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Newsletter of the Junior League of Eau Claire -- September/October 2013 Volume 18, Issue 1

President's Message

Hello fellow Junior Leaguers,

My name is Leslie Lyons and I have the honor of serving as President of Junior League of Eau Claire this year. It is truly a privilege to work with this amazing group of women! As President, I want to help make Junior League work for YOU...



and YOU...and YOU! We have lots of opportunities to get involved this year and there is a place for EVERYONE!

As we start our year, I would like us all to take a moment and think ahead to the Spring Banquet we will attend in May of 2014. Think about what accomplishments you would like to be looking back on...don't be thinking of only Junior League the organization, but YOU, as a member of Junior League. Is there a skill you'd like to perfect? Something new you'd like to try? An area of the community you'd like to explore? There are many ways to be involved! We still have openings on our Placement list, so take a look and see what fits. If you have new ideas, by all means, let me know!

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Staying Connected

An important part of being a league member

As members of the Junior League of Eau Claire, we lead very busy lives. Between our work, our families and our social life there is very little room for anything else. This makes it crucial for the Junior League of Eau Claire (JLEC) to make it as *easy* as possible for us to stay connected to happenings in the League. In this age of digital communications it is crucial for JLEC to have a website and an active social media presence.

public, including who we are, what we do and how to contact us. If you know someone who would like to know more about us this is the site to direct them to.

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JLEC Website: www.juniorleague-ec.org

Jessica Stoneberg, our Vice President of Communications is giving our website a face lift and bringing it up-to-date with new information. Take some time in the next few weeks to take a look at it if you haven't already. This site contains information for the



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2013 -2014

Board of Directors and Placement

President	Leslie Lyons
President Elect	Valerie Bestland
Past President	Linda Holzhausen
VP Membership	Linda Torres
VP Communications	Jessica Stoneberg
VP Community	Katie Reid
VP Finance	Jenn Newman
Recording Secretary	Julia Lokken
Treasurer	Adrienne Dorig Leland

Communications

Historian	OPEN
Newsletter Design	Jenn Newman
Newsletter Editor	OPEN

Community

Celebration of Women	Beth Luck Dara Piltz Leslie Lyons Katie Reid Jenn Newman Julia Lokken Katie Larson
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R&D Committee	Jessica Stoneberg
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Giving Tree	Gloria Olguin
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Kids in the Kitchen	Valerie Bestland Jenn Newman Melissa Van Heertum Katie Reid
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Literacy Volunteers	Terri Hoepner
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T-Shirts	Katie Reid
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Finance

Community Foundation	Courtney Kanz
Fundraising Committee	Jenn Newman Emily Ernster Katie Reid Linda Holzhausen Adrienne Dorig Leland

Grant Writing	OPEN
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Membership

Bunco/New Member Social	Linda Torres Sadie Gunderson Andrea Tomac Jessica Stoneberg Leslie Lyons
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Bylaws/Advisory Planning	OPEN
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Charms	Julia Lokken
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Corresponding Secretary	Valerie Bestland
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Courtesy Committee	Adrienne Dorig Leland
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Membership Handbook	OPEN
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Nominating Committee	Gloria Olguin Terri Hoepner Courtney Kanz
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Party Planner	Andrea Tomac
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Placement	Valerie Bestland
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Provisional Counselors	Leslie Lyons Courtney Kanz
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Refreshments	Emily Ernster
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Sustainers Event	Andrea Tomac Valerie Bestland Jessica Stoneberg Linda Torres
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Sustainer Representative	OPEN
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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF EAU CLAIRE

Women building better communities®

Our Mission

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.

Our Values

*Open communications with all members

*Mutual respect of others' ideas

*Respect for each other

*Value and promote commitment to voluntarism

*Make a difference in our community

Contact Us

The Junior League of Eau Claire is located at:



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Membership email: membership@juniorleague-ec.org

Diaperbank email: diaperbank@juniorleague-ec.org

Kids in the Kitchen email: kidsinthekitchen@juniorleague-ec.org



A Thank You...

The Junior League of Eau Claire appreciates it Emeritus and Sustainer Members!

The Junior League of Eau Claire is deeply grateful to our 25 Emeritus and Sustainer members who have given their time, financial support and leadership skills to improve both our League and our community.

Obtaining Emeritus status is an amazing accomplishment. It requires many years of being an Active member of League and then transitioning to a Sustainer member. Emeritus status is given to members reaching 80 years of age. Thank you to all of our current Emeritus Members!

Dorothy Anderson, Beatrice Farmer, Gloria Gold, Connie Lotz, Phyllis Marie Mattson, Betty Schwartz

Becoming a Sustainer member can be done after 5 years of active service and is another wonderful goal to reach. Thank you to all of our current Sustainer members!

Sue Brown, Patricia Cigan, Cheryl Cramer, Mary Ann Dickoff, Elizabeth Falkner, Jill Hecker-Fernades, Barbara Ihlenfeldt, Nancy Kersten, Marianne Klinkhammer, Donella Magadance, Marla Mernitz, Nancy Mickelson, Joanie Johnson-Scheid, Jessica Schreiner-Donnelly, Kim Schulte-Schoberg, Kaye Senn, Robin Shih, Brenda Weisenbeck, Ginger Wierman

One of the most important benefits of membership in the Junior League is the lifelong connections that are forged with other community-minded women. Many Sustaining and Emeritus members in Eau Claire have continued socializing long after they elected to retire from active status. The bonds they have formed through League have created meaningful and lasting friendships.

The Junior League Emeritus and Sustainer members represent an enormous resource for our active members and they are frequently called upon for their advice and talent. Their experience and expertise is greatly appreciated! All Active members are encouraged to reach out to these ladies - invite them for coffee, take them to lunch and find out about the League of the past. Take the opportunity to listen to their wonderful stories, their great advice and create a new friendship in the process!

If you know a past JLEC or Service League member, please invite them to support League by becoming a Sustainer.

Meet the 2013 - 2014 Board

Stay Connected!

Get to know the board a little better by taking a moment to read through their bios!

Leslie Lyons - President



Leslie Lyons is a stay at home mom with three boys, ages 14, 12, and 7. She is married to Phil, who works at UW-Stout in Menomonie. She moved to Eau Claire in 2007 from the St. Louis, Missouri, area. It was a big change for her family that they were nervous about. Now they can't imagine living their lives anywhere else. They love the Chippewa Valley! They love how friendly everyone is and all of the family-oriented activities that are available. Leslie has been involved with Junior League for six years and it has given her the opportunity to learn about organizations in Eau Claire and the surrounding area and find ways she can give back to the community. Junior League has also given her the opportunity to meet some amazing women and form lasting friendships. Junior League has not only helped her learn about the community; it has helped her become part of it! She is looking forward to an active year with League as we continue to find and meet the needs of the community while we have some fun along the way!

Linda Holzhausen - Past President



My husband Steve and I are now empty nesters after raising our two children Beth and Joe in Eau Claire. Beth graduated from UW Madison, my alma mater, and is now working at Epic as a software supporter. Joe just moved into an apartment to begin his sophomore year at UW Eau Claire. I went back to school to become a certified social worker when Beth left for college and have just recently gone back to working at Syverson Nursing home as their admissions liaison. I have been an active member of Junior League since 2008 and served as president last year. I really enjoy getting to meet people in the community as I have become involved in many different committees and aspects of Junior League. I plan to continue to be an active volunteer for many years to come.

Valerie Bestland - President-Elect



Valerie has lived and worked in the Eau Claire area for nearly 14 years. Valerie stays busy working full-time on the Mayo Clinic's helicopter, shuffling three children to school and sporting events, as a board member of her children's school PTO, and as an active board member of Junior League Eau Claire. This will be her second year on the JLEC board and she is excited to be this year's President Elect. Valerie really enjoys volunteering and what it teaches her. She is looking forward to the next few years and how JLEC can impact our area.

Linda Torres - Vice President of Membership



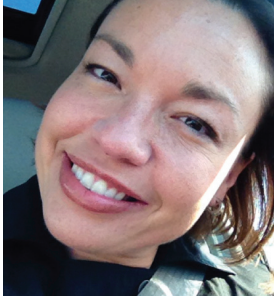
Linda has lived in the Eau Claire area for over 18 years. She graduated from UW Eau Claire with a B.A. in Psychology and received a Masters degree from UW Stout in Special Education. Linda has been married to her husband Darius for 12 years and they enjoy traveling and outdoor activities. Linda currently works as the Member Loan Supervisor at Royal Credit Union. Linda joined JLEC in 2011 and has really been enjoying her JLEC experiences and the contributions that the organization makes to the community.

Jessica Stoneberg - Vice President of Communications



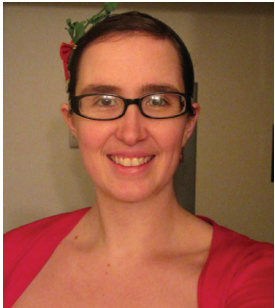
Originally from Kent, OH, Jessica met her husband of 20 years, Troy, an Eau Claire native, in the Army. Jessica and her family moved to the Eau Claire area 16 years ago where Jessica attended UWEC and gained her BBA in Marketing. Since moving to Eau Claire, Jessica's parents and her four siblings have also relocated – from Ohio and California. Jessica works at Marshfield Clinic as a Clinic Implementation and Training (CIT) Specialist and absolutely loves her job. Jessica enjoys travel, crafting and almost anything technical. This is Jessica's second year in the Junior League and her first year on the Board.

Katie Reid - Vice President of Community



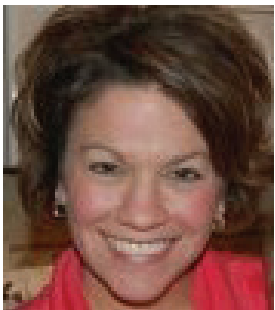
Katie was born and raised in Durand, WI and has lived in Eau Claire for the past 14 years. Katie earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Communication from Winona State University in 1998 and an M.B.A from UW-Eau Claire in 2006. Katie is employed at Kelly Services, Inc. as a District Manager, where she has worked in a variety of roles for over 14 years. In addition to Junior League, Katie is actively involved in the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) and is a Junior Achievement volunteer. Katie has two children – Max and Madeline that attend Lakeshore Elementary School in Eau Claire.

Jenn Newman - Vice President of Finance



Jenn has lived in the Eau Claire area for the past 3 years. She has her Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre Management and Design as well as Eastern European History. She is currently employed as the Operations Coordinator of the Chippewa Valley Symphony Orchestra. Jenn is fortunate to have a loving husband, Karl and two wonderful boys, Keaton (5) and Katurian (4). They are also expecting a new addition to the family in November! They currently have two birds; Vash and Stampede, a rat named Batman and a fish named Franklin. Her youngest has great ambitions to start a zoo. She enjoys eating Camembert and apple sandwiches, playing marathon board games, and reading. She likes listening to music and making candy. She loves hiking, gardening, biking, crocheting and Tetris.

Julia Lokken - Recording Secretary



Julia has lived in Eau Claire for over 16 years. She graduated from UW Eau Claire. She and her husband, Andrew have two children, Lydia and Lucas. Julia enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling and enjoying the outdoors. She joined Junior League in the fall of 2013 and has met many wonderful women through the organization. In addition, the volunteer opportunities through JL have been very rewarding.

Adrienne Dorig Leland - Treasurer



Adrienne Dorig Leland is a Southern California native and has been living in Eau Claire for 3 years. She owns Dorig Designs, an interior design company specializing in kitchens and baths. This year she celebrated 5 years in business. One of her new hobbies is knitting and she hopes to make cute items for her new niece and nephew. Adrienne and her husband David love music and are members of U.K.E. , the Ukelele Klub of Eau Claire. This will be Adrienne's second term as treasurer for the Junior League.

President's Message

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We are working hard at organizing and planning ahead, so everyone knows what's coming up around the corner, or next week, or next month, or even next spring! We already have all of our GMMs scheduled (at the RCU building like last year, but on the fourth Thursday of the month) as well as many activities and events! As you put the events on your calendar, you will notice we have a large variety of fundraisers and community projects; many of which can include kids/family! So, if trivia is your thing, or cooking, or leading a committee, or just about anything, you are in luck! Like I mentioned above, there is a place for EVERYONE!

Please let me know of any suggestions or questions you have for me as the year progresses. I would love to hear your ideas! And I would love to help you find your place in League!

Sincerely,
Leslie Lyons

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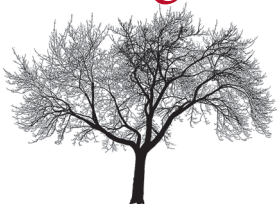
Click on the member tab to get all of your "member only" information. It will have our League calendar, information on current projects, newsletter archives, member directories and so much more. This is your go-to spot for all our League information needs!

Facebook www.facebook.com

If you want a quick update search for Junior League Eau Claire once you log in. Facebook is where you will find updates on our day-to-day activities. Keeping in the loop is now as easy as "Liking" our page!

Make sure to keep an eye on your email - weekly reminders are sent to the membership to keep you updated as well!

Giving Tree



Who in our community would you like to help? More information about this project and our first recipient will be presented at the General Membership Meeting in September.

Things for fun!

Red Pepper Hummus - From our Kids in the Kitchen Program

INGREDIENTS

- Soak 1 3/4 cups garbanzo beans overnight. Simmer in 6 cups of water for approximately 1 hour or until tender and drain. OR 1 (16 ounce) can garbanzo beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup chopped drained roasted red peppers from jar OR roast your own - see below
- 2 tablespoon tahini
- 1 fresh lemon, juiced or 1 TBSP lemon juice
- 1 1/2 tablespoons water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 large garlic cloves, chopped (or 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder)
- teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon coriander (optional)
- 1/4-1/2 teaspoon cayenne (optional)



DIRECTIONS

In a food processor or blender, mix the garbanzo beans, olive oil, red bell pepper, tahini, lime juice, water, salt, black pepper, and garlic powder. Blend until smooth. Serve with fresh veggies.

NOTES

For a creamier texture, pour the garbanzo beans into a large bowl of water, and rub them between your fingers. This peels them of their rough outer skin. Skim the floating skins from the water, and drain the peeled beans, proceed with recipe.

Roasting Red Peppers

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Rinse 1 large pepper and place on a well oiled baking sheet. Place in oven and cook until skin of peppers is charred and bubbly, approximately 35 minutes.

Remove from oven and place in a bag

or covered bowl for 10 minutes. Peel off skin and remove seeds.



Please consider signing up to bring refreshments to one of our general membership meetings. If this is something you may be interested in, please sign up at our next General Membership Meeting in September or speak with Emily Ernster.

Refreshments

Dental Sealant Program

Sign up to help out today!

PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: () _____ EMAIL: _____

OFFICE _____ CONTACT PERSON: _____

OFFICE ADDRESS: _____

OFFICE FAX: () _____

LIST OTHER STAFF MEMBERS AND TITLES WHO WILL BE VOLUNTEERING:

YES, (I, WE) will be able to participate. The date(s) and time(s) that work best (is, are): (Circle all that apply.)

Thursday, Sept. 19th	Altoona	Friday, Nov. 22th	Longfellow
Friday, Sept. 20st	Altoona	Friday, Dec. 6th	Robbins
Friday, Sept. 27th	Fall Creek	Friday, Jan. 17th	Sam Davey
Friday, Oct. 11th	Flynn	Friday, Feb. 7st	Putnam Heights
Friday, October 18th	Locust Lane	Friday, Feb. 14th	Northwoods
Friday, Nov. 1st	Sherman	Friday, Feb. 28th	Manz
Friday, Nov. 8th	Augusta	Friday, Mar. 7th	Lakeshore
Friday, Nov. 15th	Meadowview	Friday, Mar. 14th	Roosevelt

My staff and I would like to participate in a "Day of Caring" on a different date than is scheduled.
Please contact our office above.

No, I will NOT be able to participate but can financially contribute toward the project.
Checks are payable to NWWDDHA and tax deductible

PLEASE RETURN FORMS AND CHECKS TO:

Linda Bohacek, 3303 Evergreen
Lane, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

You may FAX form to 715-514-2115, or email to:

Email: Lbrdh4pets@charter.net

Home: 715-833-9636

Cell: 715-579-5009

Bunco, Blue Jeans and Bling!!!

Join us Monday, September 16th at From the Vine for this year's new member social Bunco, Blue Jeans and Bling!!! The fun and games will start at 6:30. Dress in your favorite blue jeans, adorn yourself in your most shimmering bling and get ready to have some fun!





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Mark your calendars

**See page 7 for Dental Sealant Schedule*

September

New Member Bunco September 16th, 6:30 pm
GMMSeptember 26th, 6:30 pm social - 7:00 pm meeting start

October

Provisional Training October 8th, 6:30 pm
Sustainer Event October 17th, 7:00 pm
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.. October 19th, 9:30 am
GMM October 24th, 6:30 pm social - 7:00 pm meeting start
DIAD - Beacon House October 28th, 5:30 pm

November

GMM..... November 21st, 6:30 pm social - 7:00 pm meeting start
DIAD - Teddy Bear Tea November 29th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

December

DIAD - Community Table December 22nd, 1 - 3 pm or 3 - 5 pm
Holiday Party December 20th, 6:30 pm
NO GENERAL MEETING

January

Progressive Dinner Fundraiser January 18th, Time TBD
GMM January 23rd, 6:30 pm social - 7:00 pm meeting start

February

DIAD - Feed My People February 6th, 5:00 pm
Trivia Night Fundraiser February 22nd, Time TBD
GMM February 27th, 6:30 pm social - 7:00 pm meeting start

March

Celebration of Women March 13th, Time TBD
GMM March 27th, 6:30 pm social - 7:00 pm meeting start

April

DIAD - Once Upon A Prom April 4th and 5th, TENTATIVE
Cuisine for a Cause Fundraiser April 5th, Time TBD
GMM April 24th, 6:30 pm social - 7:00 pm meeting start

May

Banquet TBD

Check newsletter, weekly email or website for more information on each event.

*All General Meetings are held in the Chippewa Room at the
RCU Corporate Center
200 Riverfront Terrace
Eau Claire, WI 54702*