



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 **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.



New GMM Times!

While our GMMs will still occur on the fourth Tuesday of every month, we will be following a slightly different timetable:

- 6:30 pm Committee Communications
- 6:45 pm GMM
- 7:45 pm Refreshments
- 8-8:30 pm Program

Members are welcome to get together after meetings for more social time.

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF EAU CLAIRE
CHECK REQUEST FORM

Submit completed request to Treasurer, Susan Jewett, 222 W. Park Street, Eau Claire, WI 54601. All requests must be submitted to the Treasurer within 30 days of purchase.

NAME: _____
 CHECK INFORMATION
 Date of purchase: _____
 Amount: _____
 Check number: _____
 Check amount: _____

ACCOUNTING INFORMATION
 Date: _____
 Description: _____
 Amount: _____

Signature: _____
 Date: _____

Back-to-School a Success!

Thanks to the tireless and efficient leadership of Sarah Donnellan & Jen Ropes and the hard work of committee members, the Back-to-School packing and distribution days in mid-August were a huge success. Back-to-School was featured in news media, even in the good news of the week wrap-up on the Leader Telegram's editorial page. Stay tuned to the next issue of Connections to read more about Back-to-School and the radio fundraiser in early August that netted over \$5,000 for the project.



Two New Task Forces

A new task force has been created to research community needs with an eye on the goal of developing a new signature project. At the same time, another new task force will be charged with finding a partner for Back-to-School. Stay tuned for more details. Your input will be appreciated.

Remember: If you want your money back...

Don't forget to submit a completed check request form whenever you make a purchase on behalf of JLEC. Forms should be submitted to our Treasurer, Susan Jewett, within 30 days of purchase. Please attach the relevant receipt(s). Forms should be signed by the appropriate committee chair.

Did You Know?

There are still placement spots open that need members! Let us know what area you'd like to help fill!

A Message from Bobbi



There are many emotions surrounding new beginnings. Remember your first day of kindergarten, your first day on campus, and the move you made to a new community or a new job? New beginnings are scary. Fortunately, with time, fear gives way to excitement and anxiety to optimism.

So goes the first few weeks as President of Junior League. I am honored to be serving in this capacity, but am understandably filled with some trepidation. I ask myself, "Am I up to this task?" Two recent events gave me an answer.

In mid-August, the JLEC Board of Directors met at my cabin in Cumberland for a two-day retreat. We gathered to discuss the year, clarify our objectives, and set some goals. At first, the discussions were quiet and polite, but as we proceeded to some of the more challenging issues we became less agreeable and more honest. At times, we were downright obnoxious. Our "nicely nice" chatter became a spirited, productive debate. Our differences lead to compromise and consensus. I no longer felt alone in my position but supported by each Board member who shared their insights, accepted additional assignments, and volunteered to go the extra mile. It was awesome!

A short time later I attended Carol Johnson's going away party. Carol, for most of us, is the epitome of Junior League. In her quiet, unassuming manner she has touched many of us with a kind word and a helping hand. She is grace and gratitude—happy to serve the women she cares for and the community she loves. She is a true leader, of the most genuine kind. She now leaves us to encounter her own new beginning and I am confident she will create in Indiana exactly what she has created here. As I looked around the room that night at women saying good-bye, it struck me again. We truly are women who care for each other, for our community, and for the mission we serve.

New beginnings are scary! In one way or another we are all beginning anew. As this year unfolds, I encourage each of you to get involved, stay involved, and become part of the bigger picture. There is much before us and we need every member to be informed and engaged. Please join us for our first GMM as we share our vision, celebrate our mission, and continue to lead this League to new heights.

In Service and with Gratitude,

Bobbi Giles

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Calendar

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SEPTEMBER

September 26

GMM
Sunbow Farms
6:30 pm Committee Comm.
6:45 pm GMM
7:45 pm Refreshments
8-8:30 pm Program

OCTOBER

October 9

Board Meeting

October 20

Newsletter deadline Nov/Dec

October 24

GMM
Ruth House
6:30 pm Committee
Communications
6:45 pm GMM
7:45 pm Refreshments
8-8:30 pm Program

NOVEMBER

November 14

Provisionals/Mentor Training
Fischers on the Green
6:30 pm mentor meeting
7:00 pm provisionals/mentors
8:30 pm wrap-up

November 13

Board Meeting

November 28

GMM
Whiz Kids
6:30 pm Committee Comm.
6:45 pm GMM
7:45 pm Refreshments
8-8:30 pm Program

DECEMBER

December 2

Holiday Party
Coffee Grounds

Look forward to wine-tasting, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and a kickback to JLEC for any purchases made at the Holiday Party, to be held in December this year.

December 10

Packer Party
3:00 pm Tailgate Party
3:15 pm Kickoff

December 15

Newsletter deadline Jan/Feb

JANUARY

January 8

Board Meeting

January 23

GMM
Literacy Volunteers
6:30 pm Committee Comm.
6:45 pm GMM
7:45 pm Refreshments
8-8:30 pm Program

FEBRUARY

February 12

Board Meeting

February 16

Newsletter deadline Mar/Apr

February 27

GMM
Eau Claire Regional Arts Center
6:30 pm Committee Comm.
6:45 pm GMM
7:45 pm Refreshments
8-8:30 pm Program

MARCH

March 12

Board Meeting

March 27

GMM
Big Brothers, Big Sisters
6:30 pm Committee Comm.
6:45 pm GMM
7:45 pm Refreshments
8-8:30 pm Program

APRIL

April 9

Board Meeting

April 20

Newsletter deadline May/June

April 24

GMM
Placement and election of Officers
River Plaza
6:30 pm Committee Comm.
6:45 pm GMM
7:45 pm Refreshments

MAY

May 14

Board Meeting

May 22

Spring Banquet/Annual Meeting
Eau Claire Golf and Country Club

May 31

All receipts and membership dues are due to Treasurer

SAVE THIS CALENDAR FOR FUTURE REFERENCE!

Dental Sealants—Volunteer Opportunities

EARLY CHILDHOOD CAVITY PREVENTION PROGRAM

Volunteer Activities for Fluoride varnish applications:

- 1) Assist with bringing children to the room or taking them back
- 2) Assist with set-up of supplies
- 3) Charting or recording findings
- 4) Lifting child onto lap and assisting RDH in application
- 5) Talking with children while they wait their turn
- 6) Show children how to brush the teeth of the puppets.
- 7) Dental hygiene students may place fluoride varnish if with instructor

Wednesday, Sept. 6th – Eau Claire Area School District Head Start Screenings Orientation Day at Board of Education office – 500 Main Street

10 AM - 7 PM Sign up for as many hours as you would like – lunch/dinner provided

Wednesday, Sept. 13th Truax Head Start Center, 623 Truax Blvd.
9 am –12 Noon and 1 – 3 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 14th Truax Head Start Center 623, Truax Blvd.
9 am –12 Noon and 1 – 3 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 19th, Altoona Early Education Center, 701 West 7th Street
9 am – 12 Noon and 1-3 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 26th, UWEC Children's Center 1616 Park Avenue
9 am – 12 Noon and 1-3 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 27th, Eau Claire Family Literacy YMCA 700 Graham Avenue
9 am – 12 Noon and 1-3 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, Regis Child Development Center, 2114 Fenwick Avenue
9 am – 12 Noon and 1-3 pm

Thursday, Oct. 5th, Flynn Elementary School Head Start, 1430 Lee Street
9am- 11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 17th, Children's House Montessori School, 322 Fulton Street
9 am – 12 Noon and 1-3 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 18th, Children's Secret Garden, 2857 Western Ave.
9 am – 12 Noon and 1-3 pm

Thursday, Oct. 19th, Locust Lane Elementary School Head Start, 3245 Locust Lane
9am- 11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 24th, Genesis Child Development Center, 418 Dewey Street
9 am – 12 Noon and 1-3 pm

Thursday, Nov. 2, Longfellow Elementary School Head Start, 512 Balcom
9am- 11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Thursday, Nov. 16th, Manz Elementary School Head Start, 1000 E. Filmore
9am- 11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Thursday, Nov. 30th, North High School Head Start, 1801 Piedmont Road
9am- 11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Thursday, Dec. 7th, Flynn Elementary School Head Start, 1430 Lee Street,
9am- 11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Thursday, Dec. 14th, Locust Lane Elementary School Head Start, 3245 Locust Lane
9am- 11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Thursday, Jan. 4th, Longfellow Elementary School Head Start, 512 Balcom
9am- 11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Thursday, Jan. 18th, Manz Elementary School Head Start, 1000 E. Filmore
9am- 11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Thursday, Feb. 1st, North High School Head Start, 1801 Piedmont Road
9am- 11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Thursday, Feb. 15th, Flynn Elementary School Head Start, 1430 Lee Street
9am- 11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Thursday, Mar. 1st, Locust Lane Elementary School Head Start, 3245 Locust Lane
9am- 11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Thursday, Mar. 15th, Longfellow Elementary School Head Start, 512 Balcom
9am- 11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Thursday, Mar. 29th, Manz Elementary School Head Start, 1000 E. Filmore
9am- 11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Thursday, Apr. 12th, North High School Head Start, 1801 Piedmont Road
9am- 11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Other dates may be scheduled in April and May to treat those children who were absent or joined the programs later in the year. The goal is to apply three applications of fluoride varnish during the school year.

Preparing for Presidency (Lindsay Jaeger)

In my role as President-Elect, I plan to listen and absorb. The upcoming year brings many opportunities: committees, meetings, participation in Leadership Eau Claire, conferences and many other tools to create a prepared President. As I prepare, I look forward to getting to know everyone better and having fun in the process.

We all have opportunities to prepare. We test out a recipe before we serve it to our guests, rehearse presentations before we present them at work or save for our children's college educations - there is time to listen, think, practice and dream.

While attending the Annual Board Retreat, I found myself thinking many times that there is so much potential for this chapter to continue making a difference in our community. I am thankful to have this time to prepare so that I will look back and be completely proud of what was accomplished for Eau Claire.

Placement: JLEC needs you!

Many of you signed up for placement spots last spring, but there are still several roles that need to be filled. If you have not signed up yet or are unsure of what you want to do this year, please contact Chris Sniegowski at csniegowski@charter.net or phone 836-7930.

From the Fundraising Diva

Summer is almost over! It seems like we just wrapped up the Celebration of Women!

With the first GMM right around the corner, it seems those long hot days are shortening fast. As the VP of Finance, I am excited to commit to the next few months of events and service as a new board member of Junior League.

Please try to attend the first GMM at Sunbow Farms. We as a board are eager to share how this year ahead will be different and to convey what we will need from each of you to make our new and continuing goals happen. A lot of changes are up ahead to continue the mission of our organization. After a successful retreat up north, the board members have outlined a plan to unify some of our fundraising efforts. The goal of such unification is to bring one strong focus on the efforts and bottom line of JLEC. Changes in fundraising will take the cooperation and communication of all active JLEC members.

Bunco and Packer Party will be our main fundraising efforts this JLEC season. Both were very successful last year and we look forward to each event drawing the donations as well as new membership. We have well seasoned League members on the committees and dedicated chairs leading up the Packer Party and Bunco events. These groups of women will plan and execute, I am sure, fantastic fundraisers. Please remember that your attendance and support as members will only make their hard work pay off toward the bottom line of JLEC.

I enjoy fundraising and hope to serve well as the VP of Finance. I look forward to a rewarding year on the Board. I do believe that our common goals and energies can well serve our community, and each other.

Liz Wiechert

Please Note:

The Junior League membership list is for the use of the Junior League of Eau Claire only and cannot be used for personal gain or made available for political, commercial or solicitation purposes.

Need a new name tag?

An order will be placed soon for names tags. Please contact Sheri Baemmert if you need a name tag (baemmert@charter.net). Cost: \$7-10.

Special Notes...

- A special thank you to Nicole Lasker for hosting Carol Johnson's going away party.
- To all members who have already signed up for placement positions—thank you.
- A special thank you to Bobbi Giles for hosting a wonderful Board Retreat.

COMMUNICATION

Key to a Success

Effective communication makes League successful. Our VP of Communications, Sheri Baemmert, has been working the past two years on tools to help members communicate with each other and the community. She welcomes your ideas as League continues to grow.

Connections

Connections, our bi-monthly newsletter, is a great tool for keeping members up-to-date on projects and events. Committee chairs are encouraged to submit articles to our editor, Kate Hinnant at (kate.hinnant@gmail.com). See calendar for submission dates.

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The League website has two sections, one for the public and one for members only. The public section has information for about League, our mission, and more. The member-only section has the membership list, check request form, minutes, logo, handbook, and more. Please contact Sheri for the user name and password (baemmert@charter.net).

Brochure

The League brochure is available to hand out around the community. Brochures are available at all GMMs or contact Sheri.

Calendar

Sept. 26

GMM

Oct. 20

Newsletter Deadline

Oct. 24

GMM

Nov. 14

Provisional Mentor Training

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 26th GMM Sunbow Farms

Sunbow is a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm, providing diverse produce with a community-oriented approach

6:30pm - Committee Communications

6:45 - GMM

7:45 - Refreshments

8-8:30 – Program

Directions

- Take 37/85 south off Clairemont in Eau Claire.
- (37/85 turns off Clairemont just west of Sacred Heart Hospital).
- Pass 94.
- Stay on 37 when 85 turns off to the right.
- Go about 3 more miles on 37 then make a right turn on Langdell Rd.
- Sunbow is about 1 mile down on Langdell on the right side of the road. You can't miss the colorful sign or all the greenhouses.

Upcoming GMM: October 24th — Ruth House



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Excerpt from Bobbi's President's Address (May '06)

...When I stand back and reflect on our most recent past, I see tremendous growth and progress. Each year has lead to the next, setting the stage for the next Chapter. So, where are we now?

Here's what I've learned:

1. Junior Leagues typically begin and then hand off a project once it's established. I believe it is the desire of this League to begin handing off the backpack project. We need to find it a new home.
2. We desire to find a new project to support. Remember one of the reasons we wanted the affiliation with AJLI was to form new partnerships and create solutions to existing problems.
3. Our membership must continue to grow if we want to continue making an impact. Active membership now stands at 47, a far cry from the 15 we had a few years ago. Oh, and the best news, we are accepting suggestions for new membership.
4. Lastly, I firmly believe we must never stray very far from our vision or our mission. We ARE an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. This is why we can say, "When Junior League gets behind an idea, communities change for the better."

