

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HUNTSVILLE'S FALL 2023 ISSUE OF

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~A RECAP OF AUGUST TO NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS~



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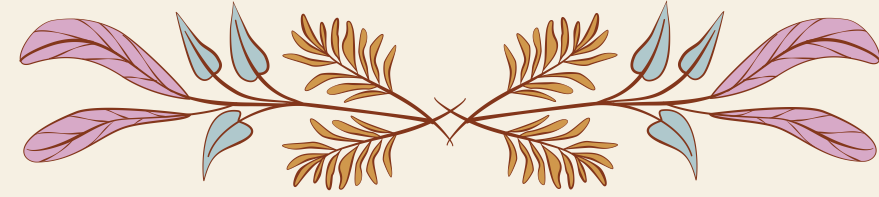
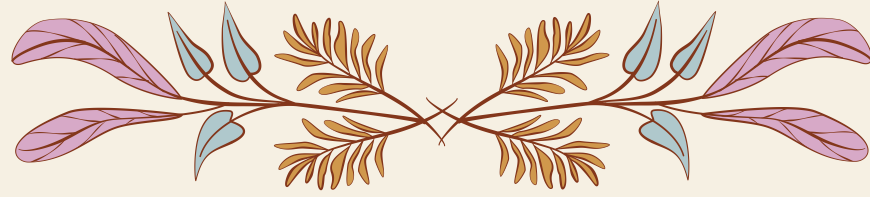
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OUR MISSION

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HUNTSVILLE, INC. IS AN ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN WHOSE MISSION IS TO ADVANCE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FOR MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY IMPACT THROUGH VOLUNTEER ACTION, COLLABORATION, AND TRAINING.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



It is an honor to be serving as the Junior League of Huntsville's President. The JLH has been enriching my life since 2013. It has blessed me with amazing opportunities to learn and grow. To me, the best part of my membership has been the incredible women I've met. Our members are thoughtful, intelligent, caring, strong, diverse, talented, compassionate, and hardworking. It is these attributes that make us more than just a service organization. The JLH continues to enhance our community through volunteerism all while connecting and training women to be catalysts for positive change.

This year we are weaving together tradition and innovation. The time-honored Apple Annie is still going strong and has been enhanced by the more recent addition of a Carnival to jump-start the fall fundraiser. As a League we've always prided ourselves on supporting women and their endeavors. Over the past few years we've championed local female entrepreneurs through a partnership with The Catalyst. Through this collaboration we awarded Adrienne Garbarino with the Ignition Scholarship of \$5,000 for her new business, Cove Telehealth for Women, at our September General Membership Meeting.

In addition to our traditional community projects and fundraisers, we've also committed to trying new things this year. For the first time we'll have not one but two Provisional classes. This fall we welcomed over 30 wonderful women to our organization and we'll welcome another 20+ New Members in January. We've transitioned to a new software platform, Member Essentials. We've updated our Bylaws. We've added a dedicated Director of Diversity Equity Inclusion and Belonging to our Board. And, the best is yet to come because...

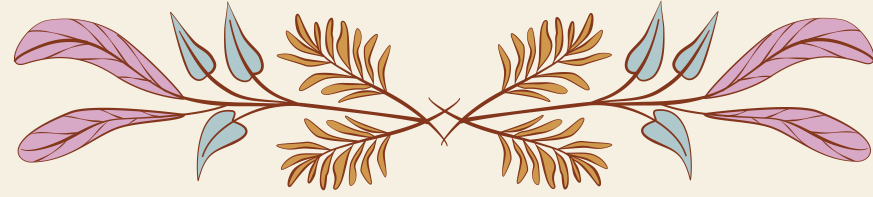
In January we will turn 75! I hope that you will make plans to celebrate with us all year long. We're kicking it off with a big birthday bash at Baker & Able on Friday, January 26, 2024. We'll commemorate our founders, give thanks to the trailblazers who paved the way, and dream up big ideas for our future. The fun continues in February as we help promising high school seniors prepare for prom with our Butterfly Boutique. Save the date for a night to remember at The Book Ball on March 23, 2024 as we enter the mystical and magical world of The Night Circus.

I hope your holidays are filled with joy, laughter, and the opportunity to reflect on all that you've accomplished this year. I am grateful to each of you for generously supporting the JLH with your time and talents. I look forward to seeing you in January. Cheers!

Jessica Johnson



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EVP



I am honored to have the opportunity to address our esteemed Membership through the pages of League Lines. Each new League year provides us with a unique opportunity to reflect on our collective journey, celebrate our accomplishments, and look forward to the exciting endeavors that lie ahead.

At the heart of our mission lies the belief that women possess the strength, resilience, and ingenuity to drive positive change. Through our diverse array of community projects, training opportunities, and sisterhood events, we strive to cultivate an environment where women can thrive, learn, and grow, leaving an indelible mark on our beloved city.

Our community projects, such as Abolish, Project Impact, Birthday Books, and Butterfly serve as testaments to our unwavering commitment to addressing critical needs within our community. In addition to our community projects, we are committed to providing our members with exemplary training and development opportunities. Our leadership development equips women with the skills and knowledge necessary to assume leadership roles in their respective fields and the community.

Beyond our professional and civic endeavors, we also cherish the opportunities to connect and bond as a sisterhood. Our social events, ranging from hiking adventures to dinner gatherings, provide a platform for forging meaningful connections, fostering camaraderie, and celebrating the unique strengths that each of us brings to the Junior League of Huntsville.

As we look towards the future, I am filled with immense optimism and excitement. We have a strong foundation in place, a vibrant membership, and a clear vision for the future. Together, we will continue to make a positive difference in our community by empowering women to lead, inspire others, and transform lives.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to the Junior League of Huntsville. Your contributions are invaluable, and your commitment to our shared mission is truly inspiring. I am honored to serve alongside each and every one of you.

Holly Brockman



APPLE ANNIE IN REVIEW

By Anna McIntyre, AA Chair



JLH celebrated our 52nd Apple Annie this year. This long-standing Huntsville tradition continued to be another annual success. Over 10,000 apples were sold and delivered throughout Madison County. Not only were the apples enjoyed by many, but our apple-themed gifts were also very popular. The gourmet gift basket featured several local businesses this year. Stationary was designed by Abbey Hall of Gray House Illustrations. Apple cake baking mix was prepared by Batter Up Bakery. Our popular Apple No 50 candle by Playing with Fire and tea towels printed by Green Pea Press rounded out the perfect gift basket. Our mini baskets did not disappoint either with plenty of JLH "swag" to promote our League. The basket included a measuring cup set, pot holder, magnet, and fun apple pen all with the JLH Apple Annie logo. The Basket Party was a fun success with fall temperatures and over 72 Actives and Provisionals helping to organize apple crates and construct tote bags and baskets. This continues to be a great way to demonstrate teamwork while also getting to know the new members of our League.

The apple sales are always a huge part of Apple Annie but we are also very grateful for the many local businesses and patrons that were our sponsors this year. JLH members Sarah Scarbrough and Katie Crawford of Remax Alliance were our presenting sponsor. These generous contributions helped us continue the 3rd annual Apple Annie Carnival. This fun event helped kick-off the fall season and was held at Constitution Hall in downtown Huntsville. Each year the Carnival continues to grow and this year we featured new booth signs for the games and food tables to help complete the carnival feel. A big thank you to the Rainbow Rhythm Band for performing. They always keep the party going! Games included Apple Balloon Pop, Putt Putt, Ring Toss, Duck Pond and many others. There were also games for adults including the popular Bourbon Challenge and Wine Toss. While the snow cones were a big hit for the kids, the apple mimosa slushies were an even bigger hit with the parents. No Carnival is complete without face paint and "Let's Face It" did a fabulous job transforming kids into everything from unicorns to Spiderman. The Carnival continues to be a great way to showcase the Junior League to the community and have a fun time. Thank you to our amazing Apple Annie committee and League members for your hard work to make this year a success!



AA CARNIVAL

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

EST. 1971
APPLE ANNIE
A JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HUNTSVILLE TRADITION



AA BASKET PARTY

OCTOBER 21, 2023

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SISTERHOOD EVENTS IN REVIEW

Sisterhood

By Jessa Hicks, Sisterhood Chair

Sisterhood has already had several events this year and we can't wait to have you join us in the upcoming get-togethers!

To start the year off, we hosted Float The Flint. This has been a much-requested event and it was the perfect way to start off our League year once again. Look for this one to be a yearly tradition!

We attended the Maple Hill Cemetery Stroll and the Downtown Ghost Walk. Both events were rich with our city's history and it was so fun to learn new things about our town together!

We also hosted a private CycleBar ride. All of the ladies in attendance had a great time and this event has been requested as a repeat. Look for the next one in the Spring!

The Buddy Walk for BUDS (Bringing Up Down Syndrome) was in September. Members were able to participate in the walk and have a fun day out with their littles. We look forward to doing this one again with even more of our members.

Lastly, a handful of us attended the Italian Food & Wine Festival in November. This was a fun event and it was great to get together in a relaxed environment and talk about the League in a less formal setting.

In the upcoming weeks and months, look out for a Christmas cookie decorating class, a vision board class, a few crafting events, and partnering with ShowerUp in January and March.

Finally, I'd like to personally thank each of you who participated in the survey on events for our League. It was eye-opening and gave us some great direction on how to schedule events to everyone's liking! If you have something in mind you'd like to see on the Sisterhood schedule, please contact me at jessa@infinityop.com.

FLOAT THE FLINT

AUGUST 27, 2023

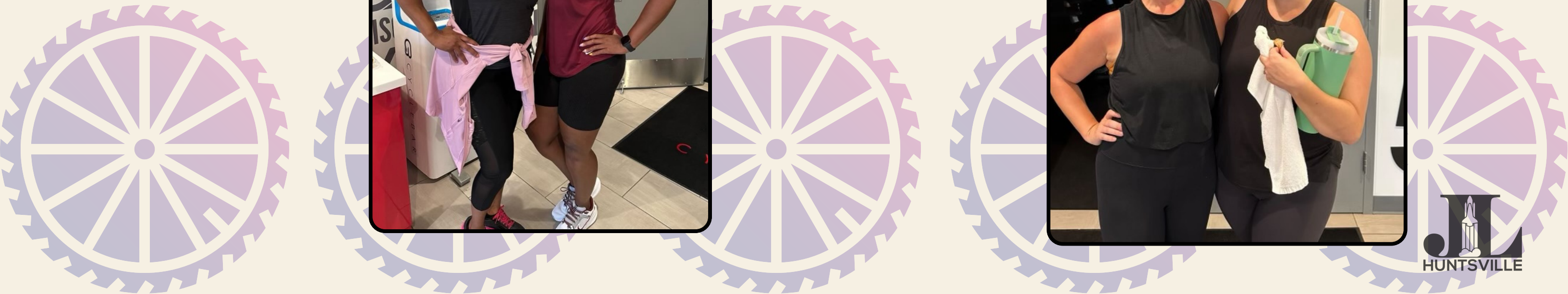
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CYCLEBAR PRIVATE RIDE

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

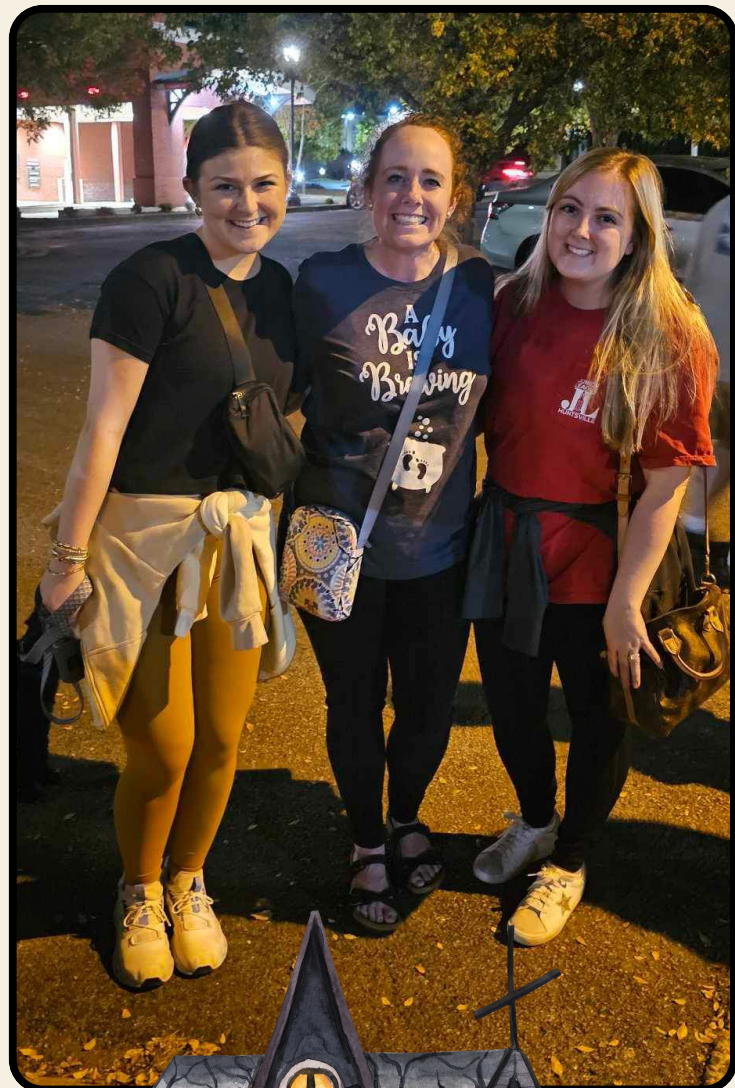
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GHOST WALK AND ITALIAN FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 27 & NOVEMBER 11, 2023

Sisterhood



BUDDY WALK

SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

By Amanda Phelps

SISTERHOOD IN THE COMMUNITY! WE PARTICIPATED IN THE 21ST ANNUAL BUDDY WALK® B.U.D.S. "BRINGING UP DOWN SYNDROME'S" BIGGEST FUNDRAISER. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY OF FAMILY FUN WITH BOUNCY HOUSES, BALLOON ANIMALS, FACE PAINTING, CHANCE, ART AND LIVE AUCTIONS, A FOAM PARTY AND A SYMBOLIC WALK FOR OUR FRIENDS WITH DOWN SYNDROME. THE FUNDS FROM THE WALK HELP B.U.D.S. TO BE ABLE TO OFFER MINI-GRANTS TO FAMILIES, WHICH CAN BE USED FOR THERAPY, EDUCATION AND NEW PARENT BAGS FULL OF RESOURCES. AS FUNDING ALLOWS, B.U.D.S. ALSO HAS SPECIAL PROJECTS TO FURTHER BENEFIT OUR FAMILIES, SUCH AS OUR OWN VERSION OF THE ANGEL TREE AND, NEW THIS YEAR, A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WITH DOWN SYNDROME. THE BUDDY WALK® IS AN EXCELLENT EVENT FOR THE COMMUNITY. IT PROMOTES ACCEPTANCE AND INCLUSION FOR THOSE WITH DOWN SYNDROME.

Sisterhood



BUDDY WALK, CONT'D

Sisterhood



WHAT IS YOUR

WHY?

AFTER GRADUATING COLLEGE AND MOVING BACK HOME TO HUNTSVILLE, I REALIZED I DID NOT HAVE THE SAME FRIENDS I HAD BEFORE I WENT TO COLLEGE AND IT WAS DIFFICULT TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS AS AN ADULT. I AM A PROVISIONAL AND I HAVE ALREADY MADE SO MANY NEW FRIENDSHIPS. MY MOM, AUNTS, AND COUSINS WERE ALSO IN JLH YEARS AGO SO I WANTED TO KEEP THE TRADITION GOING.

I ALSO HAVE GROWN UP VOLUNTEERING THROUGH MY YOUTH GROUP AND WANTED TO CONTINUE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH I HAVE GROWN UP.

CAROLINE KATTOS

I JOINED JUNIOR LEAGUE IN 2022 DURING A PIVOTAL POINT IN MY LIFE AFTER RELOCATING AND STARTING AFRESH. LIFE WAS GOING GREAT AND I WANTED TO SHARE MY SUCCESS AND GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY THAT GRACIOUSLY WELCOMED MYSELF AND DAUGHTER. ORIGINALLY, I WAS CONVINCED THAT JOINING THE LEAGUE WOULD BE SOLELY ABOUT VOLUNTEERING AND GIVING BACK. IN FACT, IT'S BEEN SO MUCH MORE. I MADE MYSELF AVAILABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS, SHOW UP TO VOLUNTEER EVENTS, PARTICIPATE IN SISTERHOOD ACTIVITIES, AND ENGAGE IN LEADERSHIP TRAININGS. IN EXCHANGE, JLH FOSTERED FRIENDSHIPS AND BONDS OF TRUST, ADMIRATION, SUPPORT, AND SERVICE AMONGST WOMEN I WOULD NOT HAVE OTHERWISE MET. JLH HAS BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF MY BECOMING. I AM A BETTER EXAMPLE OF WOMANHOOD FOR MY DAUGHTER, A BETTER LEADER WITHIN MY PROFESSION, AND A MORE HUMBLER SERVANT WITHIN MY COMMUNITY. I AM PROUD TO INTRODUCE MYSELF AS A MEMBER OF JLH TO COLLEAGUES, NEIGHBORS, AND OTHER WOMEN I MEET. I AM OVERLY ECSTATIC ABOUT THE CONNECTIONS I'VE MADE BOTH PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO YEARS AHEAD OF CONTINUING THE WORK AND ADVANCING OUR LEGACY.

LATRIKA WILLIAMS

I CHOSE TO JOIN THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HUNTSVILLE FOR A MULTITUDE OF REASONS, WITH THE FOREMOST BEING MY DESIRE TO CONNECT WITH MY NEW COMMUNITY. HAVING RELOCATED TO HUNTSVILLE IN 2020, AMIDST THE PEAK OF THE PANDEMIC, I FOUND IT CHALLENGING TO SOCIALIZE AND MEET PEOPLE AS I HAD INITIALLY HOPED. THE ISOLATION OF THOSE TIMES LED ME TO SEEK A MEANINGFUL WAY TO ENGAGE WITH LIKE-MINDED WOMEN AND GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. IN 2022, I MADE THE DECISION TO BECOME A PROVISIONAL MEMBER OF JLH, REALIZING THAT I HAD NOTHING TO LOSE AND SO MUCH TO GAIN. I WAS DRAWN TO THE LEAGUE'S COMMITMENT TO BOTH PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND I BELIEVED IT COULD PROVIDE THE PERFECT PLATFORM TO MAKE LASTING CONNECTIONS AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY I NOW CALL HOME. MY JOURNEY WITH JLH HAS SINCE BEEN A REWARDING AND TRANSFORMATIVE ONE, AND I'M EXCITED TO CONTINUE THIS INCREDIBLE ADVENTURE WITH MY FELLOW MEMBERS.

ELIZABETH ARCHER

IN 2018, I JOINED THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HUNTSVILLE (JLH) TO MEET PEOPLE IN THE AREA AND MAKE FRIENDS. I RELOCATED FROM SOUTH ALABAMA TO HUNTSVILLE FOR WORK AND ONLY KNEW A FEW PEOPLE. I DO NOT HAVE FAMILY HERE, SO MEETING FRIENDS IN THE AREA WAS ESSENTIAL. I WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERING. UNFAMILIAR WITH PROGRAMS/VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS/OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREA, THE JLH SEEMED THE BEST FIT FOR MEETING BOTH CRITERIA. SINCE THEN, I HAVE MET BOTH GOALS AND RARELY DO I GO ANYWHERE IN HUNTSVILLE WHERE I DON'T KNOW SOMEONE. JOINING THE JLH HAS MADE HUNTSVILLE HOME FOR ME.

AMY JOHNSON



OUR FALL PROVISIONAL CLASS

By Ashley Hallin, New Member Chair

The JLH New Member Committee welcomed our 2023-2024 Fall Provisional Class this past summer. At our July social, the ladies met one another, their Provisional Advisors and the 2023-2024 JLH Board. This fall class is very special because they are our first Provisional class of the JLH's newly adopted two Provisional classes, Fall and Spring. These new members kicked off their League year on Sunday, July 30th at our Provisional Retreat held at Bridgeworth Wealth Management. The 2023-2024 class is themed "Multifaceted - Unique, United, Unstoppable." During the Retreat, the Provisionals learned about how the League operates and what to expect throughout their first year. They participated in JLH trivia and many of them won JLH swag bags. In August, most Provisionals attended their first GMM at Campus 805 where they were introduced and met other members in the League. These Provisionals have learned all about the JLH and what it means to be a JLH member. They have created and donated bags for ShowerUp Huntsville, donated books to community Little Libraries, donated their time to help organize bins for North Alabama Foster Closet and they are currently in the process of donating lipsticks to the AUM Foundation. In September they participated in the Apple Annie Carnival and in October they attended the Apple Annie Basket Party, where fun was had by all. The Provisional class is also getting excited about the upcoming Holiday Sherry, where they are all sure to sparkle. We are truly excited to welcome this wonderful group of women into the Junior League of Huntsville! No woman is exactly the same, no member is exactly alike, and yet - we all come together as one to better our community.

Unique. United. Unstoppable. Multifaceted!

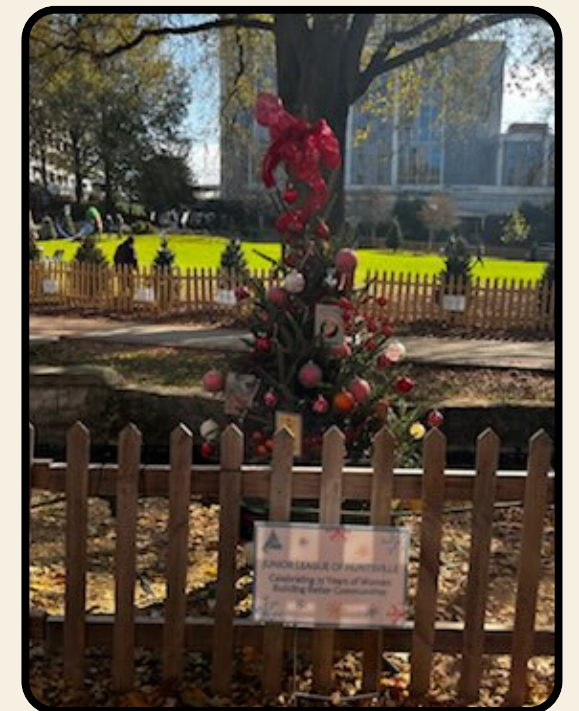


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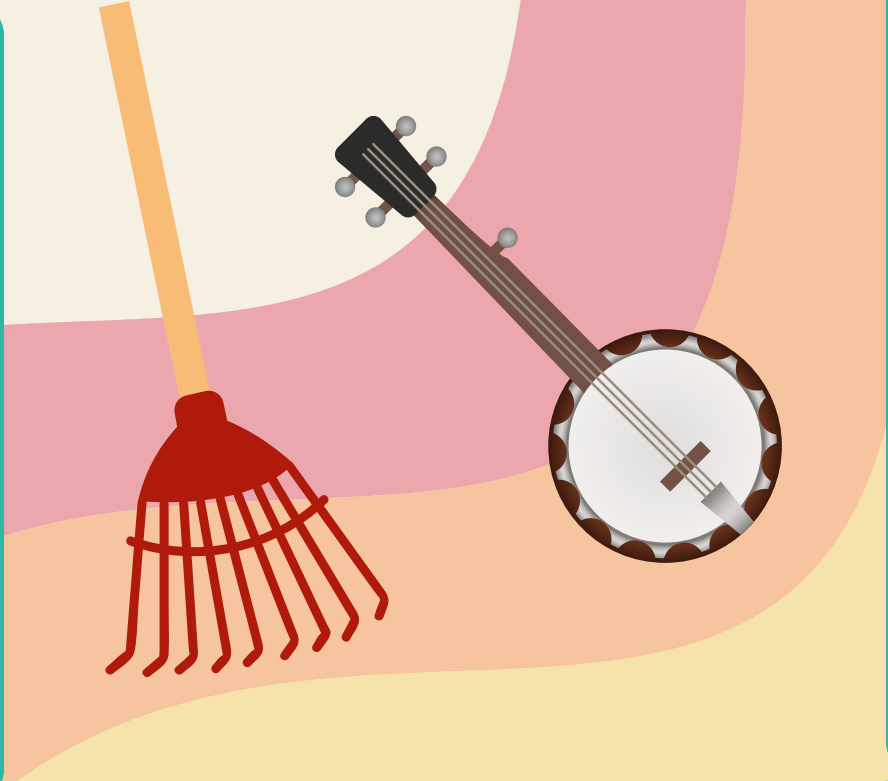
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FALL PROVISIONALS

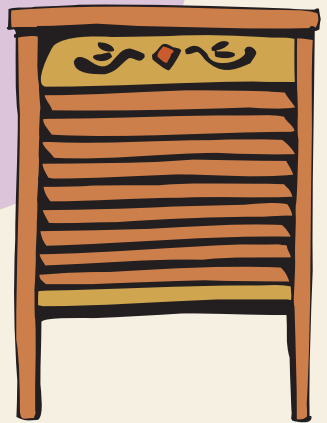


RAINBOW RHYTHM BAND



The band is rockin' it! RRB had four performances in 2023 - the Apple Annie Carnival, Fleming Farms, Parkinson's Dynamics & Redstone Village. The Band loves playing for the community and enjoys the time mingling with both Actives and Sustainers.

We encourage you to join us!



JLH IGNITION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



2022

The 2022 Ignition Scholarship was awarded to **Therisa Means**, owner of **Happy Pup & Play**, newly relocated to North Carolina. Happy Pup & Play is a wonderful company that provides a variety of pet services. Therisa's vision for Happy Pup & Play "is to bring the love of Christ into the pet industry by offering a uniquely phenomenal mix of pet services to take care of the needs of both the Pups and Pup Parents!"



Therisa Means
@happypupandplay

2023

The 2023 Ignition Scholarship was awarded to **Adrienne Garbarino**, owner of **Cove Telehealth for Women**. "At Cove Telehealth we strive to be a safe and welcoming environment where you can find solutions to women's health concerns related to primary care, thyroid, hormones, weight, and wellness. We combine conventional medical prescriptions with functional medicine supplements and lifestyle changes to create a customized treatment plan to help you feel your best!"



Adrienne Garbarino
@cove4women

Congratulations



CONGRATS

SOPHIE GRAVES HALL WELCOMED A BABY BOY IN JULY.

TALA MCCRELESS WELCOMED A BABY BOY IN JULY.

HEATHER CROW WELCOMED A BABY BOY IN SEPTEMBER.

GRACE GREER WELCOMED A BABY GIRL IN SEPTEMBER.

SALLIE KEENE DENTON WAS NAMED TO THE LBM JOURNAL'S INAUGURAL 40 UNDER 40 CLASS.

MALLORY MCCORMACK WAS PROMOTED TO PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE MANAGER AT LEIDOS, SUPPORTING THE REGAN TEST SITE IN HUNTSVILLE AND ON KWAJALEIN ATOLL. **MALLORY** ALSO RECENTLY STARTED A NEW SPORTS PODCAST CALLED "THE STAREDOWN" AVAILABLE ON SPOTIFY, APPLE PODCASTS, AMAZON MUSIC/AUDIBLE, YOUTUBE AND WWW.THEALABAMATAKE.COM.

LETRICIA OGUTU ACCEPTED A NEW JOB AS THE TRIAGE SUPERVISOR FOR WELLSTONE EMERGENCY SERVICES.

WHITNEY O'REAR RECEIVED A PROMOTION AND WAS RECOGNIZED AS A "MOVER AND SHAKER" BY THE HUNTSVILLE/MADISON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

AUNDREA SPEAK AND HER HUSBAND RECENTLY PURCHASED A NEW HOME.

WHITNEY STANLEY RECENTLY GOT ENGAGED.

LAUREN BATTLE COMPETED IN "STARS DANCING FOR HEALS" AND PLACED 2ND RUNNER UP FOR BOTH AWARDS. SHE RAISED A TOTAL OF \$178,000 TO BENEFIT HEALS, INC. WHICH WORKS TO PROVIDE PRIMARY HEALTHCARE FOR HUNTSVILLE CITY/MADISON CO. SCHOOL CHILDREN.

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HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP IN WINTER 2024:

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - JANUARY 8

GMM LUNCH - JANUARY 9

MONTHLY MEETUP WITH JESSICA & HOLLY - JANUARY 12

75TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY @ BAKER & ABLE - JANUARY 26

MONTHLY MEETUP WITH JESSICA & HOLLY - FEBRUARY 9

BOOK CLUB - FEBRUARY 29

BUTTERFLY BOUTIQUE - DATE TBD

COTTAGE MEETINGS - MARCH 4-8

BOOK BALL - MARCH 23

BOOK CLUB - MARCH 27

thank you for reading!