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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.



Packer Tailgate Party! Tickets on sale now.

Cheer on the Packers and support JLEC in our largest fundraiser of the year! Don't miss the football event of the season: Packers vs. 49er's on December 10 at 2:45 pm, kick off at 3:05 pm, at the Holiday Inn Campus.

We will have pizza and appetizers provided by the Green Mill, a cash bar, a silent auction, and a raffle. Tickets are \$15 each and are available at Lasker Jewelers or by calling Liz Falkner at 835-8909.

If you have items or ideas for the silent auctions, contact Denise Kristo at 835-3554. Posters are available if you know a business that can display one.

New Project Task Force

What can I do to improve my community? What needs are there in my community that I have the ability to identify?

These are questions that thousand of Junior League members from all over the United States ask. Our Junior League, represented by a project research committee, is asking these questions. The committee, comprised of active members who have all served as JLEC presidents, is actively looking for ways that the Junior League of Eau Claire can improve our community by getting involved in a project that our members are passionate about.

To date, the committee has meet several times and, believe me, the ideas are endless. We are listing every suggestion and continuing to find new ones. We are getting further information on some of the needs and always keeping in mind our mission as a league:

- Do we want to help young girls cope and have positive social interaction?
- Do we want to help elevate poverty?
- Do we want to assist with a child advocacy center?
- Is there a need for our help with a parenting newsletter?
- Is there more to be done regarding breast cancer?
- Should we be more supportive of dental health,
- Or, what about a community involvement center?

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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



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“*Vision without action is merely a dream.
Action without vision just passes the time.
Vision with action can change the world.*”

—Joel Barker, futurist

Using imagination is a subversive activity. That may sound over the top, but think about it for a moment. To imagine is to suggest an alternative way to whatever is out there right now. It points to something altogether new. Imagination causes us to think about or see things differently. Imagination tells us that something else is possible.

Subversive things tend to be dangerous things because they intimate some kind of mental coup or takeover. Think of those who have caused us to look at life and the things in life differently: Susan B. Anthony, Rosa Parks, Billie Jean King, Golda Meir to name but a few. These and hundreds of other women (and men) have invited us to embrace something that, until they imagined it, had been beyond the accomplishments of humanity. Each paid dearly, I'm sure, for their imagination, but felt compelled to work for the changes they desired.

I say this today because we, each one of us, are called to imagination—to imagine the possibilities of life that are often overlooked because we are so focused on “what is.” We don't always give enough thought to the fact that millions of people in our world do not have the luxury to build a life that suits them. They're trapped in a world that does not take their circumstances into account. Many are women – many live here in our community.

Our recent visit to Ruth House is living testament to imagination. The “powers that be” imagined a better way for the women they saw, and when this vision was coupled with action, lives began to change. The folks at Ruth House broke the mold, broke the model and ventured out to create a better way.

Now, the Junior League of Eau Claire is asking each of you to use your imagination. As the New Project Task Force identifies needs in our community, I ask you to use your imagination in addressing the solution. No more accepting or relying on the status quo. Let's be bold, innovative, and subversive. Let's imagine a way that leads to peace, justice, and a fair chance at a better life. Together, we can do this.

In Service and with Gratitude,

Bobbi Giles

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What is your passion? What need have you seen in our community that you would like to help with?

Call or e-mail one of the following committee members and tell them what you would like to see League research: Donnie Magadance, Linda Bohacek, Robin Shih, Chris Sniegowski, Barb Westrate. This is your Junior League and this committee needs your thoughts.

Back to School Task Force

A Task Force of present and past BTS chairs has been appointed to study the feasibility of finding a partner for the BTS project. The committee is comprised of Brenda Weisenbeck, Sarah Donnellan, Jen Ropes, Donnie Magadance, Chris Sniegowski, and Marianne Klinkhammer (chair). The committee is presently talking with other organizations in the Eau Claire area who have been involved in their own backpack distribution this past year.



As information is gathered, it will be shared at each GMM and in the newsletters to keep everyone in the loop. If you have information you wish to share about the Back to School project, please contact one of the committee members.

This project is near and dear to all of us so finding a suitable partner will take lots of careful consideration. Thus, the committee will be working diligently for the next few months studying the possibilities. Our League mission will be at the center of our recommendation to the Board and membership. Keep watching for further updates.

City Wide Garage Sale?

After the fantastic and informative meeting at the Ruth House in October, an idea was brought up to host a city wide garage sale to benefit those women. Discussion will take place at the November GMM. Don't miss it!

Special Notes...

- A special welcome to all of our new provisionals. We are looking forward to a great year with all of you.
- Thank you Liz Falkner for stepping up to VP of Community.
- Thank you 2006-2007 mentors: Jen Schwartz, Jessica Schreiner-Donnelly, Donnie Magadance, Robin Shih, Sheri Baemmert, Marianne Klinkhammer, Linda Bohacek, Brenda Weisenbeck, Jesica Witte

COMMUNITY GIVING

The Holidays are approaching and the season of giving is here. The Board has changed JLEC's method of giving in the community. Our new funds disbursement policy enables us to respond faster to the needs in our community.

Previously, donation ideas were presented at a GMM and voted on at the following GMM. The needs of many are requiring immediate attention. The old policy did not always allow us to serve those in need.

A few months ago a decision was made by the Board to both present and vote at the same GMM. The Board will present information from organizations meeting our mission who are asking for contributions. Your attendance at GMMs is important, not only to get to know each other but also so your vote is heard on how we can all help to serve others.

To date, we have contributed \$1,000 to dental sealants and \$250 to Ruth House. We also plan to present checks to Big Brothers Big Sisters and Literacy Volunteers for \$250 each at the upcoming GMMs. This was presented, voted on, and approved at our first GMM this year.

Calendar

Nov. 28

GMM - Whiz Kids

Dec. 2

Holiday Party - Coffee Grounds

Dec. 10

Packer Party - Holiday Inn

Jan. 24

GMM - Literacy Volunteers

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 28th GMM

Whiz Kids

2713 Henry Ave., Eau Claire

6:30pm - Committee Communications

6:45 - GMM

7:45 - Refreshments

8-8:30 – Program



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Eau Claire, WI 54701

*You and a guest are cordially invited to attend the
Junior League of Eau Claire*

Holiday Party

to celebrate the season with fellow members.

Saturday, December 2nd

at the Coffee Grounds

(3460 Mall Drive, Highway 93)

6:30pm Light hors d'oeuvres and Wine Tasting

\$15 per person/\$30 per couple

RSVP by November 27 to Bobbi Giles



Dates for Fluoride Varnish Dental Sealants:

FLUORIDE VARNISH

Thursday, November 16th

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

Thursday, November 30th

North High School Head Start, 1801
Piedmont Rd, 9-11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Thursday, December 7th

Flynn Elementary School Head Start, 1430
Lee Street, 9-11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Thursday, December 14th

Locust Lane Elementary School Head Start,
3245 Locust Ln, 9-11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Thursday, January 4th

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

Thursday, January 18th

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

Friday, January 26th

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

Thursday, February 1st

North High School Head Start, 1801
Piedmont Rd, 9-11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Thursday, February 15th

Flynn Elementary School Head Start, 1430
Lee St, 9-11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Thursday, March 1st

Locust Lane Elementary School Head Start,
3245 Locust Ln, 9-11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

Friday, March 2nd

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

Thursday, March 15th

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

Thursday, March 29th

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

Thursday, April 12th

North High School Head Start, 1801
Piedmont Rd, 9-11 am and 1- 2:30 pm

DENTAL SEALANTS

Friday, Dec. 1st

Robbins Elementary School, 3832 E.
Hamilton, 8:30-12:30 pm

Friday, Dec. 8th

Locust Lane Elementary School, 3245 Ave,
8:30 am – 12:30 pm



Friday, Jan. 26th

Longfellow Elementary School, 512 Balcom,
8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Friday, Feb. 16th

Northwoods Elementary, 3600 Northwoods Ln,
8:30-12:30 pm

Friday, March 2nd

Manz Elementary School, 1000 E. Filmore
Ave., 8:30-12:30 pm

Thursday, April 5th

Lakeshore Elementary School, 711 Lake St,
8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Contact Linda Bohacek to volunteer!