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The Junior League of Huntsville, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The Junior League welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of individuals, organizations, and communities. Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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Note

Thank you for reading our holiday edition of League Lines! Inside you'll find all of our usual content on the work that the Junior League of Huntsville does in support of our community, member news, event photos, and more!

You'll also see hyperlinks, formatted to take you right to our [website](#), our advertisers and sponsors, and more.

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President's Message



Can you believe we are almost halfway through our 70th year? This time of year always reminds me how thankful I am to be surrounded by such a diverse group of women that continually give to our community. This year I've been so fortunate to see these acts of kindness not just through the committee or council I'm serving but through the eyes of the Board of Directors. I encourage each and everyone of you to step outside of your committees and councils and check out the impact the League is making in our community.

Apple Annie was a huge success and I'm so looking forward to our 2nd Annual Book Ball. I find myself constantly following fashion influencers on Instagram to find my outfit for 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea. Speaking of fashion influencers, it's almost time for the Butterfly Boutique, another way to volunteer and help girls prepare for their Prom, I hope to see you there! You all have given countless hours of your time, from making sure that our members are cared for, our community is cared for, and keeping up with our community needs, making the Junior League of Huntsville an asset to Huntsville/ Madison County.

There is still a lot to be done in the next six months, but as we finish out our 70th year, my hope is that you will continue to stay engaged in the League and in our community. I pray that you and your families have a happy, healthy, and fulfilling holiday season!

Merry Christmas,

Margo

Margo Alford
Junior League of Huntsville, President
2019-2020



Executive Vice President's Message



How about those apples? Our oldest fundraiser and first fundraiser of the year, Apple Annie, sold \$48,987.50 in apples!! I am not going to lie...it is hard to believe that selling apples can raise so much money for our community projects. During my adventures to Junior League Annual Conferences, we spend a fair amount of time networking with other Leagues from around the world. One of the first things we usually discuss are fundraisers. The other Leagues are usually shocked to hear that our oldest fundraiser involves the sale of apples. It has become ingrained in our League culture and a part of community. I remember as a child going to see my own mom dressed in red tights at Lawren's selling apples in her custom-made wooden apple basket. As we wrap up the 44th year of Apple Annie, I would like to thank each of you for making it a success whether you purchased apples, worked an early morning basket party or donned red tights to deliver apples; you made this fundraiser a success.

But wait....there is more...our second fundraiser the Book Ball is gearing up for its second year. Mark your calendar for the best party in town. The Book Ball will be held on Saturday, March 14 at the Stone Center with a theme of 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea. We will have sponsorship opportunities and ticket sales for the event. Stay tuned for more information on how you can support this fundraiser!

In January, we will shift our focus to a difficult topic: Human Trafficking. The AJLI as well as JLH have partnered with ABOLISH to help bring awareness to the issue of Human Trafficking. Through our partnership with ABOLISH, Leagues have joined forces with law enforcement, government officials, anti-trafficking organizations and other community members to raise public awareness on human trafficking and advocate for anti-trafficking legislation. According to the ABOLISH website, "To-date, 50-plus Junior Leagues have joined the fight against human trafficking. League coalitions have worked to pass more than 25 different pieces of anti-trafficking legislation, primarily at the state and local level." This is a very real problem even in Huntsville, Alabama. We will have a guest speaker at our January General Membership Meeting that will further elaborate on the topic. Our own Human Trafficking Committee is organizing a breakfast on January 22nd with other community leaders to further educate our community on this issue.

On a happier note, the members of the Butterfly Project are hard at work to honor deserving Madison County high school senior girls by mentoring them and providing scholarships and prom dresses. Mark your calendar for our Butterfly Boutique on February 21-23, 2019. We will need lots of volunteers to staff the event. Though the winter months are often cold and dreary, we have lots of activities and events scheduled to keep you warm and busy.

Regards,

Greer

Greer Gray Eleazer

Junior League of Huntsville, Executive Vice President
2019-2020



Apple Annie Announcements



The Apple Annie Committee is thrilled to announce our final total of \$48,987.50! We are so excited that we beat our \$25,000 net goal by THOUSANDS! Way to go Junior League of Huntsville! The Apple Annie Committee would never have been able to reach our goals without YOU!

Thank you to everyone who braved the rain on Apple Annie Day and helped get those last minute sales. We know everyone dealt with the rain that day but we want to send a big SHOUT-OUT to the ladies who worked at Bridge-street! They had a leaky tent and a LONG walk in the rain and they STILL brought in sales! Way to go guys!

We also want to thank everyone who worked presales, worked delivery shifts, lent the committee tents and tables, volunteered for last minute errands, and more. All of us working together ensured that this was a very successful Apple Annie year! We cant wait to see what 2020 has in store!

Lastly we want to say welcome to the Apple Annie baby, Charlie Messervy! Co-Chair, **Kate Messervy** was betting he would join us during basket party but he waited a few more days!





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The JLH in the community

Rainbow Rhythm Band

The Rainbow Rhythm Band has had two performances so far this year:

Our first performance of the year was at the Madison Street Festival on Saturday, October 5th at noon where we performed for 30 minutes.

Our second performance was Monday, November 18th at the Huntsville Hospital Foundation where we played for the Provisional class.

We've also had 2 practices so far and are working to schedule at least 1-2 more.

Save the date!

Our next performance is Wednesday, December 18 at Santa's Village.

Butterfly Project

Butterfly committee members are busy preparing for boutique which is scheduled for February 21-22.

We have a large need for dress donations in sizes 14-34. We also need dress shoe donations in all sizes from 4-16, heels and flats. We would love any new costume jewelry donations as well! Check clearances of prom jewelry at Claire's and Icing, or department stores!

Save the date!

Butterfly Boutique is scheduled for February 21-23, 2020



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The JLH in the community

ABOLISH Human Trafficking

The ABOLISH Human Trafficking Committee is off to a strong start in its first year as a full placement. The committee has been meeting monthly and learning more about this crime, how to spot it and educate our community about it, and how to help survivors living here in our community.

The committee sponsored a Christmas party for Safe Harbor Youth, a home in Huntsville for trafficking survivors and at-risk youth. JLH contributed Christmas gifts, decorations, and food to the wonderful kids who live at the home and the social workers who are helping them to heal.

The committee is preparing for a number of activities in January, which is Human Trafficking Awareness Month:

- Hosting Lynn Caffrey as the January 13th General Membership meeting speaker. Lynn is a survivor of trafficking and runs the home Safe Harbor Youth.
- Co-sponsoring a community awareness event on January 22nd with the Chamber of Commerce. Speakers Chris Newlin of the NCAC and Jim Podboy of DHS will speak about the topic. Stephanie Murphy's Catisfaction Cat Clinic is sponsoring breakfast.
- Preparing social media posts and media appearances--Help us to spread the word by sharing posts on your own social media pages!
- Join us and wear blue on January 11th for "Wear Blue Day"... also another social media sharing opportunity at your work place or on your own!
- Attending and co-sponsoring the End It Alabama Summit with JLB on January 31 in Montgomery. Please contact **Megan Zingarelli** if you are interested in attending.



Children First

The Children First school supply drive was a great success! Every faculty member (and some staff) at Morris School received paper towels, Kleenex boxes and Lysol wipes. Thank you so all who contributed, it sure did put a smile on many faces!

Children First food packs take place once a month, August through April. As of December, 4,000 food packs have been packed and delivered to Morris School for children to take home on the weekends.

The faculty and staff at Morris School were extra grateful for the Appreciation Lunch provided in November by the Children First Committee.



Galaxy of Lights

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2019 -2020 Provisional Class

"Empowered Women, Empower Women"

Provisional Update

The Provisional class has been busy! They have provided four meals for Huntsville Hospital for Women & Children Neonatal ICU families.

And a special thanks to the Provisional Class who helped pick out decorations and took time to decorate the JLH Tinsel Trail tree. You ladies did a fabulous job!

Be sure to go out and visit the JLH tree on the Tinsel Trail in downtown Huntsville!





General Membership Updates

November General Membership Meeting

Our November General Membership meeting was held on November 4 at [Rocket Republic Brewing Company](#).

A big thank you to our November meeting sponsor, [Urgent Care for Children](#). We appreciate your support!



We received exciting news as we learned that the Lambert Foundation awarded us with a \$70,000 grant!

The Book Ball committee announced the long-anticipated theme for the 2nd annual Book Ball fundraiser event. Members were thrilled to learn that the theme is based on the novel, "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea".

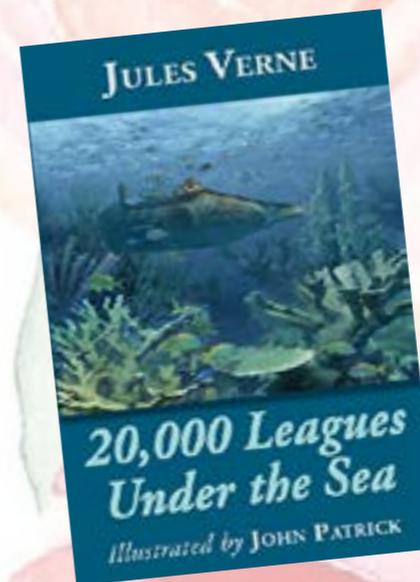
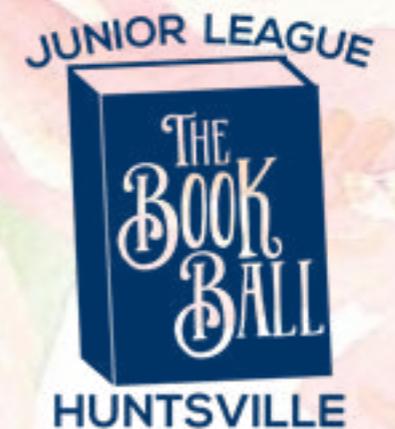
We also heard from chairs presenting on Apple Annie, Butterfly Project, Annual Fund and more to give updates on our programs and events for 2020!



The Book Ball

Join us for the 2nd Annual Book Ball, the JLH's premiere fundraising event for the spring! This year's Ball, inspired by Jules Verne's classic *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, will be a delightful gala event with plated dinner, wine, dancing, and an exciting silent auction. We are hosting the Ball at the Stone Event Center on Campus 805 on March 14, 2020.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available - please contact funddevelopment@jlhuntsville.com. Tickets will go on sale in January! Last year's event sold out, so be sure to secure your tickets early. We can't wait to see you there!



Sustainer Luncheon

The Sustainer luncheon was held at [The Ledges](#) on October 22.

Anna Blocker from the [Huntsville Hospital Foundation](#), along with Cindy Gatlin and Cathy Mog from the Mother/Baby unit at Huntsville Hospital for Women & Children, gave a presentation on the BIRTHday Books program. The program was created last year through the 2018-2019 Provisional Class partnering with the [Huntsville Hospital Foundation](#), [The Snail on the Wall](#), and the [Huntsville-Madison County Public Library](#). Last year, members provided more than 3,000 bags to babies and families in Huntsville and Madison hospitals!

Lady Smith gave an update on the JLH book club. The next book club meeting will be to discuss the astronaut wives club.



2019 Holiday Sherry



The 2019 Holiday Sherry was held on Thursday December 5 at the lovely home of sustainer, **Amy Gandy**. Members enjoyed time together, and beautiful charcuterie boards catered by Cured and Company. Cured and Company is co-owned by Girls Inc. chair, **Stephanie Lowe**. Thank you to Amy for graciously opening up your home and to everyone who attended!





Member Events

Fall Beauty with Terrame

[Terrame](#) hosted a beauty night in November for more than fifty of our members. After cocktails and appetizers, the beauty technicians demonstrated skincare, hair, and make-up looks for the holiday season, and members went home with goodie bags. It was a fun and informative night!



Book Club

The book selection for fall book club was "Before We Were Yours", a fictional story based on real-life events of kidnap, illegal adoption and a corrupt orphanage, bringing to life the scandal of an orphanage in Memphis, TN. Snail on the Wall owner and JLH sustainer, Lady Vowel Smith and the Huntsville Library Foundation hosted the author event featuring Lisa Wingate and co-author Judy Christy at Randolph's Thurber Arts Center. The authors presented their new book, "Before And After", focusing on the true stories of the orphans from the Tennessee Children's Society Home. The event also featured an interview with orphan who now lives in Huntsville as well as Q&A.

JLH member **Meade Davis** helped coordinate a social on campus before the event for members to snack, mingle and discuss the book.

The winter book club selection is "Astronaut Wives Club" by Lily Koppel. Date and location will be announced early January.



JLH Merchandise: order yours today!

New JLH merchandise items are still available to order! Click the links below to order each item.

Limited edition [70th anniversary JLH tumbler with lid](#) is available for \$20. Comfort Colors sweatshirts are available in [grey with a red logo](#) OR [blue with a white logo](#) in sizes M- 2XL for \$35.





Sisterhood Dinner



On November 20, 2019, JLH members gathered to celebrate sisterhood and each other at the cozy and quaint [Mason Dixon Bakery & Bistro](https://masondixonbakery.com/) in Huntsville. Members indulged in stuffed spinach & artichoke mushrooms, braised short ribs over parmesan grits with blistered tomatoes and broccoli rabe, followed by a cheesecake medley for dessert. Plenty of laughter and conversations filled the atmosphere, new connections and friendships were made, and sisters shared in a toast to commemorate the evening.

"Although we are an organization of women working to better our community, our sisterhood is our foundation. You could truly feel the energy and spirit of sisterhood in the room which was what the goal was!"

- Tenesha Thomas, Sisterhood chair

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Congratulations to our members!

Awards and Promotions



Congratulations to **Kristina Hendrix**, Placement chair, and **Stephanie Lowe**, Girls Inc. chair, on being selected for the 2019-2020 Alabama Leadership Initiative Class! The program is for emerging young leaders and allows participants to connect with the decision-makers in Alabama.



Bundles of Joy

Congratulations to **Tala McCreless**, Butterfly Project member, who gave birth to her first baby Farah Jane McCreless on September 18th!



Best Wishes

Congratulations to member **Caroline Beitel Taylor**, One to One member, on her recent marriage to the love of her life, Jordan. The ceremony took place in beautiful Sewanee, Tennessee!



Congratulations to member **Katherine Easterwood**, Provisional Advisor, on the birth of her second daughter. Molly Spencer Easterwood was born on October 15th at 12:39PM at a beautiful 7lbs 2oz and 19in.

Congratulations to **Zeletta Wright**, Provisional Class member, on her recent marriage. Zeletta had a beautiful destination wedding in Jamaica on October 11th. Congratulations Zeletta and Desmond!



Congratulations to **Katie Bouldin Perez**, Butterfly Project chair, on her recent marriage to her husband, Andrew! They had a beautiful wedding and reception at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens.

November Chair of the Month

Hollie Thrasher Beaver

Nominated by:
Katie Crawford, Fundraising VP



"Hollie Thrasher Beaver has worked tirelessly since she accepted her position as Apple Annie Chair. She stepped into a role and a committee that were completely unfamiliar to her and she has thrived. She has overcome challenges, including major surgery mid-Apple Annie season, and has become a strong leader in the League. Through her efforts, our longest standing fundraiser was a HUGE success"! - Katie



Members: Save the date for upcoming League events!

January 2020

January 13: General Membership Meeting
January 22: ABOLISH Human Trafficking Breakfast

February 2020

February 10: General Membership Meeting
February 21-23: Butterfly Boutique Weekend

March 2020

March 2-6: Cottage Meetings
March 14: The Book Ball

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In our next issue:

Check in with us as we get ready to host the Butterfly Boutique and prepare for our second annual Book Ball fundraiser event!

...and much more!

And until then...

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