

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HUNTSVILLE'S WINTER ISSUE OF

league lines

~A RECAP OF DECEMBER 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024 HAPPENINGS~



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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.



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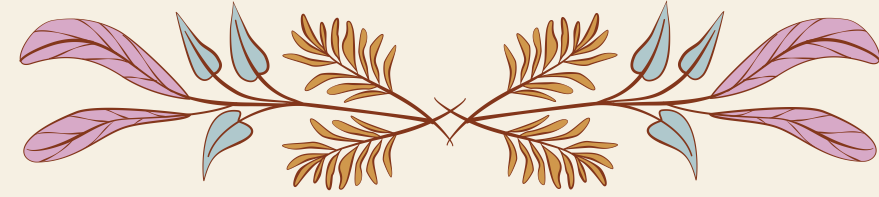
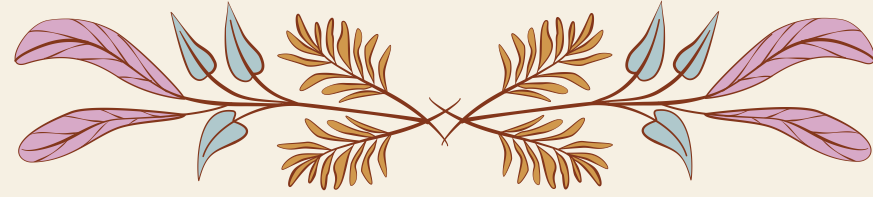
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



It's often said that time flies when you're having fun, and that must be true because somehow we are already well into 2024. As I sit down to write this message I'm reflecting on the first half of our League year and...wow! We have accomplished a lot!

The Apple Annie committee hosted another successful Carnival. The Project Impact committee reviewed more than 30 applications and members voted to award Christmas Charities Year Round with \$30,000 to set-up donation bins across our community that will feature the JLH logo. We've transitioned to a new software platform and updated our bylaws. We kicked off the holiday season together at the beautiful home of Past President, Anne Vasile. We have trained together, learned new skills, and made new friends. We also launched a year-long celebration for our 75th Anniversary!

It is truly gratifying to watch the women in our organization as they pour into our community and soar to new heights. It has me circling back to my "why"...why I joined the League more than a decade ago and why I've stayed involved for all these years. For me, it's the people.

As a young professional I, like many others, was frequently encouraged to find groups and organizations with like-minded individuals. Mentors told me this would help me get plugged-in, find my niche, and grow. In 2013 I thought the JLH would be a great organization to join so I could surround myself with similar, like-minded women.

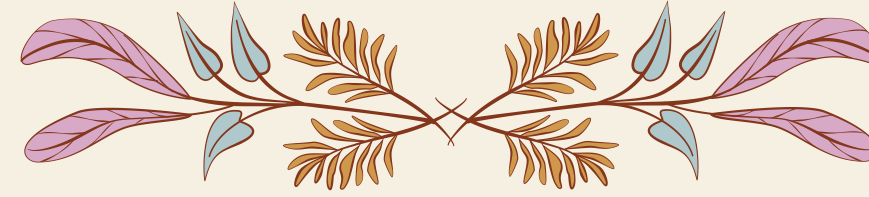
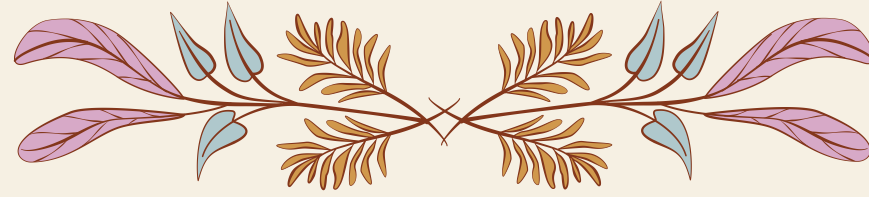
A decade later, I've found that what has actually been the most rewarding part of my JLH experience is meeting people with *different* views and backgrounds from my own. I've learned more from interactions and the relationships I've built with members who are different from me than I could ever learn in a classroom. It's opened my mind to new ideas and helped expand my worldview.

So, 2013 Jessica was right - the Junior League was a great organization to join, but not because it surrounded me with like-minded women. The JLH is great because it has connected me with people who are not like me; different and incredible women that I never would have met otherwise.

I challenge you to seek out women in our organization that you don't think you have much in common with. Intentionally strike up a conversation with someone new. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Embracing our differences and unique qualities only further enhances the dynamics of our organization. I'm excited to watch all the amazing connections you make and the ways in which it allows you to shine not just for JLH but in all areas of your life.

Jessica Johnson

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EVP



Since our last League Lines, we have embarked on the journey of a new year, and I'm thrilled to celebrate accomplishments together. As we reflect on the past few months, the words "strength, resilience, and ingenuity" come to mind. These qualities, embodied by each of you, fuel the impact we create together.

We continue to impact our community in significant ways through our Community Projects including Abolish, Project Impact, BIRTHday Books, Butterfly, and Rainbow Rhythm Band. Abolish recently attended the Alabama Human Trafficking Summit in Montgomery where they were able to continue our fight against human trafficking, empowering survivors and raising awareness. Project Impact recently awarded this year's recipient, Christmas Charities Year Round, with a \$30,000 grant to support their clothing recycling efforts! Through BIRTHday Books the joy of literacy reached countless families through *Goodnight Moon*. Rainbow Rhythm Band continues to spread happiness throughout the Huntsville area with their joyous performances. And last but not least, Butterfly just completed their Boutique where they provided dresses, shoes, and accessories to many young women for their upcoming proms, with their scholarships yet to go!

Beyond community projects, we prioritize your growth and development. Leadership training programs have equipped members with invaluable skills to excel in their careers and lead impactful initiatives. These programs will continue throughout the rest of the League Year, and I look forward to seeing some of you at these events!

From enriching social events to insightful group discussions, we've strengthened bonds within our League family. Your laughter, compassion, and shared experiences create a truly special space. The future holds immense possibilities. With unwavering dedication, passionate members like you, and a clear vision, we will continue to empower women, inspire others, and transform lives.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your unwavering dedication and commitment. Your contributions, big and small, make a world of difference. With each step we take together, we leave an indelible mark on our city and empower ourselves and others to reach our full potential.

Holly Brockman

HOLIDAY SHERRY

DECEMBER 4, 2023



Holiday Sherry

The Junior League of Huntsville invites you to join us for a **Merry & Bright** celebration at the home of

ANNE VASILE
JLH President, 2018 - 2019

Our Sustainers are our guests.

MONDAY
4 DECEMBER 2023
6:00 PM

300 Dawn Avenue SE,
Huntsville, Alabama, 35801

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 18, 2023
Attire is festive, chic, holiday sparkle!
Cocktail is encouraged, but dressy casual is welcome.

2023'S HOLIDAY SHERRY WAS A FESTIVE NIGHT THAT UNOFFICIALLY KICKED OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON. THANK YOU TO PAST PRESIDENT (2018-2019) ANNE VASILE FOR OPENING YOUR LOVELY HOME TO US!



COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS: STARS DANCING FOR HEALS



CONGRATUATIONS TO KRISTINA HENDRIX (2022) AND LAUREN BATTLE (2023) WHO COMPETED IN DANCING FOR HEALS! TOGETHER, THEY RAISED OVER \$200,000 (!!) TO BENEFIT HEALS, INC. WHICH WORKS TO PROVIDE PRIMARY HEALTHCARE FOR HUNTSVILLE CITY/MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL CHILDREN.

WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU, LADIES!



Sisterhood

ZOOM INDOOR CYCLING EVENT: JANUARY 14

SHOWERUP HUNTSVILLE (& DONE IN A DAY): JAN. 14 & FEB. 24

FEBRUARY RECRUITMENT + SISTERHOOD EVENT: FEBRUARY 26

THE SISTERHOOD COMMITTEE HAS BEEN WORKING HARD TO ORGANIZE AMAZING EVENTS THAT ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY, AWARENESS, LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP.



COOKIE DECORATING CLASS

DECEMBER 7, 2023

Sisterhood



10TH ANNUAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUMMIT

JANUARY 5, 2024

BY ELIZABETH LOMAX, ABOLISH CHAIR

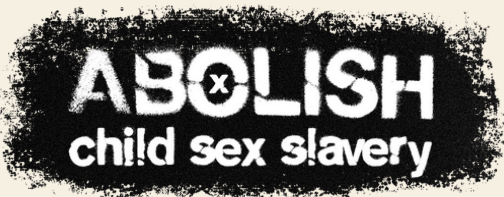
JLH'S ABOLISH HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMITTEE ATTENDED THE 10TH ANNUAL ALABAMA HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUMMIT IN MONTGOMERY, AL. EACH YEAR, THIS EVENT BRINGS TOGETHER THOSE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING TO NETWORK, BRAINSTORM, AND RECEIVE UPDATES OF THE ONGOING EFFORTS HAPPENING THROUGHOUT OUR STATE.

THE EVENT KICKED OFF WITH OPENING REMARKS FROM GOVERNOR KAY IVEY AND ATTORNEY GENERAL STEVE MARSHALL. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION OVER THE TWO-DAY EVENT COVERED LABOR TRAFFICKING, THE SUGARING CRISIS IN ALABAMA, SEX TRAFFICKING INDICATORS AND PREDICTORS, AND GANGS AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING. ATTENDEES HEARD A SURVIVOR'S STORY, PARTICIPATED IN BREAK-OUT SESSIONS GEARED TOWARD SERVICE PROVIDERS, FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, MEDICAL, LAW ENFORCEMENT, EDUCATION, AND LEGAL, AND RECEIVED UPDATES FROM ORGANIZATIONS TO INCLUDE THE DHS CENTER FOR COUNTERING HUMAN TRAFFICKING, NORTHEAST ALABAMA HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE, ALABAMA ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING ALLIANCE, AND FBI.

“HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFFECTS VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES - NOT JUST FOR THAT TIME BUT FOR GENERATIONS,” SAID CARLTON PEEPLES, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, FBI BIRMINGHAM. “NO ONE PERSON OR ENTITY CAN SOLVE THIS ALONE. IT REQUIRES LAW ENFORCEMENT AT ALL LEVELS TO COLLABORATE WITH EACH OTHER AS WELL AS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITIES AND WITH THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE.”

JLH WAS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BIRMINGHAM AS THE LUNCH SPONSORS FOR THE SUMMIT. SPECIAL THANKS TO E & E HOUSE OF FLOWERS FOR THE BEAUTIFUL ARRANGEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE ROOM!

WE CAME AWAY FROM THE SUMMIT INSPIRED TO CONTINUE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR'S EVENT.



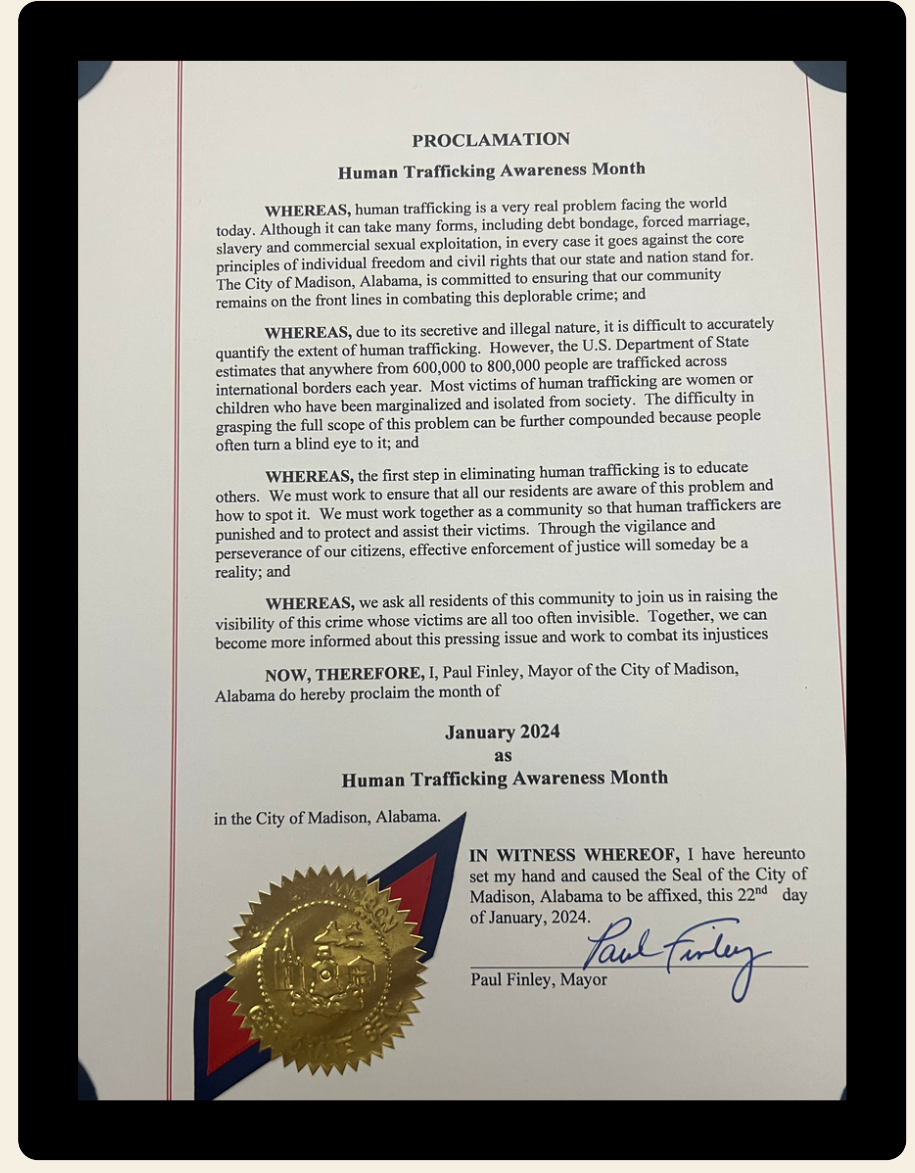
ABOLISH
child sex slavery

THROUGH THE INCREDIBLE WORK OF
OUR ABOLISH TEAM, THE JLH WAS ABLE
TO SECURE PROCLAMATIONS FROM
HUNTSVILLE, MADISON & ATHENS
DECLARING JANUARY AS HUMAN
TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH.

WHAT AN ACCOMPLISHMENT!



**ABOLISH CHAIR
ELIZABETH LOMAX AND
ATHENS MAYOR
RONNIE MARKS**



HAVOC NIGHT

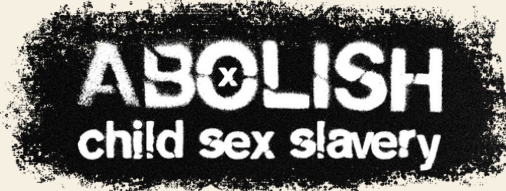
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BY ELIZABETH LOMAX, ABOLISH CHAIR

THE ABOLISH COMMITTEE PARTICIPATED IN "END HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS NIGHT" AT THE HUNTSVILLE HAVOC VS. PEORIA RIVERMEN HOCKEY GAME.

FANS STOPPED BY THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HUNTSVILLE'S BOOTH PRIOR TO THE GAME TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE REALITIES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND TO GRAB BLUE AWARENESS RIBBONS AND MAGNETS.

JANUARY IS NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH. THE JLH'S ABOLISH COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES ON HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND REPORT HUMAN TRAFFICKING.



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR SPRING PROVISIONAL CLASS

Multifaceted - Unique, United, Unstoppable!

TAMICA BARNUM

KATIE COPPENS

HANNAH CRUTE

SHANNA DAVID

MADELINE "MADDIE" DASARO

LALITA "LITA" DOWARD

JORDAN GREEN

CRYSTAL HERNDON

HANNAH HUSKEY

KELSEY LAMBERT

VICTORIA LAYTON

LAUREN LEE

MORGAN LESLIE

ASHDEN MANER

LILLY MARTIN

MELISSA "MISSY" MCLEAN

AMANDA MOBLEY

ELAINE MOORE

HANNAH PLATKO

ELAINE PONDER

SHELBY SLIZ

TERESA TESTMAN

CECELIA WETTSTEIN

JASMIN WILLIAMS

KELLEY WOLFE



NEW MEMBER WINTER SOCIAL

JANUARY 7, 2024

BY LETRICIA OGUTU, NEW MEMBER CHAIR

THE NEW MEMBER WINTER SOCIAL WAS HELD AT JLH PRESIDENT JESSICA JOHNSON'S HOUSE FOR THIS YEAR'S SPRING PROVISIONAL CLASS. THE CLASS OF 25 WERE WELCOMED BY LEAGUE LEADERSHIP, THE NEW MEMBER COMMITTEE AND ACTIVE MEMBERS. WE'RE SO EXCITED TO HAVE THE FELLOWSHIP OF THIS DIVERSE GROUP OF WOMEN!



TRANSFER MEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 21, 2023

BY BETSI BOUTWELL, NEW MEMBER COMMITTEE

MONIQUE PRIDGIN AND KESHIA ROSS COHOSTED A WONDERFUL MEMBER TRANSFER PARTY, IT WAS A FESTIVE FUN TIME WITH COMMUNITY, GOODIES, LAUGHTER, AND LEARNING HOW TO MAKE SNOW GLOBES.

FUN FACT: MONIQUE AND KESHIA WERE IN THE LEAGUE TOGETHER IN VIRGINIA SO IT WAS A GREAT TIME FOR OLD AND NEW FRIENDS ALIKE!

Welcome

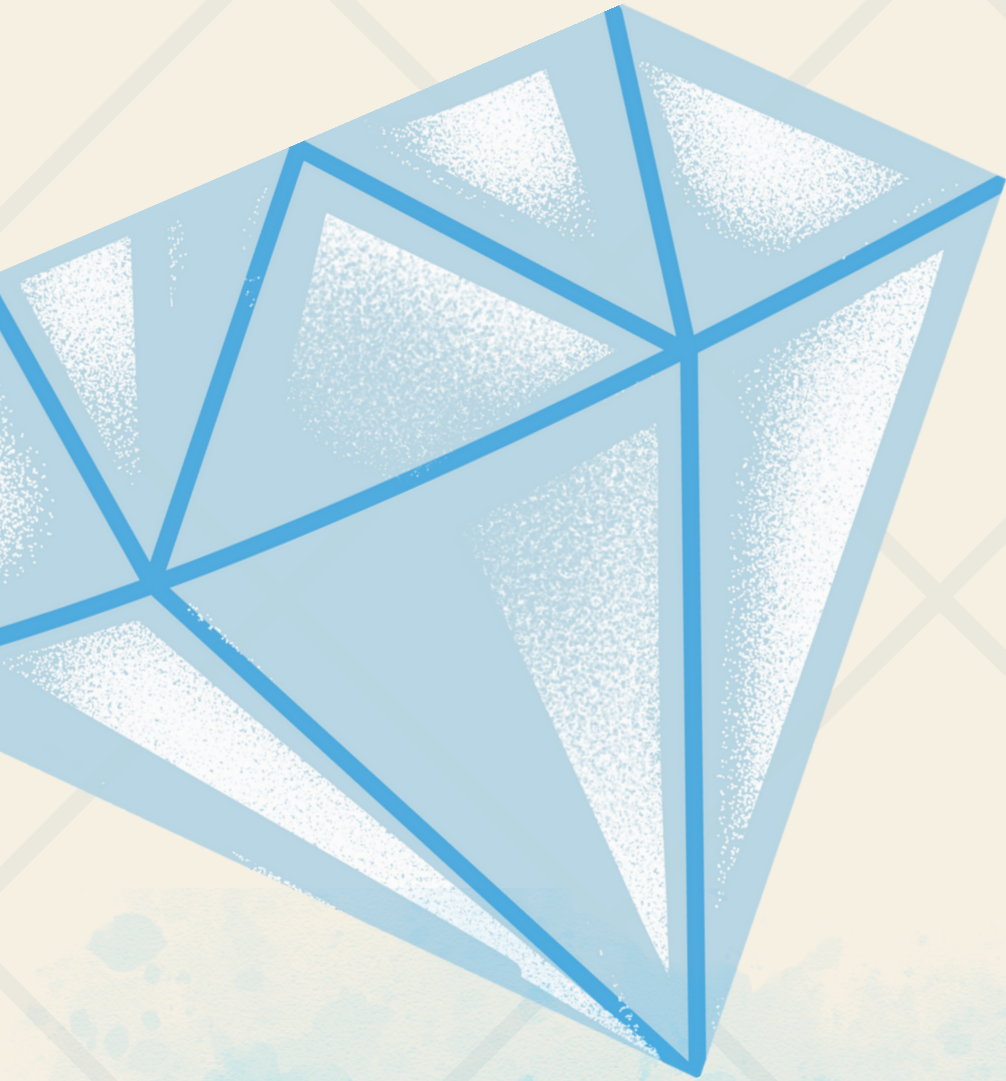


**LADIES LEFT TO RIGHT:
KESHIA ROSS (NORTHERN VIRGINIA), BETSI BOUTWELL
(JLH NEW MEMBER COMMITTEE),
MONIQUE PRIDGIN (NORTHERN VIRGINIA), MCCAMY
HOLLOWAY (RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA) &
JOSIE TAYLOR (TAMPA, FLORIDA)**

JLH 75TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

JANUARY 26, 2024

BY AMY ROARK, JLH PAST PRESIDENT, 2022-23



WE KICKED OFF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HUNTSVILLE'S 75TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS WITH A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THE LEAGUE AT BAKER & ABLE. ACTIVES, PROVISIONALS, SUSTAINERS, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS CAME OUT TO COMMEMORATE THE IMPACT JLH HAS HAD ON OUR COMMUNITY AND EVERYTHING WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED. THE PARTY WAS THEMED AFTER TIFFANY'S SIGNATURE BLUE, AS DIAMONDS REPRESENT 75TH ANNIVERSARIES. PARTYGOERS ENJOYED AN UNSEASONABLY WARM EVENING AND THE VIEWS OF DOWNTOWN HUNTSVILLE FROM THE 7TH FLOOR ROOFTOP PATIO DID NOT DISAPPOINT. SIGH PHOTO BOOTH PROVIDED A PHOTO BOOTH WHICH CAPTURED MEMORIES WITH THE DIAMOND MOTIF. AND LEAGUE ACTIVE MARKESHA MCCANTS' FLORAL COMPANY, POEM OF PETALS, PROVIDED LOVELY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EVENING.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR FOUNDING DIAMOND SOCIETY MEMBER JENNIFER HERRIN AND OUR DIAMOND SOCIETY MEMBERS AMY GODDARD AND ELISE TAYLOR FOR THEIR GENEROUS GIFTS TO THE LEAGUE TO FURTHER OUR MISSION. *Thank you!*

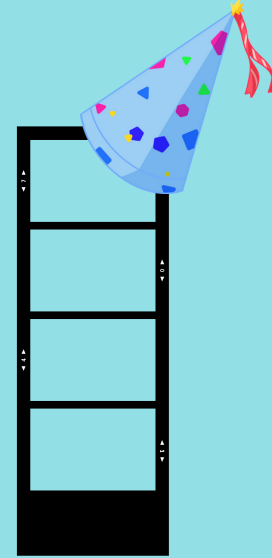
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THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HUNTSVILLE CELEBRATES



BLACK HISTORY Month



THE JLH HONORS AND CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH. WE ALL HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING PART OF SUCH A DIVERSE GROUP OF WOMEN, AND ARE EVEN LUCKIER TO HAVE HAD THE LEADERSHIP OF TWO BLACK PRESIDENTS AND ONE SOON-TO-SERVE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LEAGUE, NANCY, KRISTINA & BRITTANY!





A Q&A WITH NANCY VAUGHN

JLH PRESIDENT, 2017-2018



WHAT DOES BLACK HISTORY MONTH MEAN TO YOU?

TO ME, BLACK HISTORY MONTH (WHICH BEGAN AS NEGRO HISTORY WEEK IN 1926 AS ESTABLISHED BY DR. CARTER G. WOODSON TO COINCIDE WITH THE BIRTHDAYS OF PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND MR. FREDERICK DOUGLASS) IS A WONDERFUL TIME TO SHOWCASE THE DIVERSE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BLACK AMERICANS TO OUR NATION.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO JOIN THE JLH?

I JOINED JLH BECAUSE I HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED SERVING MY COMMUNITY. AS A NEWCOMER TO THE GREATER HUNTSVILLE COMMUNITY IN 2007, I WANTED TO MEET LIKE-MINDED WOMEN WHO WERE COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE.

WHY DID SERVING IN JLH LEADERSHIP APPEAL TO YOU? HOW DID/DO YOU FEEL ABOUT BEING THE JLH'S 1ST BLACK PRESIDENT?

I APPRECIATED SERVING IN LEADERSHIP ROLES IN JLH. WHEN I WAS ASKED TO SERVE IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS THROUGHOUT MY ACTIVE YEARS IN JLH, I READILY AGREED BECAUSE I ENJOY OPPORTUNITIES TO BE A SERVANT LEADER. I FELT A (SELF-IMPOSED DUE TO BEING "THE FIRST" OF ANY SORT) TREMENDOUS PRESSURE TO PERFORM MY DUTIES AS PRESIDENT WITHOUT ANY FLAWS. I HOPE THAT MY SERVICE TO OUR LEAGUE WAS VERY BENEFICIAL FOR OUR MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY!

WHO OR WHAT INSPIRES YOU?

PRIOR TO BECOMING A MOTHER, I WOULD HAVE ANSWERED THAT MY MOM, MARY, INSPIRES ME. MY MOM IS STILL AN INSPIRATION TO ME, AND I ENJOY MY TIME VISITING WITH HER WHEN I CAN TRAVEL TO DO SO. HOWEVER, AS THE MOM OF AN ALMOST THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, MARY, I MUST SAY THAT MY DAUGHTER NOW INSPIRES ME DAILY. I HOPE TO LEAVE A FAMILY LEGACY OF ADVENTURE, INDEPENDENCE, PROFESSIONALISM, AND SERVICE THAT MY DAUGHTER WILL BE PROUD OF AND EMBRACE IN HER ADULTHOOD.

WHAT DO YOU WANT WOMEN TO REMEMBER ABOUT YOUR TIME AS PRESIDENT?

I HOPE THAT WOMEN IN OUR LEAGUE RECALL THE PHENOMENAL "LEAD LIKE A GIRL" TRAINING SERIES THAT WAS PLANNED AND FACILITATED BY AN AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE JLH PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS DURING THE 2017-18 YEAR WHEN I SERVED AS PRESIDENT. THAT DIVERSE TRAINING SERIES CONSISTED OF FEMALE PROFESSIONAL PRESENTERS INCLUDING AN ESTATE LAW ATTORNEY, ETIQUETTE ADVISOR, FITNESS INSTRUCTOR, NEWS ANCHOR, BANKER, AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE LEADERS.



A Q&A WITH KRISTINA HENDRIX

JLH PRESIDENT, 2021-2022



WHAT DOES BLACK HISTORY MONTH MEAN TO YOU?

BLACK HISTORY MONTH IS A CELEBRATION OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF THE TRAGEDIES OF BLACK AMERICANS. I LOOK FORWARD TO FEBRUARY BECAUSE I LEARN SOMETHING NEW. WE SHOULD EMBRACE AND LEARN FROM ALL PEOPLE WHO MAKE UP THIS PATCHWORK QUILT WE CALL AMERICA.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO JOIN THE JLH?

I WANTED TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST DECISIONS I MADE.

WHY DID SERVING IN JLH LEADERSHIP APPEAL TO YOU? HOW DID/DO YOU FEEL ABOUT BEING THE JLH'S 2ND BLACK PRESIDENT?

GOODNESS, I TOLD MYSELF WHEN I GOT IN THE LEAGUE I WAS GOING TO USE THIS TIME TO BE A BETTER FOLLOWER. MY FELLOW PROVISIONAL, ANNA BLAXTON, SAID, "KRISTINA, YOU ARE GOING TO BE PRESIDENT." I WAVED HER OFF. WELL, SHE WAS RIGHT. I QUICKLY GOT THE "LEADERSHIP" BUG. I ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS AND ENJOYED EVERY POSITION I HELD. I DIDN'T THINK MUCH ABOUT BEING THE SECOND. I JUST WANTED TO BE THE BEST LEADER I COULD BE FOR JLH. I HONESTLY THINK IT MEANS AND MEANT MORE TO OTHERS TO SEE A LEADER WHO LOOKED LIKE THEMSELVES. IT MEANT A LOT TO ME... STILL DOES. PROUD WOULD BE THE WORD I WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE MYSELF AFTER MY TENURE. I'M PROUD OF WHAT WE WERE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH TOGETHER AND I'M PROUD OF THE FACT THAT MY FELLOW LEAGUE MEMBERS HELD ME IN SUCH HIGH REGARD.

WHO OR WHAT INSPIRES YOU?

MY FAITH IN THE LORD IS WHAT INSPIRES ME. I LEAN ON MANY SCRIPTURES TO GUIDE ME. MY FAVORITE IS ECCLESIASTES 5:19- TO ENJOY YOUR WORK AND ACCEPT YOUR LOT IN LIFE IS INDEED A GIFT FROM GOD. BASICALLY, IF YOU LOVE WHAT YOU DO AND STAY PLANTED WHERE GOD PLACED YOU, YOUR LIFE IS GOOD! I TRULY BELIEVE THAT - GOD PLACED JLH IN MY LIFE. I WORKED HARD AND LOVED IT AND JLH WAS THE GIFT I NEEDED.

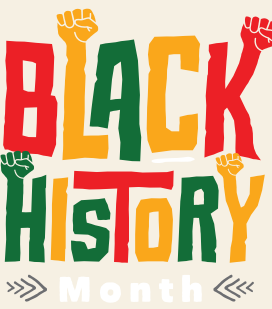
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HA! THAT I WAS EFFICIENT! SERIOUSLY, WE ARE EXTREMELY BUSY WOMEN WITH CAREERS AND FAMILIES. WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY AROUND. WHAT MOST PEOPLE WILL REMEMBER ABOUT ME IS THAT I RESPECTED THEIR TIME AND I GOT THE JOB DONE. I WAS AROUND ON THE TAIL END OF COVID. MY TENURE WAS DIFFERENT BUT I KNEW PEOPLE WANTED TO GET BACK TO JLH. HOW TO DO THAT WAS TO BE EFFICIENT BECAUSE MEMBERS COULD BE ANYWHERE ELSE BUT THEY CHOSE THE LEAGUE.



A Q&A WITH BRITTANY PRUITT

PRESIDENT-ELECT, 2024-2025



WHAT DOES BLACK HISTORY MONTH MEAN TO YOU?

IT'S A TIME TO REFLECT ON WHERE WE'VE BEEN, WHERE WE ARE NOW, AND REMEMBERING WHERE WE ARE GOING. WHILE WE SHOULD BE WILLING TO HAVE HARD CONVERSATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THIS IS VERY MUCH A TIME TO TALK ABOUT NOT ONLY THE COMMON HISTORICAL BLACK FIGURES BUT LITTLE-KNOWN BLACK AMERICANS WHO IMPACTED OUR COUNTRY.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO JOIN THE JLH?

MY ROAD TO THE JLH IS LIKE MANY IN OUR THE LEAGUE; I STARTED MY JOURNEY AT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BIRMINGHAM. WHAT INSPIRED ME TO JOIN THE JUNIOR LEAGUE WHEN I DID WAS BECAUSE 1. I KNEW SOME PRETTY AMAZING WOMEN WHO WERE MEMBERS, 2. IT SEEMED LIKE THE BEST WAY TO CONTINUE TO SERVE MY COMMUNITY, 3. I WAS FRESH OUT OF GRADUATE SCHOOL AND WANTED TO CONNECT WITH SERVICE-ORIENTED AND LIKE-MINDED WOMEN, AND LASTLY, 4. I FINALLY MET THE AGE REQUIREMENT!

WHY DOES SERVING IN JLH LEADERSHIP APPEAL TO YOU? HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT BECOMING THE JLH'S 3RD BLACK PRESIDENT?

I WAS DRAWN TO LEADERSHIP WITHIN OUR LEAGUE BECAUSE MY HEART LIES WITH OUR MEMBERS.

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I AM HONORED TO BE JOINING THIS GROUP OF REMARKABLE WOMEN WHO HAVE DONE SO MUCH FOR OUR COMMUNITY. BEING OUR LEAGUE'S THIRD BLACK PRESIDENT MEANS A GREAT DEAL TO ME BECAUSE IT SHOWS WE ARE MAKING STRIDES TO HAVING OUR LEADERS MIRROR OUR MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE. ALTHOUGH I FEEL LIKE WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY, WE'RE STILL NOT QUITE THERE YET.

WHO OR WHAT INSPIRES YOU?

PEOPLE - I AM INSPIRED BY THE PEOPLE I COME IN CONTACT WITH DAILY. YOU CAN LEARN SO MUCH ABOUT A PERSON BY TAKING THE TIME TO UNDERSTAND AND ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR TRIUMPHS AND STRUGGLES.

WHAT DO YOU WANT WOMEN TO REMEMBER ABOUT YOUR TIME AS PRESIDENT?

I BELIEVE THAT OUR LEAGUE IS ONLY AS STRONG AS OUR MEMBERS. DURING MY TIME AS PRESIDENT I WANT THEM TO REMEMBER ME AS BEING A PRESIDENT THAT WAS APPROACHABLE, AVAILABLE, AND COMPASSIONATE.

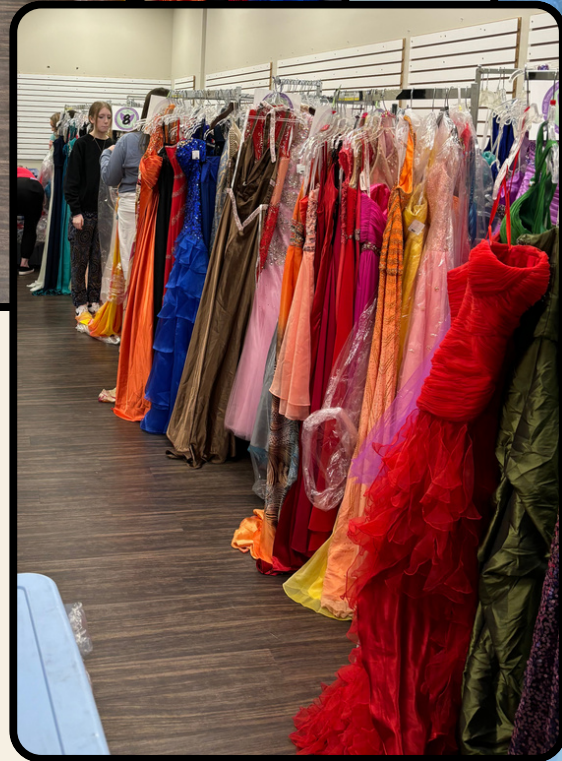


BUTTERFLY PROJECT

FEBRUARY 23 & 24, 2024



BY JESSICA HAACK JOHNSON & ASHLEY JOHNSON, BUTTERFLY PROJECT CO-CHAIRS



BUTTERFLY BOUTIQUE WAS HELD AT BRIDGE STREET TOWN CENTRE ON FEBRUARY 23 & 24, WITH A PROVISIONAL SET-UP SHIFT ON FEBRUARY 19. A TOTAL OF 48 BUTTERFLIES ATTENDED AND MOST LEFT WITH TWO DRESSES, ALONG WITH JEWELRY AND SHOES. AT LEAST FIVE OF THE BUTTERFLIES IN ATTENDANCE ARE A PART OF THE AUM FOUNDATION. WE ARE SO HONORED TO BE A PART OF THESE GIRLS' FORMAL EVENTS.



BUTTERFLY BOUTIQUE: PROVISIONAL SHIFT

FEBRUARY 19, 2024



PROJECT IMPACT GRANT

BY CATHRYN SCHATUNG-DOUD, PROJECT IMPACT CHAIR

ABOUT THE GRANT:

THE PROJECT IMPACT GRANT IS A VERY SPECIAL GRANT OPEN TO ALL NON-PROFITS IN THE GREATER MADISON COUNTY / HUNTSVILLE CITY AREA. THE FUND IS ESTABLISHED BY THE JUNIOR LEAGUE TO SUPPORT HUNTSVILLE AND ITS LOCAL CHARITIES. APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED BY THE JLN'S PROJECT IMPACT GRANTS COMMITTEE. FINALISTS SELECTED ARE PRESENTED TO THE LEAGUE'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE SPRING. JLN MEMBERS VOTE FOR THE FINALIST OF HER CHOICE AND THE FINALIST WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE VOTES RECEIVES THE PROJECT IMPACT GRANT.

THE 2023-24 RECIPIENT IS...

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES YEAR ROUND (CCYR.ORG)

THE GRANT WILL BE USED TO EXPAND THEIR REUSE AND RECYCLE PROGRAM AND TO COLLECT AND REDISTRIBUTE DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND TEXTILES BY PURCHASING NEW COLLECTION BINS TO PLACE AROUND MADISON COUNTY.



TRAINING EVENT: PERSONAL FINANCE & INVESTING*

FEBRUARY 28, 2024 ~ FOR JLH MEMBERS & THE BUTTERFLIES



IN ADDITION TO THIS EVENT, THE JLH TRAINING COUNCIL HAS GRACIOUSLY ORGANIZED RECENT SESSIONS INCLUDING A SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING SEMINAR ON DECEMBER 6TH AND A BASICS OF NON-PROFIT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR ON JANUARY 29TH.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE 2024 TRAINING SESSIONS INCLUDING A GARDENING & BEEKEEPING EVENT IN MARCH, A PUBLIC SPEAKING FUNDAMENTALS CLASS IN APRIL (ALSO WITH THE BUTTERFLIES!) AND LAUNCH INTO LEADERSHIP ON MAY 7TH.

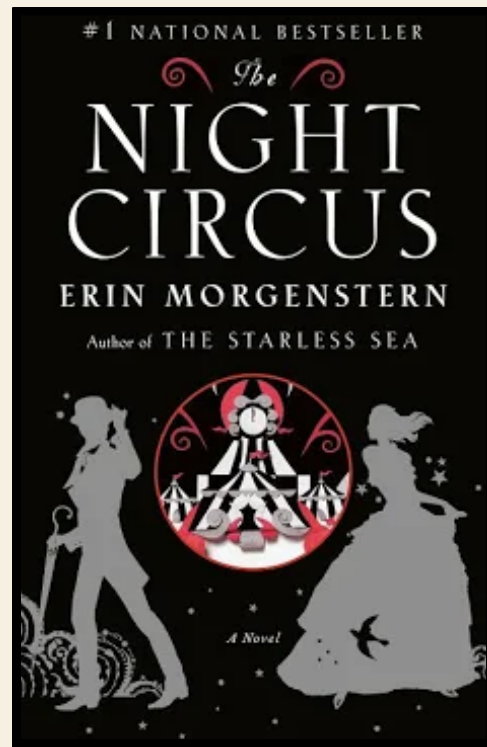


A HUGE SHOUT OUT TO OUR SUSTAINING MEMBER LANA SMITH AND HER COMPANY MONEY & MERLOT FOR LEADING THIS TRAINING!



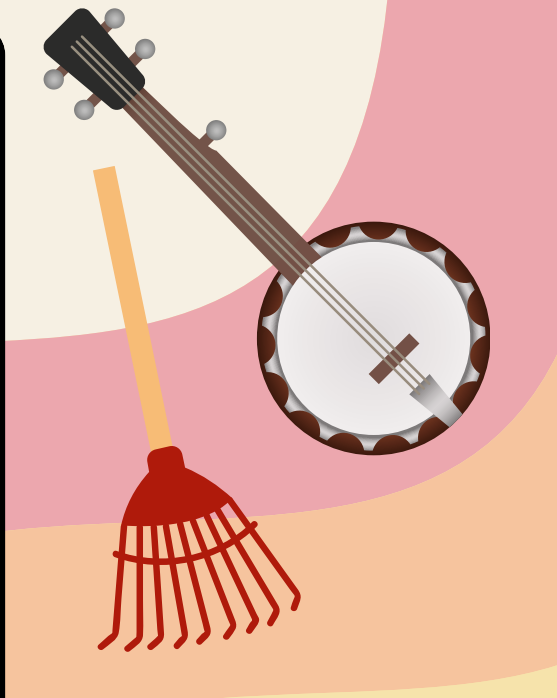
BOOK CLUB

FEBRUARY 29, 2024



THE JLH BOOK CLUB GOT TOGETHER TO DISCUSS ERIN MORGANSTERN'S THE NIGHT CIRCUS, WHICH IS ALSO OUR THEME FOR 2024'S BOOK BALL. IT WAS A WONDERFUL NIGHT SHARING A LOVE FOR READING AND THE CONNECTION IT BRINGS!

RAINBOW RHYTHM BAND

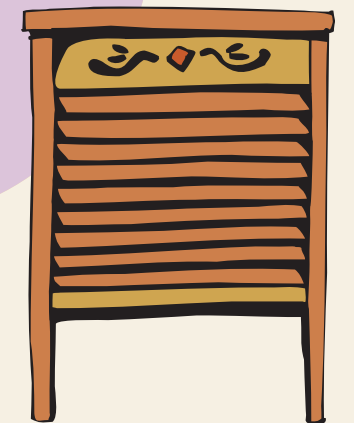


Still Rockin!

The RRB closed 2023 with two strong performances:
Parkinson's Dynamics on December 2nd
and Redstone Village on December 11th.

We entertained at Brookdale on
February 26th, 2024.

We always have the best time and walk
away feeling such a happiness in our
hearts. We encourage you to join us!



CONGRATS

K.C. DAVIS GOT ENGAGED

LYNN DALY WELCOMED A BABY BOY

KATY EPPS WELCOMED A BABY BOY

ELIZABETH LOMAX WELCOMED A BABY GIRL



APPLE ANNIE RAISED \$25,145.03!!

league lines

HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP IN SPRING/SUMMER 2024:

COTTAGE MEETINGS - MARCH 4-8

BOOK BALL - MARCH 23

SHOWERUP / DONE IN A DAY - MARCH 24

BOOK CLUB - MARCH 27

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - APRIL 8

TRAINING COUNCIL PUBLIC SPEAKING FUNDAMENTALS - APRIL 10

MONTHLY DINNER MEETUP WITH JESSICA & HOLLY @ STOVEHOUSE - APRIL 11

BOOK CLUB - APRIL 30

MONTHLY MEETUP WITH JESSICA & HOLLY - MAY 3

LAUNCH INTO LEADERSHIP - MAY 7

ANNUAL CELEBRATION - EXACT DATE TBD; STAY TUNED!

RAINBOW RHYTHM BAND - APRIL 2 @ HUDSON ALPHA, APRIL 28 @ PANOPLY & MAY 16
@ ST MARK BAPTIST CHURCH

thank you for reading!