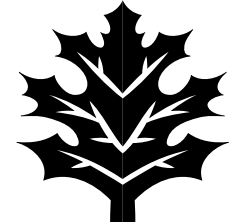


Connections

Women building better communities



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF EAU CLAIRE

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The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. 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 & educational.

Back-to-School Project Helps 1400 Students

Junior League provided 1400 students with backpacks and school supplies on August 19, 2004-the ninth year for the Back-to-School project. Helping JLEC meet this year's goals for the Back-to-School project was the first annual WAYY/Maverick Media Back-to-School Bucks drive. JLEC looks forward to working with WAYY/Maverick Media next year to help serve the increasing number of children in need.

The Back-to-School Project was also made possible by the generosity of businesses, foundations, individuals, service organizations, the Eau Claire Board of Education and Administrative staff, Dave Siebenshuh, this year's JLEC committee (Co-chairwoman Chris Sniegowski, Mary Ann Dickoff, Laura Fitzmaurice, Kris Heath, Pam Iesalnicks, Marianne Klinkhammer, Phyllis Mattson, Paula Persing, Becky Reffett, Jennifer Ropes, Robin Shih, Emily Smith, Shelly Voegeli, and Brenda Weisenbeck) and our own Junior League volunteers.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our signature project and good luck to next year's co-chairs, Paula Persing and Jen Ropes.

Carol Johnson, Co-chair--Back to School Committee



BTS Chairs Carol Johnson & Chris Sniegowski



Filling up the backpacks!!



Sara Antonson, Marketing and Sales Manager at Markquart Chevrolet, Denise Wurtzel, Williams Diamond Center, Robin Shih, Chris, John Murphy (WAYY), Bruce Butler (WAYY), Carol Johnson, and Tony Meyer of Markquart Chevrolet. Front Row: Mike Simon and Dave Craig from WAYY.



Chris accepts \$500 donation from Markquart Chevrolet

As the days grow shorter and the air cooler, I'm beginning to feel a sense of anticipation for the new Junior League year and the positive impact we will make on each other and the community.

By renewing our commitment to serve, we become stewards for the Junior League. We choose service over self-interest; what is best for the whole rather than the individual. Stewardship is truly the spirit of a community at its best.

Consider what role you will play in our organization this year. Explore the areas that interest you the most and ask yourself what you can do to help enhance and improve those areas. I encourage you to be open to new experiences: chair a committee, join the board, or mentor a prospective new member. When pondering your role, consider these words from the Talmud, "If not now, when?"

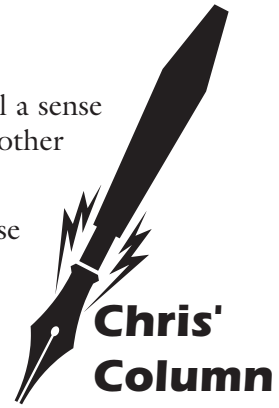
In July, the board convened to set the goals and budget for the upcoming year. One of our goals is to increase active membership at the general membership meetings and events by 50%. If each of us makes a commitment to be fully present at our monthly meetings we can better foster growth and change in our community. Meetings are essential to encourage the growth of League, increase the impact we have on the community, and to establish a connection to one another. As the novelist George Eliot once said, "What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?" I believe our monthly meetings create bonds that go beyond serving the Junior League.

As a volunteer organization committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities, we will continue to support the Back to School and Dental Sealant programs, host the Midwest Leadership Conference, and coordinate the Celebration of Women event. We will continue to increase the awareness of Junior League in the community through our fundraising events and programs. If you have not had the opportunity to see our new brochure and display board, they will be available at the September GMM. Sheri Baemmert was able to get the materials donated for the display board. Thank you, Sheri!

Throughout the year, I will be committed to keeping the lines of communication open. Ask questions, offer suggestions, and stay involved. American poet, Adrienne Rich once wrote, "The connection between and among women are the most feared, the most problematic and the most potentially transforming political force on the planet." Let's use that connection to transform who we are and the community we live in.

I am grateful and honored for the opportunity to serve the Junior League. Thank you for making a difference.

Chris

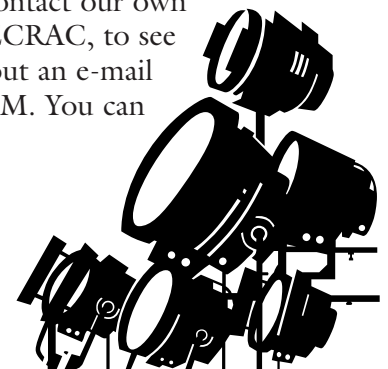


Fall Opportunities to be e-mailed.



We were unable to get the fall dates at presstime, so please contact our own member Jean Hood, who is the volunteer coordinator at ECRAC, to see what opportunities are available. She will also be sending out an e-mail with that information which we will be sure is available at the first GMM. You can call Jean by calling the Arts Center at 832-2787.

Lots of chances to get hours in.



"I was brought up to believe that how I saw myself was more important than how others saw me."

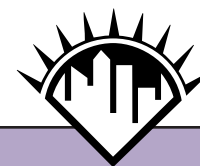
- Anwar el-Sadat

Sept - Oct

Midwest Leadership Conference Update-

Eau Claire to host our first Midwest Conference

It's hard to believe, but the Midwest Leadership Conference is less than a month away. Our League will be hosting this great event, October 1-3 at the Ramada Inn Convention Center. Anne Dorobis, from Association of Junior Leagues International, will facilitate the workshops and Julia Raehpour from CVTC will speak to us about the generational gap. Kimberly Barrett, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Development and Diversity from UWEC will be the keynote speaker at the Saturday luncheon.



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Midwest
Leadership
Conference Oct.
1-3
Sept. 20
Reg. Deadline

This is a phenomenal opportunity for our members to meet vibrant women from area leagues and experience what AJLI has to offer.

Please consider joining us for this remarkable event. The cost to our members is \$50 for all three days. If you can attend only a portion of the conference, Friday night is \$10, Saturday and Sunday will cost \$20 each day. Please refer to the agenda and the registration form for a complete description of each day's events. The registration deadline is Sept. 20. Please send your form and check to:

Donnie Magadance 1716 Emery Street Eau Claire, WI 54701

First GMM at Trinity Equestrian Center

Our first GMM will be September 28, 2004 at The Trinity Equestrian Center, 55300 Highway 37, Eau Claire. Social at 6:30 pm. Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Trinity Equestrian Center is dedicated to inspiring the lives of at risk and underprivileged children through their non-profit Kids Kamp. Kids Kamp is a program that embraces children by teaching them creative thinking, communication, problem solving, leadership, responsibility, and self-confidence in a fun filled environment.

For more information, please visit the website at www.trinity-ec.com



Directions: Trinity Equestrian Center 55300 Highway 37 Eau Claire, WI - West Clairemont Ave. to Hwy 37/85.

The center is approximately four miles from Clairemont Avenue on Highway 37 (past Little Red School). Call or e-mail Chris with questions.

Don't forget to check out our new website! www.idd-ec.com/jlec

Username: jlec Password: women

Junior League's Whirly Girl Jewelry Fundraiser a Modest Success

Junior League of Eau Claire held its first ever "Whirly Girl" Jewelry fundraiser in June at Barb Westrate's home. Although attendance was low, the event raised \$100.00 for League. Thank you to Barb for hosting the event and thank you to everyone who participated.

Making Money....

Calling all members! Please forward your fundraising ideas to Jennifer Ropes or Amy Leonardson. Jennifer and Amy will be working on Fund Development this year and would love to hear your ideas. Everyone's ideas count. The Board and membership will discuss all suggestions.



...and Giving It Away.

A committee also gathers all funding requests and collects suggestions on where Junior League may want to give money. If anyone would like to submit an idea or suggestion, please e-mail Jen Ropes at J_SROPES@Prodigy.net.

New JLEC Marketing Material

The new JLEC brochures and display board are printed and ready to use. The brochures give JLEC a professional look and help spread the word about our great organization. The display board panels match the theme of the brochure and emphasize how JLEC is making a difference in our community.

If you need copies of the brochure or would like to use the display board for an event, please contact Sheri Baemmert, VP Communications, at 832-7335 or baemmert@charter.net.

A special thank you goes out to DigiCopy. They generously donated the color printing, foam board and laminating for the display board panels.



The new display board and brochures showcased Junior League at the Back-To-School fundraiser with WAYY. L to R: Carol Johnson, Chris Sniegowski, Robin Shih and Sheri Baemmert

Colors Training

Colors Training is a fun interactive session that involves the exploration of your personality and how it effects your interaction with others in business and your daily life.

Participants will answer a series of questions that will help determine the "Color" that most represents their personality. Each "Color" then defines personality types and how they best interact with others.

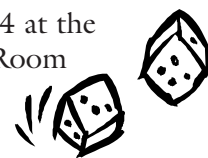
The Colors Training is open to all members. However, all of last years Provisional members, all prospective members, and any member who has not attended a Colors session in the past should attend.

The Colors Training is scheduled for Wed., October 13, 2004 at 7:00 pm. The location is yet to be determined.



Bunco Anyone?

Get your friends together to play Bunco for a good cause. The Bunco Fundraiser will be on Thursday, October 14, 2004 at the Green Mill Restaurant, Northwoods Room from 7:00 pm to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$27.50 at the door. Bunco is a fun and easy dice game. No experience is necessary.



The Invitation

It doesn't interest me what you do for a living. I want to know what you ache for, and if you dare to dream of meeting your heart's longing.

It doesn't interest me how old you are. I want to know if you will risk looking a fool for love, for your dreams, for the adventure of being alive.

It doesn't interest me what planets are squaring your moon. I want to know if you have touched the center of your own sorrow, if you have become shriveled and closed from the fear of further pain.

I want to know if you can sit with pain, mine or your own, without moving to hide it, or fade it, or fix it. I want to know if you can be with joy, mine or your own, if you can dance with wildness and let ecstasy fill you to the tips of your fingers and toes without it cautioning us to be careful, realistic, or to remember the limitations of being a human.

It doesn't interest me if the stories you are telling me are true. I want to know if you can disappoint another to be true to yourself, if you can bear the accusation of betrayal and not betray your own soul.

I want to know if you can be faithful and therefore trustworthy. I want to know if you can see the beauty even when it is not pretty every day, and if you source your life from its presence.

I want to know if you can live with failure, yours or mine, and still stand on the edge of the lake and shout to the silver of the full moon, YES.

It doesn't interest me to know where you live or how much money you have. I want to know if you can get up after a night of grief and despair, weary and bruised to the bone and do what needs to be done for the children.



It doesn't interest me who you know or how you came to be here. I want to know if you will stand in the center of the fire with me and not shrink back.

It doesn't interest me where or what or with whom you have studied. I want to know what maintains you from the inside when all else falls away. I want to know if you can be alone with yourself and if you truly like the company you keep in the empty moments.

Oriah Mountain Dreamer
Indian Elder, May 1994



JLEC's Endowment Supports the Future

One easy way to make a long-lasting gift to JLEC is by giving specifically to the endowment trust. An endowment is a special fund that contains charitable gifts. Instead of spending a gift, JLEC invests the money and receives income. JLEC can then benefit from the income, without using the underlying gift. The gift provides a reliable, long-term source of income for Junior League's missions.

The Junior League of Eau Claire's Endowment Trust Advisory Board helps generate funds for the Endowment Trust and makes yearly recommendations for distributions for approved project funds.

Please consider donating to the Junior League of Eau Claire Endowment Trust. Your financial support of the Trust can be in the form of:

- Giving JLEC a certain percent of your estate, a specific dollar amount, or specific assets through designations in your will or trust.
- Designating JLEC as a beneficiary for your life insurance proceeds, IRA's or other retirement plans.
- Transferring assets (cash, stock, bonds, real estate) directly to JLEC through planned giving by
 - making an annual contribution
 - giving a gift to honor someone
(An acknowledgement is sent to both the contributor and the person being honored.)
 - giving a memorial gift (Memorial gift cards are sent to the family of the deceased.)
 - celebrating an event with a gift

Do you know someone who might be interested in joining Junior League?

E-mail names, addresses, and phone numbers to Bobbi Giles, gilesb@cvcredcross.org by Friday, September 10, 2004. All names submitted will receive an invitation to our Prospective Member Social, September 23, 2004



By utilizing the income from the Trust, Junior League Eau Claire will be able to guarantee continued commitment to our community. Make your tax-deductible check payable to Junior League of Eau Claire Endowment Trust Fund and forward it to Junior League of Eau Claire, 316 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire, WI 54701-3645 or contact your attorney to discuss including Junior League in your estate planning.

Donella Magadance, Endowment Trustee

Younkers Community Day—an easy fundraiser

Shop and raise \$ - how simple is THAT?

Younkers Community Day is an easy way to raise money for Junior League. Purchase a ticket for \$5 and get a \$5 coupon to use at Younkers. Every \$5 goes directly back to JLEC! Purchase a few extra tickets to sell to your friends and co-workers. Tickets will be available from Jennifer Ropes at the first GMM.





JLEC
2004-2005
Calendar of
Events

SEPTEMBER

- 9 Sustainer Lunch/Tea at Jean Hood's
- 13 Board Meeting
- 28 GMM - Trinity Equestrian Center

OCTOBER

- 1-3 We host the Midwest Leadership Conference here in Eau Claire!
- 11 Board Meeting
- 13 Colors Training
- 14 Bunco Fundraiser at Green Mill Restaurant
- 22 Editorial Deadline for November newsletter
- 26 GMM - Pumpkin carving at Lowes Creek Tree Farm

NOVEMBER

- 8 Board Meeting
- 23 GMM - Holiday Shopping/Whirly Girls Fundraiser
at Jen Rope's home 3383 Evergreen Lane

DECEMBER

- 5 Packer Party Fundraiser at The Green Mill
- 17 Editorial Deadline for January newsletter

JANUARY

- 10 Board Meeting
- 25 GMM - River Plaza - Janice Ninneman, Eau Claire Foundation
- TBD Holiday Party

FEBRUARY

- 7 Board Meeting
- 18 Editorial Deadline for March newsletter
- 22 GMM - Tenold Chiropractic - Dr. Dan Czeltadko

MARCH

- 7 Board Meeting
- 22 GMM - Boys and Girls Club/Slate of Officers

APRIL

- 11 Board Meeting
- 22 Editorial Deadline for May newsletter
- 26 GMM - River Plaza - Placement Day

MAY

- 9 Board Meeting
- 10 Spring Banquet at The Eau Claire Golf and Country Club
- 24 GMM - WAYY/Maverick Media



Junior League's Dedication Helps the Dental Sealant Project Succeed.

15% of children in Eau Claire County are living in poverty and have very limited access to dental care. To help combat this problem, JLEC works to provide basic dental screenings and sealants to students by collaborating with Healthy Smiles for Wisconsin: Seal a Smile Initiative, the City-County Health Department, the Eau Claire Regional Dental Hygienists' Association, and Sacred Heart Hospital.

The Dental Sealant Project assisted qualifying second graders at all Eau Claire County schools. Overall, 1,255 students received oral health education, 357 children were screened and 972 sealants were placed on 294 children! Sadly, 53% of the second graders had untreated dental decay. The Dental Sealant Project sent treatment recommendation letters to the parents of those children and we are hoping the children receive follow-up care.

Healthy Communities: Eau Claire especially thanks those who helped make the Dental Sealant program a success. Community volunteers make this happen!

However, the program still needs volunteers for this school year. Volunteers are very important because the program must meet its objectives to secure grant funding.

Here is the schedule:

Friday, October 22, 2004	Altoona
Friday, November 5, 2004	Augusta
Friday, November 12, 2004	Sam Davey
Thursday, December 9, 2004	Lakeshore
Friday, December 10, 2004	Locust Lane
Friday, January 28, 2005	Longfellow
Friday, February 18, 2005	Northwoods
Friday, March 11, 2005	Robbins
Friday, April 22, 2005	Flynn
Friday, May 13, 2005	Sherman

Please contact Linda Bohacek at 833-9636, or
LBrdh4pets@charter.net to sign up.

JLEC needs donations for the silent auction. Please bring your donations to the first GMM or contact Jennifer Ropes at 834-1840 or J_SRopes@prodigy.net.

CORNER

SUSTAINER

THE SUSTAINER SCHEDULE KICKS OFF THIS YEAR WITH A SUSTAINER TEA AND LUNCH AT JEAN HOOD'S HOME ON SEPTEMBER 9 FROM 12:00 TO 2:00 P.M.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER INCLUDE:

BUNCO:

AT SCHOTZ ARMSTRONG'S
OCT. 18 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT PHYLLIS MATTSON'S
NOV. 22 AT 7:00 P.M.

Additional details will follow by mail or telephone.

If you are interested in the book club, please call Nancy Kersten.

Hope everyone has had a fun-filled summer. Please call Marla (835-4642) with questions!



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