Karla Geyen, Dee Halverson, Terri Hoepner, Courtney Kanz, Kelly Nordstrom, Gloria Olguin, Amanda Tomesh, Linda Torres and MaiVue Xiong.



Among the volunteers who are assisting in the moving, cataloging and getting the new museum in order are these members of the Eau Claire Service League. From left, Mrs. James Bortl,

Mrs. Don Amundson, Lois Williams of the museum staff, and Ron Dultz. Mrs. Dultz and Mrs. Bortl are chairwoman and co-chairwoman of the project.

### Volunteers aiding move to new museum building

Volunteers are continuing their work of getting the Chippewa Valley Historical Museum ready for its official opening in June, 1974.

Latest to become involved is the Eau Claire Service League.

Members of the group are painting doors, oiling and refinishing furniture, cataloging, typing, indexing, sewing and repairing garments and making a new seal of Wisconsin at the museum.

League workers have averaged about 18 hours of work per week at the museum (about 200 total hours) since September, many of them using their

own transportation to move items from the old building to the new.

Once completed, the museum will be open free of charge year round. The 12,000 square foot building will open during "Sawdust City Days" celebrations next June.

To date some 307 firms and individuals have contributed over \$100,000 to the museum's completion.

Slightly over \$40,000 is needed for completion of interior development, according to museum officials.

Yet unfinished are interior ceiling and lighting, Indian dioramas, construction of historical geography

and geology section and a mammal case. Items needed include maintenance equipment, educational and visual aids equipment and animal taxidermy. Funds for Smithsonian traveling exhibits rental are also being sought.

Museum officials said that a \$2,000 donation will assure that the donor's name will be placed on a permanent case or diorama. A donation of \$500 will secure the donor's name on the recognition plaque.

An estimated 50,000 people will annually visit the museum, according to officials.

Friday, Nov. 23, 1973  
Leader-Telegram

## Junior League Trivia

### "Who Knows JLEC the Best"

Who was the famous Junior League member that was a child actress featured in more than 40 films; U.S. Representative to the United Nations (1969-70); U.S. Ambassador to Ghana (1974-76); first woman to serve as White House chief of protocol (1976-77)?

Name one of the Charter Members of Eau Claire Service League.

What is AJLI?

When the Eau Claire Service League first started, how long did you have to serve before becoming an associated member?

How long ago did the first Junior League start?

Who was President of Eau Claire Service League in 1932-33?

Let's see how well you know your JL history. Come prepared to the January GMM and we'll see "Who Knows JLEC the Best".

Eighty Years with a Mission

## Past Presidents of Eau Claire Service League And Junior League of Eau Claire

Margaret Frick 1930-31	Isabel Grewe 1941-42	Marion Thielman 1952-53	Jeanette Ayres 1964-65
Petronella Davis 1931-32	Helen Haney 1942-43	Frankie Dinger 1953-54	Elaine Orendorff 1965-66
Katherine Wahl Law 1932-33	Kay Wahl Coventry 1943-44	Pat Riley 1954-55	Barbara Brenden 1966-67
Eleanor Gamock 1933-34	Peggy Culver 1944-45	Bernie Arnold 1955-56	Patty Cigan 1967-68
Florence Amundson 1934-35	Arlene Norman 1945-46	Phyllis Mackenzie 1956-57	Donna Gilbertson 1968-69
Miriam Sampson 1935-36	Mary Jane Riley 1946-47	Gloria Gold 1957-58	Janet Myhers 1969-70
Edith Reynolds 1936-37	Mary Hale 1947-48	Bea Farmer 1958-59	Janeway Riley 1970-71
Mildred Scullard 1937-38	Kate Werner 1948-49	Caroline Nankivell 1959-60	Karen St. Louis 1971-72
Louise Sommermeyer 1937-38	Dorothy Goethel 1949-50	Sally Anderson 1960-61	Susan Forcier 1972-73
Lucille Crocker 1938-39	Harriet Steven 1950-51	Natalie Danielson 1961-62	Nancy Wensel 1973-74
Sybil McGiveran 1939-40	Carmen Hoepfner 1951-52	Beverly Ross 1962-63	Judy Rognlien 1974-75
Helen Frise (Hull) 1940-41	Ev Smith 1951-52	Janet Losby 1963-64	Barbara Fey 1975-76

## JL Holiday Party 2010!!

What a fabulous time we had at the Holiday Party! Good food, great conversations and a lot of laughter! It was an evening of getting to know each other, storytelling and reminiscing from years' past... There was even Karaoke for those singers in the group.

We were also able to share our ideas of new community service projects and ways to get our community more aware of Junior League.

Junior League of Eau Claire is very fortunate to have such a passionate group of women and when we work together we can accomplish anything. A dream you dream together is reality....

Thank you to all those that donated gifts to the "Toys for Tots" program and put a smile on a child's face Christmas morning.



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Mary Jo Amundson 1976-77  
 Sharon Heinz (Ullrich) 1977-78  
 Kathy Lasker 1978-79  
 Carol Anderson 1979-80  
 Jane Van Gordon 1980-81  
 Kathy Ayers 1981-82  
 Barbara Tanner 1982-83  
 Mavis Hermodson 1983-84  
 Carol Gabler 1984-85  
 Kathy Kaspszak 1985-86  
 Ellen Cernjar 1986-87

Margaret Bundy 1987-88  
 Beth Hicks 1988-89  
 Jody Hannaford 1989-90  
 Kay Senn 1990-91  
 Teresa Woodhouse 1991-92  
 Cindy Moores 1992-93  
 Leslie Johnson 1993-94  
 Shelly Borreson 1994-95  
 Sandra McKinney 1995-96  
 Kay Houser 1996-97  
 Lynn Stark 1997-98

Barbara Illenfeldt 1998-99  
 Linda Bohacek 1999-00  
 Barbara Westrate 2000-01  
 Donella Magadance 2001-02  
 Robin Shih 2002-04  
 Chris Sniegowski 2004-05  
 Marianne Klinkhammer 2005-06  
 Bobbi Giles 2006-07  
 Lindsay Jaeger 2007-08  
 Jill Fenn 2008-09  
 Kate Gillette 2009-10  
 Thank you for leading the way the last 80

## Meeting Reminders ... Come Make A Difference In Your Community

### *January General Membership Meeting*

Please join us for the next GMM at  
 the Family Resource Center  
 2105 Heights Drive  
 Eau Claire  
 January 25th  
 6:30 Social & 7:00 Business

### *Board of Directors*

#### Meeting Highlights

Look for them on the JLEC Website  
 at  
[www.juniorleague-ec.org](http://www.juniorleague-ec.org)



### *February General Membership Meeting*

At the  
 Chippewa Valley Free Clinic  
 421 Graham Ave  
 Eau Claire  
 February 22th  
 6:30 Social & 7:00 Business

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Dental Sealants volunteers needed for following dates:

Friday, January 21st at Longfellow	Friday, January 28th at Robbins
Friday, February 4th at Putnam Heights	Friday, February 18th at Sam Davey

### People go hungry every day .....

The Community Table nourishes hungry bodies and spirits in the Eau Claire Community. The Community Table serves one meal each day, 365 days a year on a no-questions asked basis. Anyone can join the table during meal time.

Whether hungry in body or spirit, you are always welcome at the Community Table.

Please join Junior League members and volunteer your time on February 18, 2011 and/or April 8, 2011. JL will assist in preparing the meal, serving and clean up. The day is divided into two shifts from 3-5 p.m. or 5-7 p.m. or you can stay the entire shift. Come renew your spirit and share a meal at the Community Table...



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“GOOD NEWS” **shout outs** TO LEAGUE MEMBERS

- Kirsten Holbrook has been nominated for the Women of Courage, Character, & Confidence award sponsored by the Girl Scouts. Congrats Kirsten for being an outstanding example for young girls!



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