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## Kids in the Kitchen



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**2007-2008 Community Project**  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to spring! As I write this, the birds are chirping and the tulips are starting to push through the ground. February and March are behind us and big events with them.

At the February General Membership meeting, Junior League Active members voted in favor of the 76th community project, the Women's Independence Project. By working to break the intergenerational cycle of drug addition and homelessness for the women residents of Hope House and the Fort Wayne Women's Bureau Transitions program we will continue our legacy of improving the lives of women and children. Our members are excited about having the opportunity to be involved at the hands-on level of teaching employment skills workshops, developing a potential employer database and starting a mentoring program.

March brought the third year of the *Kids in the Kitchen* initiative. What started three years ago with approximately 30 children has grown to an event where over 200 children learn about the benefits of choosing nutritious foods and a healthy lifestyle as a means of fighting childhood obesity. Mayor Tom Henry was there to share the names of his favorite fruits, vegetables, and exercises and how they improve his ability to think and work. The children had fun and learned as they traveled through the seven topic-specific stations, especially when they received their take-home goody bag complete with a portion plate and cookbook, funded by St. Joseph Community Health Foundation.

Now that it is April, we are two months away from the end of this Junior League year. We have one more major event, the New to You Sale on Saturday, April 19th. The Allen County War Memorial Coliseum is sure to be packed with eager shoppers from 9:00-4:00 searching for fantastic next-to-new bargains on clothing, toys, housewares and furniture. Junior League members will be there in mass to keep the merchandise organized and sales running smoothly.

May will bring Annual Dinner, the year-end celebration. Members will switch placements and a new year of Junior League will commence as of June 1. As we begin this time of transition, let's take time to acknowledge the accomplishments of the past year and share what we have learned with our successors to ensure our mission remains in motion. We are what we are today because of the knowledge and experience shared by those before us. It's time to pass on that knowledge and experience.

# PROMOTING VOLUNTARISM

## Family Connections News

The Family Connections Committee has had some exciting developments in the last month. SCAN has hired a new Family Coordinator dedicated specifically to Family Connections Kids and Divorce classes. Her name is Tonya Sheets and the committee had the opportunity to meet with her at their March meeting. This is a very important step in the transitioning of the project to SCAN. Tonya will be taking over the roles that our Junior League volunteers have been filling including scheduling of volunteers and classes and on-going marketing of the Kids and Divorce Classes.

The Committee's hard work to market the Kids and Divorce classes to the Fort Wayne Community Elementary Schools is also beginning to pay off. Classes have been scheduled at Arlington and Brentwood Elementary Schools in the month of April to accommodate the approximately 40 children who are registered. The classes will be held for one hour and meet for four weeks. If you are a trained facilitator and are able to commit for one hour for the four weeks, please contact Katie Lancia ([oshaugka@hotmail.com](mailto:oshaugka@hotmail.com)). The current schedule is:

Arlington Elementary			Brentwood Elementary (Times TBA)	
Session 1	March 27, 2008		Session 1	April 9, 2008
9:00 to 10:00am	Second grade		Session 2	April 16, 2008
10:15 to 11:15am	Third, Fourth, Fifth grades		Session 3	April 23, 2008
12:30 to 1:30pm	Kindergarten, First grade		Session 4	April 30, 2008
Session 2	April 10, 2008	same times		
Session 3	April 17, 2008	same times		
Session 4	April 24, 2008	same times		

We anticipate expanding the program to additional schools in the fall. We will also have classes scheduled throughout the summer. If you are interested in becoming a facilitator, please plan on attending an orientation session on April 22, 2008 from 5:30 to 7:15pm at the SCAN office.



To sign up please email Katie Lancia ([oshaugka@hotmail.com](mailto:oshaugka@hotmail.com)). Although our contractual involvement in this project will come to an end in May, having our volunteers continue to be involved with this project will help ensure its continued success. If you have questions, please contact Kim Staggs ([kstaggs@timeservices.com](mailto:kstaggs@timeservices.com)).



## Congratulations to the 2008-09 Full Council



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## New to You Sale Set Up Volunteers Appreciated

If you have free time and would like to help out during the set up of the sale, please contact Sarah Bercot at [seharmon2@hotmail.com](mailto:seharmon2@hotmail.com).

Times include: Thursday, April 17 6:00-9:00pm,  
and Friday, April 18 from 8:00am-8:00pm.

# IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY

## Community Project News

The Community Impact Committee is excited to announce that the Women's Independence Project vote passed at the February GMM! This new three-year Community Project Collaboration with the Fort Wayne Women's Bureau's Transitions Program and Hope House, Inc. will begin in June 2008. Both organizations offer intensive residential treatment for women recovering from addiction.

The anticipated community impacts of the collaboration include:

- Increasing employment opportunities and self-sufficiency rates for approximately 90 previously homeless, addicted women participating in the Hope House and Transitions programs annually.
- Breaking the intergenerational cycle of addiction and homelessness for program participants and their children. Children of addicted parents are at the greatest risk of repeating their parent's life choices.
- Developing the potential of women in these programs by teaching them life and employment skills otherwise unavailable to them.

The goals of the project are:

- Researching, developing and facilitating employment skills workshops for the residents of Hope House and Transitions.
- Developing a database of employers willing to employ residents of Hope House and Transitions.
- Developing and potentially piloting a mentoring program for Hope House residents who have the greatest need for development of self-esteem.
- If time allows in year three of the project, assisting Hope House with research and evaluation of a potential social enterprise or small business for their organization, to provide income for Hope House as well as training and job opportunities for the women of Hope House.



Hope House and Transitions will educate JLFW volunteers about issues associated with addiction and homelessness to equip volunteers in interacting with and facilitating classes for chemically dependent women while increasing our understanding of these societal issues.

Connie Heflin will be the 2008-2009 Committee Chair and Jamie Watson will be the Chair-Elect. There will be many opportunities for the entire League to support this new project.

## Done In A Day - Erin's House Painting

On Saturday, February 16, JLFW Volunteers returned to Erin's House for Grieving Children and painted their meeting room. Thank you to all hard-working volunteers!

By the end of the project we had completed two coats of fresh white paint, painted new pastel butterflies in the entry way, and thoroughly scrubbed the kitchen area.



We would like to thank Rick Auer - owner of R and R Painting - for his time, and for providing us with supplies and expert training during our Erin's House painting DIAD!

Thank you also to Tim Haffner and Haffner Paint for giving us a substantial discount on the paint. This project provided another great opportunity for JLFW to put our mission in motion!

Left: Jenni Vorderman and Vicki Heckman are painting AND smiling. JLFW Volunteers are not afraid to roll up their sleeves and get a little dirty to improve our community! A special thank you to Community Impact Committee Sustainer Advisor, Sarah Reincke, who can be seen hard at work in the background.



Sarah Hayes (left) and Dana Weber apply paint to butterfly stencils to greet all who visit Erin's House.

# IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY

## Kids in the Kitchen 2008

The Junior League of Fort Wayne held its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Kids in the Kitchen event on March 6, 2008, at the Boys and Girls Club as part of the Association of Junior Leagues International's initiative aimed at combating the growing issue of childhood obesity.

Obesity is an increasing problem for children in Allen County. Over 24% of Allen County low-income children under the age of 18 responded to the 2006 Low-Income Health Survey as being obese. The National Average for low-income children was 10% in the same survey. Obese children are at significantly higher risks of developing diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and asthma.



Fort Wayne's new Mayor Tom Henry helped us kick off the 2008 KITK event.

Mayor Tom Henry was our special guest and he helped us kick off the event by talking with approximately 200 Boys and Girls Club members about the importance of making good decisions on their health. He even issued a challenge to the kids inviting them to visit the Mayor's office if they held up their end of the bargain.

The kids participating in the event visited seven stations where our community partners and League members taught them important information in fun and interactive ways. Stations included: Portion Fortune with JLFW's own Dorie Fowls; Height/Weight/Body Mass Index staffed by Dr. Jennifer Landrigan of Pediatric Associates and our own Julie Risley and Michele Kadenko-Monirian; Kool Smiles taught the importance of nutrition for

healthy teeth; a "wheel of health" with Parkview Health; Fast Food Facts with Lutheran Health; physical fitness instruction with the YMCA; and JLFW members taught the kids about the Food Pyramid as they built a healthy snack.

Kathy Wehrle from Parkview also facilitated a station designed specifically for the parents. This station provided an opportunity to reinforce the messages the kids were learning in hopes that real change would be made for the whole family. A drawing was held to encourage parent participation. We have many generous donors to thank for their prize donations including: Subway, Mad Ants, Ultra Zone, Kroger, YMCA, and Putt-Putt Fun Center.

Each participant received a goody bag again this year at the end of the event. The goody bag included several great items including a cookbook and The Portion Plate<sup>®</sup> funded by the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation. Fort Wayne Country Club donated tennis balls, Activate Fort Wayne provided jump ropes that were used in the YMCA station and in the goody bags, Parkview donated Frisbees, and the YMCA donated pens.



Without all our donors, partners and volunteers this event would not have been the success that it was.

**Here is big THANK YOU to all the people who helped to make this event successful!**



Kids in the Kitchen volunteers ready for the fun!



Building healthy snacks with JLFW volunteers



Fortune Teller Dorie Fowls predicts the future as she teaches portion control.

# DEVELOPING THE POTENTIAL OF WOMEN



## JLUFW PRESENTS: How to Be a Valued Board Member

Please join us for the final Junior League University class this year focusing on *How to be a Valued Board Member* (JLUFW 401 – 4 credits)!

Five of our wonderful Sustainers, Madelane Elston, Suzon Motz, Melinda Perry, Sarah Reincke, and Jane Wilks will be part of a panel to discuss how Junior League impacted them, what they think is a valued board member, and some of their experiences with community boards.

Do not miss out on this great opportunity!

The class is on Thursday, April 24 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Assembly Room on the lower level of the St. Joe Hospital building (at the end of the hall past the cafeteria).

Please RSVP to Laura Antil ([lantil@lupkerice.com](mailto:lantil@lupkerice.com)) or the JLFW office ([office@jlfw.org](mailto:office@jlfw.org)) by April 21 if you are interested in attending.

**Thank you to Chris Moore of Moore Reimbold & Anderson** for sharing his extensive knowledge and expertise on financial planning for our class JLUFW 209—Finance—An Overview!

## 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 also need to complete the LFW application process. Pending her acceptance, JLFW will pay for the program tuition.

This training opportunity is comprehensive and full of exciting challenges. The LFW program provides leadership development for a diverse group of citizens to enable them to effectively serve their community.

The nine-month program is designed to:

- Identify, motivate and develop potential community leaders
- Broaden participants knowledge of Fort Wayne and the critical issues affecting the community
- Increase self awareness of individual gifts and talents
- Provide 21<sup>st</sup> Century capacities, skills, and processes
- Foster a lifetime commitment to community service



LFW runs from September to May. Participants attend one full weekday a month sessions and a two-day overnight retreat in September. Fort Wayne area leaders and experts conduct program sessions at various sites around the community. Upon graduation, class members have an opportunity to serve a one-year internship on a non-profit community Board of Directors.

In recent years, this has become a highly coveted and competitive process. **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 I want to participate in Leadership Fort Wayne
2. What this training opportunity would mean to my future leadership experiences with JLFW
3. How I would use this experience to provide leadership in other community organizations

Please send your letter to Kathleen Jackson, Nominating Chair by April 15. The candidate is selected by the Nominating Committee. Past JLFW sponsored participants still active in JLFW include: Ruth Stone, Wendy Stein, and Kathleen Jackson. Please feel welcome to contact any of these past participants about the program.

# DEVELOPING THE POTENTIAL OF WOMEN

## JLFW Members Benefit from Junior League Training Conferences

### “Why ODI?”

Everyone wants to feel valued, and we all want to see “value” in what we do. This is **why** we do most things as a culture, **why** we are conditioned to value only what we see or the “end product.” So how do we, the volunteers, get to the end product or the **why**?

- We cannot see “confidence building,” but we can see members chatting with women, helping them role play for an interview.
- We cannot “see” promoting voluntarism, but we can see members helping to bring joy to children by reading Christmas stories and making reindeer.
- We may not “see” improving the community, but we can see the happiness in a families’ eyes when we give them books for their new Habitat for Humanity home.



(l-r) Beth Griffin, Sarah Hayes, AJLI Executive Director Susan Danish, Whitney Heitmeyer, Carey Roth

If someone asks, “**Why** are we doing this project?” a committee may need to do more to educate members on the issue involved. Most people don’t care about an issue until you help them understand **why** it is so important. For example, take the issue of “childhood literacy.” Does it leave some of you lukewarm? But what if I said, “Did you know that companies that build prisons look to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading levels to project how many prison beds will be needed ten years into the future?” Now do you feel that literacy is a little more important and have a better understanding of **why** we are doing the project?

According to Vicki Clark, a wonderful speaker at ODI, it isn’t JL’s mission to make everyone happy. We create meaning for ourselves by giving our time and talent, learning new skills and from our mistakes, and by making new connections with each other and the community.

It occurred to me that it isn’t easy to understand **why** we do everything we do as a League, but by plugging back in, and learning about our new projects, you can gain a better understanding of **why**. As I have heard since my Provisional year, “To learn JL is to DO JL!” By being willing to learn new information, ask questions, and take training classes, you will find a place to fit in and get a glimpse of our bigger picture: that we work every day toward our mission, one little step at a time.

Whether you want to be a chairperson or not, it really helps if you understand how and **why** the work we do for League and the community makes a difference. If you want to be more connected to our mission and understand **why**, submit an application to attend an ODI conference.

- Beth Griffin

### Winter Leadership Conference

Yee ha! San Antonio, Texas hosted a boot-kicking Winter Leadership Conference at the end of January. “Yer pardner” – President-Elect Christine Stach – saddled up to some mighty fine leadership workshops!



JLFW President-Elect Christine Stach saddles up for training!

In all seriousness, thank you for the opportunity to attend this fantastic conference, where I learned more about leadership, governance and strategic management. Hopefully, all this training will help me guide JLFW next year, so that we may continue all the good works that we do.

Of course, there also was some fun to be had along the famous Riverwalk. I was able to network with some amazing women who shared their ideas and enthusiasm. And, seeing our AJLI President Sandi Kemmish in a cowboy hat was one memory that will stick with me.

Thanks again, and I look forward to using what I’ve learned!

- Christine Stach

### WIIN Conference

The 2008-2009 Board got off to an early start in February when four of its members traveled to Springfield, Illinois for the Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana (WIIN) regional training.

Michelle Beary, Sarah Hayes, Carey Roth and Christine Stach learned how to impact our community from ALJI guru Pam Mosley.

Not only did we learn, think, and share ideas, but we also had an opportunity to get to know one another to start working as a team.

We are off to a great start and ready for a new year!



(l-r) Sarah Hayes, Michelle Beary, and Carey Roth.

# CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS

Due to an adjustment in the dates for this issue of League Lore, we missed printing our March Birthdays in a timely manner. We apologize to all of you who were born in March. We celebrate You now!

## March Birthdays

- 2 - Judy Simic
- 2 - Kay Richards
- 3 - Jane Collins
- 7 - Courtney Waterman
- 13 - Laura Miller
- 15 - Holly Skekloff
- 15 - Kristy Minick
- 17 - Madelane Elston
- 22 - Nita Thieme
- 24 - Georgeann Cleveland
- 26 - Jodi Graham
- 28 - Vicki Heckman
- 30 - Suzanne Hall
- 31 - Kathy Steen
- 31 - Lori Wenino

## April Birthdays

- 2 - Suzanne Gilson
- 3 - Suzanne Ginty
- 3 - Kathleen Summers
- 4 - Cheryl Muhler
- 5 - Amy Mulkey
- 6 - Kathleen Jackson
- 6 - Jeri Rusk
- 9 - Agnes Antibus
- 10 - Tracie Martin
- 13 - Michelle Kearns
- 14 - Meg Distler
- 16 - Elizabeth McKiernan
- 17 - Geraldine Mielke
- 17 - Angie Niswonger
- 20 - Susan Stouder
- 21 - Gretchen Bonsib
- 26 - Melissa Pate
- 26 - Carol Bennett
- 27 - Joan Whiting
- 30 - Jamie Watson
- 30 - Charline Rehrer
- 30 - Kerri Killion-Mueller



## May Birthdays

- 2 - Pam Bell
- 3 - Connie Hazelrigg
- 4 - Michelle Chester
- 4 - Jane Wilks
- 6 - Sara Hatlem
- 7 - Katie Lancia
- 7 - Dana Weber
- 7 - Valerie Rehrer
- 10 - Teri Delagrang
- 11 - Kathy Roudebush
- 11 - Christine Stach
- 14 - Elise Macomber
- 14 - Shelly Meyer
- 14 - Jill Ramsey
- 17 - Lisa Boyd
- 17 - Wendy Stein
- 19 - Janet Bircheff
- 22 - Dorothy Lazoff
- 22 - Tina Torres
- 22 - Jennie Pasterick
- 23 - Judy Clifton
- 24 - Nancy Stewart
- 24 - Whitney Heitmeyer
- 25 - Sarah Colvin
- 25 - Jodi Weber
- 25 - Kathleen Lassus
- 26 - Erika Halliwill
- 26 - Amy Jun
- 29 - Sue Swift



## The Total Rock Star!



### Active of the Year Nominations Sought

This has been a fantastic League year with much great work going on throughout our committees. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated leaders. It is difficult to select just one. However, the Board of Directors is asking for your help in doing just that. Please consider nominating someone for our Active of the Year Award which will be announced at our Annual Dinner.

The member nominated for Active of the Year is recognized for outstanding service to JLFW and the community. She is a person who has made a difference to our organization. She is someone who is diligent and effective but also makes a placement interesting and pleasurable. She is a volunteer who is always willing to go a few steps further, assuming greater responsibilities and she motivates others to do the same. Leadership abilities are only part of what makes this person special. Her friendliness, humility, and dedication cradled in her willingness to learn and grow, makes 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.

Please send your written nominations to Ruth Stone at the League office, JLFW, 700 Broadway POB Suite 302, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 or via email at [rstone623@comcast.net](mailto:rstone623@comcast.net). All nominations must be received by April 15, 2008. If you have any questions please contact Ruth Stone.



**The 2008-2009 Committee placements will be announced at the beginning of the April GMM.. Be there to hear the exciting news!**

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# CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS



## New Member of the Year Award

We are excited to announce the New Member of the Year Award. This award will recognize a New Member who has demonstrated a great willingness to jump in and “do” Junior League. She has learned about JLFW in her first year by participating in the New Member meetings and project. She also has eagerly attended various other League activities while “doing” JLFW.

And finally, she has connected with other League members by reaching out to develop friendships within League. Her great attitude makes her the New Member of the Year!

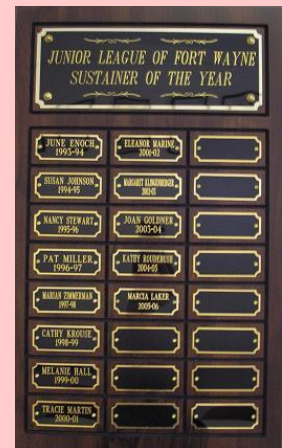
Please submit your written nominations to Ruth Stone at the League office, 700 Broadway POB Suite 302, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 or via email to [rstone623@comcast.net](mailto:rstone623@comcast.net). All nominations must be received by April 15, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Stone.

## Sustainer of the Year Award

Please take the time to nominate one of our outstanding Sustainers for the Sustainer of the Year Award. Your letter of recommendation should describe why you think this woman should be the 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, or both. Recent recipients of the Award include: Meg Distler, Cathy Krouse, Melanie Hall, Tracie Martin, Eleanor Marine, Margaret Klingenberg, Joan Goldner, Kathy Roudebush, and Marcia Laker.

Letters should be sent to Kathleen Jackson, Nominating Chair, JLFW, 700 Broadway POB Suite 302, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 or via email to [dksjackson@hotmail.com](mailto:dksjackson@hotmail.com). The letters must be received by April 15, 2008. If you have any questions please contact Kathleen Jackson.

The Sustainer of the Year Award will be presented at JLFW’s Annual Meeting on May 21, 2008. The Nominating Committee looks forward to hearing from you. Your input in the nomination process is invaluable!



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# CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS

## In the Spotlight...Transfer Mariah Vogelgesang

In June 2007 Active Mariah Vogelgesang transferred to JLFW from The Junior League of Dayton, Ohio, where she has been a member since 2004. Mariah works from home as a staff attorney for a judge in Montgomery County in Ohio. She and her husband, Matt, relocated to Fort Wayne with Matt's company, Parker Hannifin. Mariah and Matt have a 7-month old son named Grant. She enjoys running, swimming, and cooking. Mariah is currently on the Special Event Committee.



Mariah (l) enjoys the New Member Social with Active Member Kristen McCloskey



## Now Featuring... Active Mary Anne Berron



Mary Anne Berron

Mary Anne Berron has been a Junior League member for two years. She is married to Mark, and has two children, Dana and Adam. She also has two grandchildren, with one more on the way! Mary Anne does payroll and accounting work for Hagerman Construction.

The place where she would love to travel is to Oregon. Something she would like to learn is rappelling - maybe in Oregon! The things she can't live without are family and friends.

## Personal Stationery is BACK!

JLFW has launched its new Sweet Pea Designs website, and it is *fabulous!* Please see [jlfw.myspstore.com](http://jlfw.myspstore.com) to order personal stationery, cards, and other wonderful personalized gifts *online!* 50% of your order will go to JLFW, and 50% of your order is tax deductible. For any questions, contact Angie Maloblocki at 260-373-1094 or [anglamaloblocki@gmail.com](mailto:anglamaloblocki@gmail.com).



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# JLFW GENERAL



## Blue Jeans 70's Style, follow-up...

Thanks so much to the Junior League of Fort Wayne, Ruth Stone for all the helpful advice, and especially to the owners of "Go Blue." It was a fantastic vacation! GO BLUE!

Jason, Shelley, Ross, Robin, Phil, Kathy, David and Kathleen



2008 Kids in the Kitchen participants enjoy playing the "Wheel of Health" on March 6 at the Fort Wayne Boys & Girls Club.

**The 2008 President's Circle Drive is in full force! Please find it in your hearts to further support JLFW—we appreciate every donation!**



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*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](http://www.ajli.org).



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Send submissions via e-mail per the League Lore submission guidelines.

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## For Your JLFW Calendar

### April 2008

- 9 New Member Meeting - Child Advocacy Center
- 16 Board Meeting
- 17 New to You Sale Set-up 6:00-9:00pm
- 18 New to You Sale Set-up 8:00am-8:00pm
- 19 **New to You Sale - 9:00am-4:00pm**
- 21 Scoop sheet submission deadline 9:00am
- 23 General Membership Meeting
- 24 JLUFW - Becoming a Valued Board Member
- 30 AJLI Annual Conference

### May 2008

- 1-3 AJLI Annual Conference
- 14 New Member Meeting
- 15 Summer League Lore submission deadline
- 21 Annual Dinner - Fort Wayne Country Club
- 27 Garden Club Luncheon - Fort Wayne Country Club

### April GMM

The meal for the April General Membership Meeting is Subway. All dinners cost \$8 and include soft drink or bottled water.

If you are interested in eating dinner at the GMM and have not already signed up, please RSVP to Kate Virag by Thursday, April 17 at [kate.virag@gmail.com](mailto:kate.virag@gmail.com) and mail your check to the JLFW office.

Also, babysitting is available at First Presbyterian for \$5 per child. Please let Kate Virag know at least 48 hours before the meeting if you will need babysitting services.

### **Annual Dinner** **Annual Dinner** **Annual Dinner**

Save the Date: The 2007-2008 Annual Dinner is May 21, 2008. It will be held at the Fort Wayne Country Club and the cost is \$36 per person. More details and a formal invitation will be coming soon.



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