



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
FORT WAYNE**

Women building better communities

League Lore

WOMEN BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES



Kids in the Kitchen

Adams Elementary School

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The Junior League of Fort Wayne is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, to developing the potential of women and to improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The Association of Junior Leagues International reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends of JLFW:

Once again, I must compliment our mission-driven members who build better lives for women and children! Women's Independence classes are going strong, and we recently completed another successful Kids in the Kitchen event.

Members continue to train themselves on leadership and voluntarism, and the organization remains solid financially, even in this difficult investment environment.

Of course, this is nothing new – it is what the community expects of us and we expect of ourselves. We are women who get things done and have fun doing it! Just look at the pictures in this issue to see proof.

Even as our League year nears its end and members begin looking toward next year's committee placements, we continue to show passion and love of the mission. We look forward to more volunteer and training opportunities and to the second venue of Kids in the Kitchen facilitated by the New Member class.

Thank you to all our members, friends, and sponsors for the gifts of your time, treasure and talent. Just look around the community to see the positive impact JLFW has had because of you!

Happy Spring!

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2008-2009 Community Project
Women's Independence Project

JLFW Full Council 2008-2009

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PROMOTING VOLUNTARISM

NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Active of the Year

Purpose of the award: To recognize an Active member for outstanding service to the Junior League of Fort Wayne and the community.

Criteria: A volunteer who has made a difference in our organization. She is someone who is diligent and effective but also makes a placement interesting and pleasurable. She is the volunteer who is always willing to go a few steps further, assuming greater responsibilities, and motivating others to do the same. Leadership abilities are only part of what make this person special. Her friendliness, humility, and dedication, cradled in her willingness to learn and grow, make her someone you are proud to know. This is a woman you would like to thank from the bottom of your heart for what she has done for The Junior League of Fort Wayne.

Eligible Members: Any Active member except members of the JLFW Board.

New Member of the Year

Purpose of the award: To recognize a New Member for outstanding service to the Junior League of Fort Wayne and the community.

Criteria: A New Member who has made a difference in our organization. She is someone who is diligent and effective. She is the volunteer who is always willing to go a few steps further, assuming greater responsibilities and motivating others to do the same. Leadership abilities are only part of what make this person special. Her friendliness, humility, and dedication, cradled in her willingness to learn and grow, make her someone you are proud to know. This is a woman you would like to thank from the bottom of your heart for what she has done for the Junior League of Fort Wayne as a part of the New Member class.

If you know a member deserving of either of these rewards please submit a written nomination to Carey Roth, Membership VP, by April 10, 2009, at carey@aegisparts.com



Sustainer of the Year

Please take the time to nominate one of our outstanding Sustainers for Sustainer of the Year. Your letter of recommendation should describe why you think this woman should be Sustainer of the Year. The primary criteria is the candidate's use of her Junior League training through significant volunteer work in the community, accomplishments in the business community, and contributions of their time and/or knowledge to the Junior League of Fort Wayne.

Recent recipients of this award include Sarah Reincke, Meg Distler, Cathy Krouse, Melanie Hall, Tracie Martin, Eleanor Maine, Margaret Klingenberger, Joan Goldner, Kathy Roudebush, and Marcia Laker.

Letters should be emailed to Kate Virag, Nominating Chair at kate.virag@gmail.com or mailed to the Junior League office at 700 Broadway POB Suite 302, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Nominations must be received by Friday, April 10, 2009. If you have any questions please contact Kate Virag. The Nominating Committee looks forward to hearing from you. Your input is invaluable!

**The Active, New Member, and Sustainer of the Year Awards
will be presented at the JLFW Annual Meeting on May 27, 2009.
Plan now to attend to honor these outstanding women!**

DEVELOPING THE POTENTIAL OF WOMEN

Congratulations to the Junior League of Fort Wayne 2009-2010 Full Council

Courtney Waterman.....**President**
Connie Heflin.....**President-Elect**
Laura Antil.....**Finance VP**
Amy Jun.....**Treasurer**
Kathleen Jackson.....**Recording Secretary**
Kathy Roudebush.....**Sustainer Advisor**
Sarah Reincke.....**Sustainer Advisor**

Michelle Kearns.....**Fund Development VP**
Norine Martin**Resource Development Chair**
Michelle Beary**New to You Sale Chair**
Carrie Stuckey**2010 Special Events Chair**

Vicki Heckman.....**Membership VP**
Stacy Singleton**Membership Development Chair**
Wendy Stein.....**Nominating Chair**
Mary Anne Berron.....**New Member Chair**
Deanna Arnold.....**Communications Chair**

Beth Griffin.....**Community VP**
Mariah Vogelgesang**Community Impact Chair**
Sharon Charron.....**Women's Independence Project Chair**

LEADERSHIP FORT WAYNE

Each year JLFW sponsors an Active member for application to participate in the Leadership Fort Wayne program. Once selected, the JLFW candidate will need to complete the Leadership Fort Wayne application process. This training opportunity is comprehensive and full of exciting challenges.

If you are interested in representing League in this program, please formally apply by submitting a letter of application that addresses the following:

1. Why do I want to participate in Leadership Fort Wayne?
2. What would this training opportunity mean to my future leadership experiences with JLFW?
3. How would I use this experience to provide leadership in other community organizations?

Letters should be emailed to Kate Virag, Nominating Chair at kate.virag@gmail.com or mailed to the Junior League office at 700 Broadway POB Suite 302, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. Nominations must be received by Friday, April 10, 2009. If you have any questions please contact Kate Virag or any past Leadership Fort Wayne participant. Past participants include Kathleen Jackson, Ruth Stone, and Courtney Waterman. More information about LFW can be found at www.leadershipfortwayne.org.



IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY

Community Impact Committee News



JLFW's fourth annual Kids in the Kitchen at Adams Elementary School

About 50 Junior League members and friends volunteered March 19 to teach students and parents at Adams Elementary School the importance of healthy, nutritious eating at Junior League of Fort Wayne's fourth annual Kids in the Kitchen event.

Approximately 115 students and parents visited the six educational, fun stations that JLFW set up at the school. Among other things, they learned how to build a healthy snack using all of the food groups, how to make healthier choices when choosing their beverages, and how to control their portions. In addition, participants were provided with a nutritious, well-balanced meal.

Junior League would like to thank the generosity of the following sponsors: *St. Joseph Hospital, St. Joseph Community Health Foundation, Fort Wayne Medical Society* and *Kroger*, along with *St. Joseph Hospital's Burn Unit* and *Parkview Hospital*, who sponsored parent information stations.

In addition, the following organizations provided in-kind donations: *YMCA Small Bites Brochures, Parkview Hospital Trauma Services, Lutheran Hospital*, and *Adams Elementary* for printing and use of program format and space.



JLFW members and family helpers at the 4th Annual Kids in the Kitchen event. Pictured l-r: Gianna Charron (Sharon's daughter), Meredith Stumpf, Lori Wenino and her son Jacob Wenino



Done in a Day Projects

Our **April 11 Hope House Done In A Day** is accepting shift volunteers! We will be painting six small women's bedrooms and half bath, as well as steam cleaning living room carpets. Please email Michelle Chester (michelle.chester@gmail.com) if you can sign up for either the whole day (8:00am-4:00pm) or a half day (8:00am-Noon or Noon-4:00pm).

Participating with this worthy project will also provide members with time to get to know some of the Hope House clients, as we plan to all have lunch together. We hope to see you there!



Many thanks go out to all JLFW members who donated pillows, blankets, or sheets to the **Mustard Seed Furniture Bank's "Beds4Kids" program**. Our Pillow Drive/Pajama Party was able to donate 150 items to this deserving program. Participating community groups were the Bishop Dwenger sophomore class and the Anthony Wayne Rotary Club. Thanks also go to Canterbury Schools, who generously donated the use of their middle school lobby to assist us with the collection on February 28.



The Committee has been serving on the second Saturday of each month with the **Wellspring Food Bank**. We all have worked shifts with this program, and wish to report to everyone that the mornings we have spent giving food to families really do represent "where the rubber meets the road." The Committee feels that participating with this DIAD leaves people with the feeling that "THIS is why we do what we do." We even thought that if recruiting included having a prospective New Member participating with this Saturday morning community service project, that this might be a powerful retention tool for the future. If you have not yet signed up for a shift or would like to see this valuable DIAD continue to next year, we'd like to hear your opinion. Email Beth Griffin at bethgriffin2@verizon.net.



Thank you!

- Beth Griffin, Community Impact Chair

IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY

The Junior League of Fort Wayne's Women's Independence Project

New Members, Actives, Sustainers, and Community Volunteers, share in our excitement and success of the Women's Independence Project and become a mentor to a Hope House resident. The goal of the WIP mentoring program is ***"Empowering women to feel confident in their search for employment."***

These are the Mentoring Objectives:

1. Evaluate residents' needs to locate adequate employment:
 - Ability to complete job applications
 - Resume
 - References
 - Appropriate interview clothing
 - Ability to answer interview questions
2. Brainstorm job opportunities that are specific to the resident's past work experience and long term career goals.
3. Share experiences and knowledge.
4. Positive encouragement even in discouraging circumstances.
5. Celebrate achievements.
6. Increase self esteem of participants.
7. Confidentiality - keeping all shared information confidential is imperative and mentors will be expected to sign a confidentiality statement.



Hope House Executive Director Mary Eheart (right) and resident Carrie educate JLFW members on their programs at the February 2009 GMM at Club Soda.

We need approximately 20 mentors to be strong, caring role models. The time commitment is up to you and your mentee, but it will be more if she is actively looking for a job. This is a rewarding volunteer opportunity that will allow us all to better understand our own personal potential. Non-League members are welcome to be mentors.

This is what the Hope House residents have to say, "Thank you for your time to help us...it means a lot. It's nice to know that other people want to help us get jobs or better jobs." "It feels great to be around strong, confident women."

Upcoming WIP classes:

April 14th – Focus Class 6:00 PM, Presenter: Tamara Lombard – *"What Color is My Parachute"*, Location: St. Joseph Community Health Foundation located at 500 West Main Street.

April 28th – Focus Class 6:00 PM, Presenter: Emily Bermes – *"Communicating to Get What You Want"*, Location: Allen County Public Library Main Branch

May 12th – Basics Class 6:00 PM, Location: Allen County Public Library Main Branch

Please contact Connie Heflin at 456-6113 or mc.heflin@verizon.net if you are interested in becoming a mentor or want to get involved with the Women's Independence Project.

The Women's Independence Project is community collaboration between The Junior League of Fort Wayne, Hope House and the Fort Wayne Women's Bureau's Transitions Program. The goal of the partnership is to develop job skill workshops for the residents of both Hope House and Transitions and to assist the residents in finding meaningful employment.

IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY

Marilyn Otis, of WorkOne (left) is thanked by Connie Heflin, Chair of the Junior League of Fort Wayne's (JLFW) Women's Independence Project, for her presentation to residents of Hope House and Transitions, two Fort Wayne residential addictions treatment facilities for women.

Otis spoke about Conexus, a northeast Indiana awareness initiative that seeks to train personnel for updated manufacturing employment positions. The Women's Independence Project is community collaboration between the Junior League of Fort Wayne, Hope House and the Fort Wayne Women's Bureau's Transitions Program.

The goal of the partnership is to develop job skill workshops for the residents of both Hope House and Transitions and to assist the residents in finding meaningful employment.

Women who are interested in volunteer opportunities with the Junior League of Fort Wayne should contact the JLFW office at 425-3447 or office@jlfw.org.



Our new JLFW Vision Statement:



The leading force in building a better future for women and children.



Just for Fun – Homeward Bound Walk on April 26

Do you want to show your support for Hope House and the Fort Wayne Women's Bureau's Transitions Program? Then walk the walk – Homeward Bound Walk, that is. It's a 5K (3.1 mile) walk that benefits area homeless agencies, including our partners in the Women's Independence Project. The event begins at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, April 26, at Headwaters Park.



The Community Council is organizing the Junior League team, and we would love to see a large group of members and their friends and families walking together to support our Women's Independence Project partners. Signing up for the walk is easy. Simply visit www.homewardboundindiana.org/northeast and click on the "Browse Teams" tab. There, you will find the Junior League of Fort Wayne team. Click the "join this team" link and the site will guide you through the signup process. If you cannot walk and wish to donate, you are able to do so online on the JLFW team page, or contact any member of the team.

Any proceeds that our team raises are designated to go to Hope House and the Women's Bureau. If you have questions, please call Sarah Hayes at 241-8096 or e-mail her at schayes72@hotmail.com.

SUPPORTING OUR MISSION

2009-2010 Dues Reminder

Please remember that Sustainer member dues are due to the JLFW office by May 31st, along with any changes to your contact information.

Please contact the office at 425-3447 or office@jlfw.org if you need a replacement dues notice. Thank you to those of you who have already paid, and we look forward to keeping updated on everyone!

President's Circle and Endowment Fund Campaign

Watch your mailboxes! JLFW is currently in the middle of our President's Circle and Endowment Fund campaigns.

- President's Circle donations go directly to our yearly expenses to further our mission and vision to build a better future for women and children.
- Endowment donations help support the mission for the long-term by adding to our Community Foundation Endowment fund.

Please consider donating at any level to either or both of these campaigns. Thank you for supporting your community through JLFW!



The 2008-2009
New Member Class
learns team building
skills at the
New Member retreat
held on February 7.

MEMBER NEWS



JLFW Members enjoy the social time after the February General Membership Meeting held at Club Soda

General Membership Meetings mix business with fellowship and fun!



Best Wishes to our President and her new husband

Ralph and Christine Marcuccilli

were married on February 28, 2009!



April Birthdays



Suzanne Gilson 4/2
 Kathleen Summers 4/3
 Suzanne Ginty 4/3
 Cheryl Muhler 4/4
 Amy Mulkey 4/5
 Jeri Rusk 4/6
 Kathleen Jackson 4/6
 Agnes Antibus 4/9

Tracie Martin 4/10
 Michelle Kearns 4/13
 Meg Distler 4/14
 Betty McKiernan 4/16
 Gerry Mielke 4/17
 Angie Niswonger 4/17
 Susan Stouder 4/20
 Gretchen Bonsib 4/21

Carol Bennett 4/26
 Melissa Pate 4/26
 Linda Sims 4/26
 Joan Whiting 4/27
 Charline Rehrer 4/30
 Keri Killion-Mueller 4/30
 Jamie Watson 4/30



May Birthdays



Pam Bell 5/2
 Connie Hazelrigg 5/3
 Michelle Chester 5/4
 Sara Hatlem 5/6
 Teri Delagrance 5/10
 Kathy Roudebush 5/11
 Christine Marcuccilli 5/11
 Elise Macomber 5/14

Shelly Meyer 5/14
 Jill Ramsey 5/14
 Lisa Boyd 5/14
 Wendy Stein 5/17
 Janet Bircheff 5/19
 Dorothy Lazoff 5/22
 Tina Torres 5/22
 Judy Clifton 5/23

Whitney Heitmeyer 5/24
 Nancy Stewart 5/24
 Amy Thompson 5/25
 Jodi Weber 5/25
 Kathleen Lassus 5/25
 Sarah Colvin 5/25
 Amy Jun 5/26
 Sue Swift 5/29

Our Deepest Sympathies are with the family and friends of ...



...Sustainer Mary Kettler who passed away on December 6, 2008

...Sustainer Valerie Rehrer who passed away on February 8, 2009

~~ Our hearts are with you all ~~

AJLI NEWS



Announcement of the New AJLI.org and the AJLI Surf Challenge!

The new AJLI.org has launched! The AJLI team is excited to announce that the new website is up and running. Please take some time to explore the new site and see what it has to offer you and your League.

The new AJLI.org was designed from the ground up to network and engage the entire Association, whether you are a League President, Communications Chair, Sustainer, or Active member. Think of our traditional AJLI.org, now with added social networking capabilities and other tools tailored for your League and your members.

Our goal has always been to provide Leagues with materials to help their organizations. Now we would like to help Leagues take it to the next level by facilitating greater dialogue among Leagues and between League members and the Association. Each League will now have its own page to share and archive community projects, newsletters, fundraisers, awards, and more...

Each League's page is administered by that League's President, who can also choose additional administrators. Each League will have the ability to host an internal blog addressed to its members, and pictures and videos uploaded to your League pages will have an option to feed directly to the Members homepage. Nearly every uploaded story will also allow commenting by Junior League members enrolled on our site – so if you have a specific question about a League's community project or fundraiser, you'll be able to ask the person(s) who created it directly!

To spur discussion and coordination between League members, they will now have the ability to create and join groups that will not only house discussions, but also accommodate file-sharing between group members. Users can network with friends and tag stories and be kept updated with their latest postings on the site. Additionally, we have made it much easier to contact AJLI directly with any question using the new AskAJLI feature, which will route queries directly to your League Liaison.

Beyond these networking additions, the entire site has been redesigned to make it easier to read by incorporating a more modern, open look with larger type. New technologies and a new menu system for content restructuring have been implemented to make finding what you need easier.

Leagues...! Now that the new website has launched, let's go surfing!

As part of the new AJLI.org website launch, AJLI has announced an official challenge to get League members enrolled for the Members Area portion of the new website. The Junior League Surf Challenge is a contest to encourage all Junior League members to join our new website and start getting the most out of it. All Leagues will benefit by participating in the Challenge to discover what the new site has to offer!

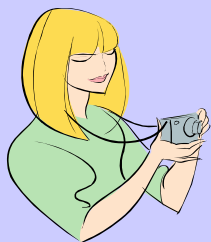
The contest began February 1, 2009, and extends through June 15, 2009. All 292 Leagues will be competing to enroll League members on the new AJLI.org, and the three Leagues with the most effective enrollment drives win a \$500 stipend, courtesy of Digital Cheetah, and inclusion in a cover story in the Summer 2009 issue of *Connected*.

For more on the contest, get the Surf Challenge packet at www.ajli.org/ama/orig/SurfChallenge.zip.

Leagues should not miss out on this exciting opportunity! Not only could your entire League benefit from enrolling on the new website, but your League could also win a great prize and get noticed by all 292 Leagues in *Connected* and crowned the official Junior League "Surfers!"

JLFW GENERAL

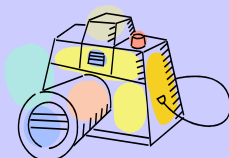
PICTURES ... PICTURES ... PICTURES!



We can never have enough photographs of our events, socials, committee meetings, trainings, conferences, GMMs, etc. Consider dropping your camera in your purse or tote bag before attending a League function – and use it!

You may submit photos throughout the year by e-mail to Gloria in the League office... office@jlfw.org... or drop off copies of your developed pictures at the office.

Photos can be used in any of our publications, PowerPoint presentations, and on the JLFW Website (www.jlfw.org).



Check Our Website!

If you have information that you would like to see included on the website, please contact Michelle Kearns, Recruiting & Marketing Chair at kearns_michelle@hotmail.com or the JLFW office at office@jlfw.org or 425-3447 with your suggestions.



Connected

A publication of the Association of Junior Leagues International Inc.

Connected is the latest in a long line of AJLI publications aimed at connecting League members to news and information about the Junior Leagues.

The newsletter celebrates the Junior League Movement by featuring League programs aimed at building better communities, profiling League members who are living the Mission, and focusing on AJLI initiatives that add value to Junior League activities.

To access Connected, visit the AJLI website at www.ajli.org.

League Lore Advertising Rates

League Lore is the official newsletter of the Junior League of Fort Wayne. League Lore is published five times annually, and is distributed by mail and by e-mail to a distribution list of over 650.

Please contact the JLFW office for advertising rates.

Ads must be approved by the Recruiting and Marketing Committee and payment must be made in advance of publication. Publication dates will be based on available space.

Please contact the JLFW Office at office@jlfw.org to place an ad.

League Lore Submission Information

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All submissions for the Summer 2009 issue of *League Lore* must be received by VPs no later than May 15.

Submissions must follow the submission guidelines.

Confirmation of receipt will be sent by e-mail.



For Your JLFW Calendar

April 2009

- 10 Deadline for Active, New Member, and Sustainer of the Year Award nominations
- 10 Deadline for Hope House and Fort Wayne Women's Bureau Board and Leadership Fort Wayne
- 11 Done in a Day - Hope House Painting and carpet cleaning
- 15 Board Meeting
- 16 JLUFW - Wine Education Class at Club Soda
- 18 Kids in the Kitchen - Charis House
- 20 Scoop Sheet submission deadline
- 22 General Membership Meeting
- 23-26 AJLI Annual Conference
- 29 JLUFW - Excel Class

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May 2009

- 15 Summer League Lore Submission Deadline
- 16 WIIN Regional Training Conference at Canterbury High School
- 20 Board Meeting
- 27 Annual Meeting - Baker Street Station

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Regular hours for the JLFW Office are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00am-2:00pm.



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Help Keep Us Up-To-Date

If you hear of newsworthy events in the lives of JLFW members - births, marriages, deaths, awards, illness, etc - for Actives, New Members, and Sustainers please be sure to notify the JLFW office at office@jlfw.org or at 425-3447.