



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF EAU CLAIRE

Women building better communities



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Connections

The Junior League of Eau Claire (JLEC) is an organization of women committed to promoting **volunteerism**, 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.



Join us for these important Back-to-School Dates:

WAYY/Maverick Media

"Bucks for Backpacks"

Aug. 11 — 6:45 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Famous Daves - 2911 Mall Dr., Eau Claire

Setup for packing: Aug. 23rd

Packing Day: Aug. 24th

Distribution Day: Aug. 25th

Starting at 9 a.m. each day

EC Area School District Administration

Building - 500 Main St., Eau Claire

Back-to-School Backpack Project

The Back-to-School project is one of JLEC's signature service events. On August 11, 2005 from 6am-10pm, John Murphy and Bruce Butler of WAYY will be broadcasting live from outside Famous Dave's collecting "Bucks for Backpacks". All the money collected will go to our Back-to-School program. Come on down and put in your donations.

The backpack supplies will be set up on August 23rd and will be filled on August 24th. Co-chairs Jen Ropes and Paula Persing can use your help for an hour or two (or whatever time you can spare). We will distribute the backpacks August 25th. All three days will begin at about 9 a.m. at the Eau Claire School District office, 500 Main Street. Bring your smile and maybe even a friend to share in the fun. See you there.

Membership—Who Do You Know?

If you have a relative, friend, neighbor, or new acquaintance you feel would be an asset to League, talk to them about joining as a provisional in September. Please send the potential member's name, address, and phone number to Marianne Klinkhammer or Amy Leonardson. We'll send them an invitation to our prospective member get-together.

It is our goal to continue our membership growth and establish a stronger chapter with a known presence in the community. With everyone's help, this is an achievable goal.

Did You Know?

The current newsletter, plus back issues can be downloaded from the JLEC web site at: www.juniorleague-ec.org.

If you have articles to include in future newsletters, please submit to Amy Ann Mursu at amursu@wrpr.com.

A Message from Marianne



Happiness is not just chocolate—believe it or not. It is indeed “lending a helping hand through volunteerism that makes life really matter.” As a member of Junior League, we each find happiness and fulfillment in making life better for women and children at risk. The smile on the face of a new Dental Sealant recipient, the heartfelt “Thank you!” for a new backpack filled with school supplies to start the new year, or the cheerful “Hello” when seating people attending events at ECRAC—all fill us with joy and sense of purpose.

Throughout this year, I hope that each one of you finds a place to share your talents and lend a helping hand. Signing up to help on a different committee or becoming involved in a brand new JLEC project will indeed make your life richer. As we “give” volunteer time, it seems we “receive” ten-fold. The feeling of making a difference energizes us to do more.

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I look at the year ahead with great enthusiasm and energy. Becoming the new president of JLEC is undeniably an honor and a wonderful challenge. I am anxious to share with all of you my goals and ideas for our growing League.

One of my goals is to establish a permanent landmark for children (families) to be known by everyone in the community as a gift from our Junior League of Eau Claire.

This landmark would help our organization be recognized for our impact upon Eau Claire County and the Chippewa Valley. Much discussion will lead us to our final plan.

Another goal is to have a 75th year Anniversary Celebration of Women Volunteers in Service League/Junior League. This event would be held on November 1, 2005 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the Eau Claire Golf and Country Club. Please tell everyone you know that has been a member at anytime to plan on attending the gathering. Having a large room filled with smiles and laughter, while renewing friendships will be wonderful. Hearing the stories of the past will make our future more meaningful.

Gather your strength and gear up your energy to lend a helping hand and make a difference.

Enjoy your summer,
Marianne



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Dine in the Chippewa Valley

The provisionals, under the direction of Jen Ropes, put together this awesome new fundraiser, in which JLEC sold tickets for the chance to win 52 dining experience gift certificates. The fundraiser netted JLEC \$2260. The winner of the gift certificates was Robin Shih. Her name was drawn at the May GMM. Congratulations Robin! A huge "hooray" for all of you who worked on this project. You did an outstanding job. **Thank you!**

Showcase Home Fundraiser

Congratulations and thank you to sustainer, Lynn Stark, for promoting JLEC at her Showcase Home, which was open to the public during the Parade of Homes. Throughout the eight days, donations were collected at the door where the League display booth created an awareness of JLEC. Donations totaled \$700 for our budget. It was a great fundraiser idea.

Thank you also to Kaye Senn, who volunteered in the booth on Monday evening.

Placement Position—Do You Have Yours?

If you have not yet chosen your placement for next year, please contact Tracey Newhouse at 831-0266 or email: tnewhouse@intaca.com to find out about openings. Your help is needed to complete the placements.

Dues—Have You Paid Yours?

Each of you should have received an invoice notice for your 2005-2006 dues. Thank you to the many of you who have already paid. However, we a few of you still need to send your dues to our treasurer: Susan Jewett, E5150 Interlachen Blvd., Eleva, WI 54703. If you have a question about your dues, you may contact Susan at 878-4015 or smjewett@hotmail.com. Thank you in advance for your prompt action in this matter.

Congratulations & Thank You...

Phyllis Matson — On July 12th, our oldest active AJLI member was surprised to find friends, neighbors, and JLEC past and present members gathered to celebrate her 80th birthday. Phyllis was also spotlighted on WQOW news that evening for receiving the Senior Salute Award, nominated by Sue Brown. Congratulations and thanks for your years of service.

Thank you to **Sue Brown** and **Jean Hood** for putting together a true "surprise" party with all of the trimmings.

Jenny Fesenmaier — Congratulations on the arrival of Andrew Joseph on July 6th. Baby Andrew weighed in at 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 inches.

Chris Sniegowski — Thank you Chris for leading League through a very successful 2004-05 year. The time you gave is appreciated!

2004-05 Board of Directors/Committee Chairs/Members — Thank you for all your hard

The cookbook meeting held July 20th at Brenda Weisenbeck's home was a tasty treat. Members brought samples from the JLEC cookbook.

Cookbooks are only \$15 and make great gifts. Below is a sample recipe from the book.

Corn Salsa

- 2 cans shoe peg corn
- 1 can black beans (rinsed)
- Onion (green)
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1 jalapeno pepper
- 1/3 c. rice wine vinegar
- 1 T. Dijon mustard
- 1 T. olive oil
- 2/3 c. chopped fresh cilantro
- Tabasco, salt & pepper to taste
- Pinch cayenne

Mix all above. Refrigerate at least 2 hours.

—Lynn Stark



Pictured above: Top row: Hanna Vick, Robin Shih, Chris Sniegowski and Marianne Klinkhammer; Bottom row: Brenda Weisenbeck, Sheri Baemmert and Mary Ellen Keller.



Pictured left: Robin Shih pictured with her cake baked in a castle form pan with brown sugar sand and candy rocks.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- 30-31st - Board Retreat

AUGUST

- 11th WAYY Bucks for Backpacks - 6:45 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- 23rd - BTS Set Up Day
- 24th - BTS Packing Day
- 25th - BTS Distribution Day
- 26th - Newsletter Deadline

SEPTEMBER

- 12th - Board Meeting
- 27th - GMM - Beaver Creek Observatory - Star Gazing

OCTOBER

- 10th - Board Meeting
- 12th - Prospective Member Get Together
- 21st - Newsletter Deadline
- 25th - GMM - Phoenix Park Tour

ECRAC HOURS

Members, family and friends can volunteer at ECRAC events. Hours worked count towards our yearly commitment of 200 hours. Sign up today! Call Jean Hood at ECRAC at 832-2787.

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AJLI May Have Chosen You!

Association-wide Membership Research Study Underway

Membership acquisition, satisfaction and retention are critical issues today for all Junior Leagues – whether a League is growing or losing members. In an effort to better support its member Leagues, AJLI is embarking upon a major membership research study that will be fielded in late June, 2005.

Our League is asking that if you receive by mail one of the 5,000 questionnaires, which will go out to members across the Association, you take a moment to participate. Your views will truly make a difference in a project that is critical to the future of Junior Leagues everywhere.

The research will be conducted by NOP World, formerly known as Roper Starch, the major, international research firm that conducted the last Association-wide research in 1998. The questionnaires will be sent to a random sample of League members. No one at AJLI, and no one in this League, will know who was selected. Your input will be completely confidential.

The survey itself will state that it is being fielded on behalf of the Association of Junior Leagues International Inc., and that your League President is aware of the project, although does not know who was contacted. If you have any questions regarding this important project, please feel free to contact AJLI Executive Director, Susan Danish at 212-951-8322 or sdanish@ajli.org.

Thank you in advance for your participation. AJLI has committed to having results that we can share with you this fall.

Newsletter – New Look!

Our newsletter is sporting a new look.

The Board voted to cut newsletter costs by using two colors rather a full color. We also invite anyone who is on-line to receive the newsletter via email, this saves money on postage and printing. Upon receiving the newsletter through your email, you can print a hard copy or just view on screen. Please notify Sheri Baemmert at baemmert@charter.net if you are receiving the newsletter via regular mail and would like to receive it electronically only. Thank you to all who already using the email method.