The 2013 New To You Sale was a complete success thanks to the support of our League members, past and present, and many generous community donations! The new sale site in Riviera Plaza proved to be a prosperous location where over 800 shoppers helped us raise approximately $18,500 at the Twice the Price event and the New to You Sale.

Not only was the New to You Sale an opportunity for the Junior League of Fort Wayne to create connections and awareness within our community, it was also the perfect venue for fellow Actives, Senior Actives, and Sustainers to connect, and friendships were created and cultivated.

Special thanks goes to:

2013 New to You Sale Committee: Ann Marie Hall, Elizabeth Salazar, Lisa Cooper, Stephanie Thiede, Jennifer Krieg; Co-Chairs Kristin Packnett and Kelli Packnett; Fund Development VP Sarah Payne.

JLFW President Laura Antil
JLFW Actives, Senior Actives, Sustainers
Family and Friends who volunteered
Gloria Baals
Blue Jacket
Bob Morris and Total Trucking
Mustard Seed Furniture Bank
Treasure House
A Party Apart
Homestead Key Club Volunteers
NAI Harding Dahm
Riviera Plaza
3Rivers Federal Credit Union
Hope House Volunteers
Summit City Radio Group
Bryant Rozier
Todd Miller
Kroger
Don Hall’s Old Gas House Restaurant and Ben Hall
Indiana’s News Center
WANE TV
Journal Gazette
News-Sentinel
Happy 2014!

As I review all of our accomplishments in 2013, it is with a deep sense of gratitude for our members and our sponsors as none of our community work and personal development would have been possible without each of you.

I am also reminded how fulfilling it is to be a volunteer. As defined, volunteering is generally considered an altruistic activity and is intended to promote good or improve human quality of life. Volunteering is also renowned for skill development, socialization, and fun.

We all have things that pull each of us in many directions throughout a day, week, month, and year and we sometimes lose sight of why we do what we do within JLFW. I believe the results of what we do can be felt when talking with the community about our work and knowing the impact we have made. It can be felt by creating lasting friendships as we work side-by-side volunteering on a project, assisting with our fundraisers, attending meetings, etc. Each of us will experience an event that will bring all back into focus because everything we do creates the legacy that is JLFW.

As a dynamic and evolving organization; we have spent many hours discussing how JLFW is going to make the greatest impact to women and children in need within our community. We will vote in February to determine our impact area. It is our compassion that will provide the women and children in need a hope for the future.

This is an exciting time and my greatest hope is that we all embrace the new path JLFW is heading down. It is a path I want to be on with each of you.

“Be of service. Whether you make yourself available to a friend or co-worker, or you make time every month to do volunteer work, there is nothing that harvests more of a feeling of empowerment than being of service to someone in need.” Gillian Anderson
PROMOTING VOLUNTARISM

New Member Committee

Dinner / Social

Are you interested in socializing with other JLFW members? Or do you have friends that are interested in joining Junior League and want to learn more?

Join us on Monday, January 20 at 5:30pm for the New Member Committee dinner/social to be held at Cebolla’s (236 Fernhill Avenue behind Glenbook Mall.) Please email Sharyn Lovelace (sharyn.lovelace@accenture.com) if you plan to attend.

If you have recommendations for potential New Members, please email Sharon with their names and contact information as well so they can be invited directly by the New Member Committee!

Super Saturday Done-In-A-Day

The next Super Saturday will be held on Saturday, February 8 at the Community Harvest Food Bank. This is a DIAD (Done in a Day) project in the morning organized by the Community Impact Committee with the New Member orientation held in the Food Bank conference room immediately following. Lunch will be provided by the New Member Committee.

We welcome any Active members who would like to attend the orientation session! We just ask that you email Jessica Swinford at jswinford@sf.edu letting her know so we can plan for lunch accordingly.

- New Member Committee, Jessica Swinford Chair

Nominating News

Greetings from the Nominating Committee! This fall the committee focused our attention on the opportunity to send four JLFW members to the Organizational Development Institutes (ODI) in Indianapolis in October. Representatives Cheryl Felger, Nicole Penar, Amy Shurley and Stephanie Theide were each able to participate in a different track to maximize the available curriculum. We are excited about the ideas they have already brought back to our League!

The committee now turns our attention to the slating of the 2014-2015 Board of Directors. Members received a form in the mail, which provided the opportunity to suggest the eligible members whom they believe would make good Board members. The Nominating Committee will meet in late January to review the submissions and voting will occur at the February GMM.

The Committee will also be selecting two members to attend the Winter ODI, scheduled for February 28-March 2 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Please contact Meredith with any questions or suggestions at mrpalmison@gmail.com

Inclement Weather Policy: On days when Fort Wayne Community Schools are closed due to bad weather, all League meetings will be rescheduled for a later date. The member in charge of the canceled meeting will determine rescheduling. Done In A Day events will be rescheduled if possible. Please call or email your event contact person if there is any question as to whether your event will be held as scheduled.
IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY

Community Impact

Due to inclement weather, the Networking Night planned for January 7 at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art was postponed. As League Lore goes to print, details on the rescheduled event are still being arranged. Stay tuned to Tuesday Tidbits for more information, or contact the JLFW office at office@jlfw.org or 387-5592.

Our next Done-In-A-Day (DIAD) Super Saturday is February 8th at The Community Harvest Food Bank. JLFW members will help hand out food to people in need. If you are able to volunteer please email Katie Niezer at katie.niezer@gmail.com.

Our April DIAD will be decided after our League votes on our issue in February. This will be an exciting event to take part in as it will be the first event focusing on our new issue!

The Community Impact Committee thanks you so much for volunteering to help serve our community!

An Update From the Issue Team

During the last seven months, the Community Council’s Issue Team has been collecting data on a number of possible issues and focus areas for JLFW to consider. The Team has gathered local, state, and national data from a variety of sources. In addition to the volumes of data collected, the Issue Team has conducted interviews with a number of key community leaders from various organizations.

The anecdotal information will be used to help the Issue Team and League members better understand the data and the unmet needs in our community. A key component of the interviews was a meeting with foundation leaders in the community. They were able to shed light on critical issues, unfunded needs, and potential collaborators for future endeavors.

At each General Membership Meeting from September to January, the Team has been engaging Junior League members in narrowing the issue and focus possibilities. In November and December the three focus areas were presented to membership (Child Abuse and Neglect, Children’s Health, Nutrition and Obesity, and Readiness for Elementary School) with Women and Children in Need as the Issue.

The Issue Team put together a 10 page document showing the research on Issues and each of the four focus areas. If you would like a copy of this document, please contact the JLFW Office at office@jlfw.org or (260) 387-5592.

At each General Membership Meeting, we honor our Community Volunteer of the Month - someone who has gone above and beyond the expectations of their placement. The following members have been honored so far this League year:

September - Katie Niezer and Jessica Clupper, Co-Chairs of the Community Impact Committee
October - Sharyn Lovelace, New Member Committee
November - The New to You Committee: Co-Chairs Kelli and Kristin Packnett, Lisa Cooper, Ann Marie Hall, Jennifer Krieg, Elizabeth Salazar, Stephanie Thiede

November “Rock Stars” (l-r) Stephanie Thiede, Kristin Packnett, Ann Marie Hall and Fund Development VP Sarah Payne
Membership Development Committee

So far in this League year, your Membership Development Committee has held a fun and informative Junior League University (JLU) with a focus on fitness. Several of us gathered at the Jorgensen YMCA to learn from local Bootcamp, Crossfit and yoga instructors – we burned a lot of calories and had a blast while doing it!

For the new year, we’re planning three more learning opportunities:

- **February 22: Freezer meals**
  Junior League ladies are some of the busiest people in the community, between family and friends, work, and of course our love of volunteering. Simplify mealtime by planning ahead with freezer meals. League members Michele Platte and Meredith Palmison are well-seasoned (pun intended) when it comes to finding several meals one can make in one day and freeze for future use. They’ll share tips and tricks for choosing recipes, creating the grocery list, and much more. While you won’t cook in this JLU, you will get to try one of their delicious creations!
  RSVP to mallorycarter@me.com, and receive time and location details.

- **March 2014: Self-defense**
  Last year, many League ladies had the chance to learn life-saving skills by practicing techniques to feel confident defending themselves if necessary. Cleveland Inge from Red-Eye Self Defense has agreed to work with us again. Watch Tuesday Tidbits and GMM sign-up sheets for this Saturday class, to be held late in March. If you attended last year, this is a great chance to refresh your skills. For those of us newbies, we will learn invaluable methods to be alert and ready to take action.

- **April 2014: Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead**
  Some of us have read Sheryl Sandberg’s book, “Lean In,” and been impacted by the stories shared and issues raised. For many of us, it’s led to thoughts about our own lives as successful women, and we seek conversation and thoughts from our peers. Our Lean In JLU will focus on two topics, mentoring and balance. No matter your age, work or relationship status, busy League ladies can all benefit from discussion. Though there’s still time to read the book, it will not be necessary to participate and have meaningful conversation. Watch Tuesday Tidbits for details.

General Membership Meetings

Our 2014 General Membership Meetings (GMM) are critical meetings for our League. In January, we will discuss the Issue Q&A from our December Cluster Meetings, and in February, we will vote on our issue – we’d love to have as many members attend as possible.

If you’re newer to League, rest assured that our GMM greeters are happy to bring you up to speed, and help you connect upon arrival. Look for them as soon as you walk into the Museum of Art. In addition, don’t hesitate to contact your Member Advisor if there are questions we can answer, whether it’s about our potential issue, committee placement, or general questions. If you aren’t sure who your Member Advisor is, please contact Amy Shurley at amynicole.johnson@yahoo.com. We’d love to connect, and hope to see you at the next GMM!
Website Development Committee Finishes Vendor Research, Moves Toward Design

This League year, an ad hoc committee was put in place to plan and develop a new website for JLFW. This project isn’t just a new website – it is a website with a members only section where all our members can interact and share information wherever they are.

We started the process in July when we reached out to a web firm called Digital Cheetah (DC). DC has designed over 120 Junior League websites and currently runs the AJLI website. We were paired up with Chris, a DC sales rep, and shared with him the proposed website plan (based on the research and planning from last year’s Communications Committee). Chris showed us an online demo of the features and capabilities of the DC system. After the demo, we requested a formal proposal from DC, which we received on September 16.

The detailed proposal outlined the A la Carte menu of features DC can implement for a new website.

At their September meeting our committee brought this proposal to the Board, who then recommended we obtain at least two more similar quotes to help compare pricing and vendors. The committee prepared a 14-page Request for Proposal (RFP) we sent the first week of October to vendors both locally and nationally. The technical specs of the RFP were developed from the Digital Cheetah proposal to ensure that we were requesting proposals on “like-for-like” features and functionality. Proposals were due on October 25, and we received three additional proposals.

The proposals varied in length, detail, and cost. The Committee used an evaluation form to rate the four vendors on a range of criteria. The main areas of evaluation included a pass/fail grade for including the requested materials, the proposed price, the firm’s experience, and the firm’s approach to the implementation of the project.

Based on the results of the proposal evaluation, the Committee felt the best choice was to select Digital Cheetah as the vendor for our website development project. The features DC can offer JLFW are too numerous to detail in this short synopsis, but they will drastically improve our recordkeeping, both internal and external communications, and the use of time. The Committee brought this recommendation to the Board at their November meeting, and the Board approved moving forward with the project.

At this time, we have submitted a signed contract and down payment to DC. The Committee will actually begin the design process sometime in January, with hopes of having the site complete by April 2014. After the site is up and running, extensive training will need to be given to the membership.

The functionality JLFW members will have at our fingertips with the new website should streamline so many operational aspects of the day-to-day business of running League, and allow us to focus more on fulfilling the mission instead of the work side of things.

The improved processes will not only benefit our members, but will also positively affect the regular tasks done by our Office Assistant. Using a web-based system as robust as DC will allow us to have up-to-date information and access to that information from just about anywhere. We look forward to telling you more about it in the Spring!
A Special Thanks to our Generous Corporate Sponsors

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With your generous support, we are able to further our mission and our vision in the Fort Wayne Community, helping us to be “The Leading Force in Building a Better Future for Women and Children.”

The JLFW Resource Development Committee Has Been Working Very Hard to Raise Funds to Support Our League’s Activities.

Carson’s Community Days
We started our year partnering with the new Carson’s store selling coupon books for their Community Days event. Coupon books were sold at GMMs, online and at The New To You Sale. Thank you to Laura Antil and Carol Platt who helped sell the books in the store. While they were there they were able to talk with members of the community about JLFW. We raised approximately $600 thru this event and were one of the top selling community organizations.

Due to our success, we have been invited back to sell for their spring Community Days on February 28th and March 1st. Keep an eye out on Tuesday Tidbits for how you can purchase spring coupon books. If you would be interested in selling books in the store, please contact Emily Bondus (emilybondus@gmail.com) so we can reserve a time.

Stationery Sales
The Stationery Fundraiser was a success this holiday season. JLFW invests all holiday card proceeds into our various community projects and volunteer training. This is a huge fundraiser for JLFW. Please remember stationery can be purchased all year so don’t forget to check out our websites for some great items. You may view the entire collection online at www.holidaycardwebsite.com/jlfw. Our website, http://jlfw.myspstore.com is also available and has a wide variety of photo cards, stationery, holiday cards, and gifts that can be personalized for your company or personal use. Please contact Carol Platt at cmplatt70@yahoo.com or 260-341-1335 with any questions. Thank You!

President’s Circle Donations
The President's Circle is the Junior League of Fort Wayne’s annual giving campaign that supports the mission of the League through tax-deductible unrestricted gifts to our annual operating budget. President's Circle contributions support the mission of JLFW - promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Please mail your President's Circle contribution to the Junior League Office, or contact Emily Bondus and Carol Platt for more information.

Corporate Sponsorship
By joining forces with the Junior League of Fort Wayne, businesses join a powerful local movement that has a 70+ year history of commitment to Fort Wayne. More importantly, their involvement supports a foundation of lasting change. To learn more about sponsorship, please visit our website under the “Support” tab or contact the JLFW Office at office@jlfw.org or 260-387-5592.

For more information on the specific community activities these funds support, please visit our Current Projects and Kids in the Kitchen pages at www.jlfw.org. We appreciate your support!
**Supporting Our Mission**

**Junior League Cookbook** - *70 Savory Suppers* is now selling for $15.00 each or two for $25.00!

Our JLFW cookbook, *70 Savory Suppers*, makes a great gift idea for birthdays, holidays, hostess or teacher’s gifts. Copies can be purchased at the following Fort Wayne locations:

- Creative Women of the World located at 125 West Wayne Street
- Fort Wayne Museum of Art Gift Shop - 311 E. Main Street
- JLFW Office - 1010 Memorial Way, Suite 104
- On our website - [www.jlfw.org](http://www.jlfw.org)

All proceeds from this fundraiser go to support the mission, training and programs of the Junior League of Fort Wayne.

**A Recipe to Warm You Up** - Why not try this delicious Soup recipe found on page 32 of our *70 Savory Suppers* cookbook?

**Midwestern Chili**

1 lb. ground beef
1 medium yellow onion, chopped
1 green pepper, chopped
1 (14.5 oz.) can of diced tomatoes
½ can of tomato sauce
1 large bay leaf
1-2 T. chili powder to taste (hot sauce can be used)

1/8 tsp. Cayenne pepper
1/8 tsp. paprika
3 whole cloves
1/2 stick cinnamon
1 (15.5 oz) can kidney beans

Brown ground beef. Drain fat; keep beef in skillet. Add onion and green pepper; sauté until tender. Add rest of ingredients except beans. Simmer 2 hours, covered. Add beans (with liquid); heat through. Remove bay leaf, cloves and cinnamon stick. Serve with cornbread and cheddar cheese.
**Celebrating Our Members**

**January**
17 - Betsy Perry Patton  
18 - Maxine Leckie  
18 - Betsy Chapman  
18 - Sally Aichele  
20 - Melinda Perry  
21 - Jane Kears  
22 - Lyndsey Williams  
28 - Laura Tanner Wilson  
28 - Nancy Graham  
31 - Kate Virag  
31 - Tricia Runkel  

**February**
1 - Elizabeth McMillen  
5 - Sandra Habig  
5 - Zoe Zannis  
8 - Stacy Christlieb  
8 - Emily Bondus  
10 - Marie Eifert  
17 - Paula Pritchard  
19 - Kathryn Custer  
22 - Nicole Penar  
22 - Sue Hoaglund  
23 - Ruth O'Dowd  
25 - Peggy Murphy  
27 - Suzon Motz  

**March**
1 - Michelle Banks  
2 - Judy Simic  
2 - Kay Richards  
7 - Courtney Waterman  
9 - Sara Jackson  
12 - DaVita Mitchell  
12 - Katharine Tuthill  
13 - Louise Jackson  
13 - Laura Kapp Miller  
15 - Holly Skekloff  
18 - Hillary Knipstein  
19 - Jenna Keirns  
19 - Amy Litchin  
22 - Nita Thieme  
23 - Kim Wagner  
24 - Georgeann Cleveland  
28 - Vicki Heckman  
30 - Suzanne Hall  
31 - Elizabeth Salazar  
31 - Lori Wenino  

**April**
2 - Suzanne Gilson  
3 - Kathy Summers  
3 - Suzanne Ginty  
5 - Mary Berkshire  
6 - Molly Paurice  
6 - Kathleen Jackson  
9 - Agnes Antibus  
10 - Tracie Martin  
13 - Michelle Kears  
14 - Meg Distler  
17 - Gerry Mielke  
20 - Susan Stouder  
21 - Ann Marie Hall  
21 - Gretchen Bonsib  
24 - Jessica Clupper  
26 - Carol Bennett  
27 - Joan Whiting  
29 - Robyn Trainer  
30 - Charlene Rehrer  

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We are sad to hear of the passing of Sustainer Judy Collins, who was also step-mother to Sustainer Kelly Zachrich. Judy had been a part of Junior League since 1959, and had remained a faithful Sustaining member of JLFW.

Our sympathies are also with Sustainer Gloria Nash and her family on the recent death of her mother, Mildred (Korte) Roese.

Our hearts and thoughts are with the friends and families of both of these wonderful ladies. They will be greatly missed.

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**We welcome New Members!** Joining the Junior League of Fort Wayne so far this League year are:

Lyndsey Williams  
Tricia Runkel  
Courtney Stark  
Sara Jackson  
Elizabeth Klee

Susan Boyd  
Elizabeth Aleman  
Allison Rowe  
Katharine Tuthill

Transferred to JLFW from other Junior Leagues are: Sharyn Lovelace - Jennifer Krieg - Kathryn Custer

If you know of someone who would make a great Junior League member, please contact Jessica Swinford, New Member Committee Chair, at jswinford@sf.edu, or the JLFW office at (260) 387-5592.
The Special Event Committee is excited to announce the information for our 2014 event:

♠ THEME: Mardi Gras Extravaganza
♠ WHEN: Saturday, March 8, 2014 ♠ 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
♠ WHERE: Indiana Tech Law School
           1120 E. Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne

The event will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, silent and live auctions and live entertainment. SAVE THE DATE!
Address Corrections Requested

In order to be sure that you continue to receive our newsletter, please be sure to notify the Junior League of Fort Wayne office of your new address or other contact information.

Please send changes to: office@jlfw.org, or by mail to JLFW, 1010 Memorial Way, Suite 104, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Or help the Junior League “go greener”… sign up to receive League Lore in full color via email. Please just notify the Junior League office of your email address, and we will be happy to add you to the distribution list.

Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated!

League Lore Advertising

League Lore is the official newsletter of the Junior League of Fort Wayne. League Lore is published four times annually, and is distributed by mail and by e-mail.

Advertisements must be approved by the Communications Committee and payment must be made in advance of publication.

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

The Next Issue of League Lore - Submission Information

Editing: Gloria Baals, JLFW Office
Phone: 387-5592 E-mail: office@jlfw.org

All submissions for the Spring 2014 issue of League Lore must be received by VPs no later than Saturday, March 15, 2014.

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

Senders will receive a confirmation of receipt by e-mail.

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 via e-mail to Gloria in the League office… office@jlfw.org… or drop off copies of your developed pictures at the JLFW office (photos will be returned).

We also have a JLFW Group Room on Snapfish.com. If you have pictures you would like to upload, please contact Gloria so she can send you an invitation to join. You can then upload your pictures directly.

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

We want to see the smiling faces of our members in action!

League Lore Submission Guidelines

1. All submissions must be approved by your Council Vice President.
2. Electronic format only.
3. Microsoft Word documents only with text in Arial 10 point font.
4. No formatting (color, bold, highlighting, etc.)
5. Attach a Word document to your e-mail - please do NOT put the text in the body of the e-mail - and name the document with the subject, your name, and the month of the issue (i.e. DIAD Smith Sept.doc)
6. Send digital photos, preferably in JPEG format.
7. If critical content is missing (i.e. date/time/location of event), it is your responsibility to get that information when notified by the LL editor.
8. All information is due to your VP by the 15th of the month. No exceptions can be made due to editing time constraints. Thank you!
9. All submissions are subject to editing.
# For Your Calendar

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