



# League Lines

## THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HUNTSVILLE

### Apple Annie's Back in Town

Wednesday, October 25, 1972

#### Delta-Style Apple Pie

##### PASTRY:

2 cups flour  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 cup shortening  
1/2 cup Cheddar cheese, grated  
6 fl. ozs. cold water  
1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. ginger  
1/4 tsp. cloves

5 or 6 very tart apples  
3/4 cup sugar  
2 tbsp. flour  
1/4 tsp. salt  
Lemon juice  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. nutmeg  
1 tsp. allspice  
Butter

Mix shortening and cheese into flour and dry ingredients until the particles are the size of rice. Using a fork to mix, sprinkle water, 1 tbsp. at a time, over small portions of the mixture. Add only enough to hold the pastry together. Handle the pastry as little as possible. Roll out into two rectangles 1/8 to 1/4-inch thick and place one in a deep pie pan. Pare and slice apples into the spiced cheese pastry-lined pan. Mix the dry filling ingredients together and sprinkle along with lemon juice over each layer of apples. Dot each layer with dabs of butter. Cut remaining pastry rectangle into strips and place in a basket-weave pattern atop pie. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes. Serve with whipped cream or French vanilla ice cream.

"Bayou Cuisine"



MRS. JERRY DAMSON, LEFT, AND MRS. CHARLES S. Find Apple Dapple Cake Perfect for a Fall Coffe



Apple Annie Day Planned



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## THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HUNTSVILLE

### *Our Mission*

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 first all-digital 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 [Apple Annie sales page](#), our advertisers and sponsors, and more.

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Thank you, and enjoy League Lines!

*League Lines Staff*

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# President's Message



Hi Y'all,

Music has been on my mind a lot lately—two episodes have touched me in very different ways, one close to home, the other as a reminder of why we in the Junior League do what we can to further the initiatives laid out in our newly formed Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Task Force.

The death of the great Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin brought back a flood of sing song memories for me. Dancing around my house as a little girl, belting out R.E.S.P.E.C.T at the top of my lungs, or hopping around singing to any other of Franklin's songs—these were scenes from a childhood infused with music. Clearly I was a big fan. But Franklin's influence touched more than just a young girl with a passion for singing. We know that Aretha Franklin was an activist for

women's rights and for the advancement of action and respect for the underprivileged and underserved communities among us—in particular African American women and Native Americans. In many ways, her music defined the Civil Rights era. I'm sure she would rest easy knowing her music has influenced so many passionate advocates for lasting human change.

Closer to home, and just a county away, a musical controversy recently blazed. The band at a local high school was told by the local school board not to play the song "Dixie." Some might say, oh it's just a song! It's tradition! It's the South! We love Dixie! But I think the reality here is so much more nuanced. Music speaks to so many people on a deeply personal level, and it can be very difficult to separate rational thought from heartfelt longing. Dixie was composed and the lyrics written at the outbreak of the Civil War, and was quickly adopted by the Confederate States as an unofficial anthem. At performances, then and long into the twentieth century, Dixie singers would don blackface. If you're not familiar with blackface minstrelsy, it is a deeply offensive, very niche style of vaudeville acting meant to stylize and characterize a particular segment of the population—in this case, African Americans. The fact that a local high school band has continued to perform a song associated with black-

face minstrelsy in 2018 is, in my opinion, pathetic at best, and the school board took correct action in deeming future performances of Dixie inappropriate.

What do either of these things—Aretha Franklin's death and the banning of Dixie by a local school board have to do with the Junior League of Huntsville? Just ask the Queen of Soul—R.E.S.P.E.C.T! Our D&I task force seeks to find ways that our League can be more inclusive. Our League's Task force will look not only at the Title VII "Big Six"—rights protected by federal law from discrimination—race, religion, age, disability, gender, and sexuality, but will also focus on how more subtle influencers of diversity and inclusion play into our outlook, values, and humor. These may include how we view someone's family status, their appearance or accent, manners, politics, or education. Respect for each other's differences and strengths will allow us to grow together towards a more diverse and welcoming League. Here in the Junior League of Huntsville, we welcome all women who value our Mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action of trained volunteers.

Let's TCB ("take care of business") and serve our community and each other with respect, open minds, and generosity of spirit!

*Anne*

Anne Vasile  
Junior League of Huntsville President, 2018-2019



**Final Day for Orders:  
October 6th**

**Deliveries:  
October 20th & 22nd**

**Apple Annie Day:  
October 26th**



# Executive Vice President's Message



Another exciting Junior League year is upon us, and I feel so lucky to be experiencing it with all of you! Fall is my favorite time of year – I think I am the prototypical Southern girl who welcomes with much joy the season of new school supplies, college football, and all things pumpkin spice! But ever since I joined the JLH seven years ago, the fall has taken on a special meaning to me because it's the start of a new League year, giving me the opportunity to meet new friends as well as to grow and serve and give

back to this incredible community we all love and share!

As I reflect on my years in the Junior League, I cannot help but think about the beginning of my journey and how the League has changed and evolved during the time I have been a member. One of the most positive changes that comes to mind is that over the past three years (in particular), the League has devoted many resources and a lot of focus to making sure that we are both valuing and providing value for each and every one of our members. Because of the hard work of our dynamic membership over the past three years, we seem to be well on our way to making a member-centric League a reality for years to come!

Our League has drafted and approved new **Membership Policies** that allow you to decide how you want to engage with and within the League. We have added a **Member Enrichment Committee** as a permanent placement to provide you with personal and professional development opportunities. We have created a **Sisterhood Events mini-placement** to allow you some structured time to get to know each other better and to help forge bonds of friendship. We have started a **JLH Book Club** on the recommendation of a member, and we are excited about the momentum and interest it has generated. We have developed a **brand-new member survey** (sent out with the Leadership Interest Indicator), and we have utilized the feedback to plan more meaningful General Membership Meetings, which have included Done in a Meeting service

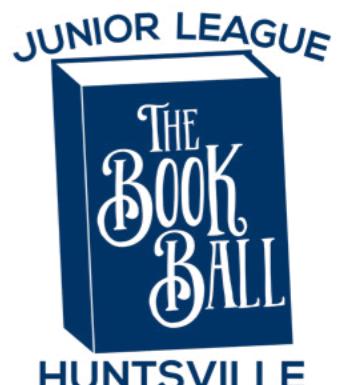
opportunities as well as opportunities to hear from community leaders regarding crucial topics outside of our literacy focus area. We have revamped our **Member Care Committee** so that we can make sure you feel loved and appreciated during the highs and lows that life bestows. We have recognized your personal and professional successes as well as your contributions to the League and to our community in a more public way through Member Spotlights on social media. We have initiated a **Diversity & Inclusion Task Force** to help us build a League that values every member's experience and voice. And though our Placement Committee, we have begun to develop a **member training track** so that you are able to experience all the League has to offer from your Provisional year on and to ensure you get the most value out of your years of service in the League.

It is my sincere hope this year that we collectively continue to focus on the member-centric tenets of the Strategic Plan the League adopted at the beginning of the 2016 year so that we can continue to grow our League and train our members to provide outstanding service in our Community. We are a better League because of all your hard work, dedication, and collaboration, and I am so happy to be a part of these changes with all of you.

*Beth*

Beth Zinn  
Junior League of Huntsville Executive Vice President, 2018-2019

SAVE THE DATE  
MARCH 2, 2019  
DINNER & DANCING





# It's



# time!

Now in its 47th year, The Junior League of Huntsville is excited to continue the tradition established many years ago of donning red tights to sell apples in our community this fall. Funds raised by Apple Annie support JLH's community impact projects and partnerships such as BIRTHday Books, SAIL, One on One: Let's Read, Butterfly Project, Girls on the Run, Children First, and Rainbow Rhythm Band.

Apple Annie Chair **Sallie Stokes** and the Apple Annie committee have developed some exciting new initiatives to bring a fresh twist to this annual pastime while preserving those familiar traditions. New and exciting things happening to Apple Annie this year include:

- A JLH Sustainer Apple Cider Tea, which was held on Sunday, September 16, 2018
- An increased number of Apple Annie Day sales locations
- A new long sleeve jersey to sport while selling apples
- New apple sales options, such as the Mini Mixed Apple Gift Basket



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**Huntsville Hospital** has been extremely generous in donating time and space for Apple Annie Sales. All three Huntsville Hospital Wellness Centers have hosted an Apple Annie Sales day. The Huntsville Hospital Main Cafeteria has hosted three Apple Annie Sales days and the Madison Hospital Cafeteria will host an Apple Annie Day Sale on October 26! The Apple Annie committee is so grateful for partners like Huntsville Hospital in helping reach our sales goal to fund the Junior League's community projects.

Sustainer **Julie Lockwood** presented a \$1,000 Apple Annie donation to her Little Leaguer nephews Frank, Nick, and Christopher Lockwood (sons of current JLH Board member **Audra Lockwood**). Julie is a past JLH President (2008-2009) and Apple Annie Chair (2010-2011). Her generous donation is appreciated and will help fund the Junior League of Huntsville's community projects. Thank you for your support!

Our next issue will feature a full list of our Apple Annie sponsors and an event wrap-up. Be sure to follow [our Facebook page](#) for updates!

# APPLE ANNIE MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Katherine Easterwood



**Katherine Easterwood**, Apple Annie Finance Co-Chair and 8th-year Active: "I cannot explain how much I love this committee. Some of my favorite League memories are from 2014 when I served on the Apple Annie committee handling Finance. I remember late nights, lots of takeout and coffee, and LOTS of laughs with some amazing girls. I am so excited to be at it again this year and I know there are so many fun memories to come. Our committee has so much passion behind it this year and I have been so impressed with these women. I think the Sustainer Apple Cider Tea is the event/shift I am most looking forward to this year."

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Alden Cayse



labor will be exciting and encouraging - especially knowing that each sale has a direct benefit to the community. Being a part of the Apple Annie committee this year has been so much fun and everyone is excited and committed to making this an amazing Apple Annie season!"

We checked in with several Apple Annie committee members to learn about their favorite memories and experiences. [The full interviews \(as well as additional member profiles\) can be accessed on the Junior League Huntsville page.](#)

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Sallie Stokes



**Sallie Stokes**, Apple Annie Chair and 7th-year Active: "[The Basket Party] is such an exciting day and a culmination of the Apple Annie committee's hard work! Plus the coffee, donuts, and mimosas aren't a bad perk either!"

Sallie is looking forward to all the fun things her committee has planned this year. She hopes League members will keep an eye out for e-blast information about give-back nights, presale locations, and day-of fun. Sallie says, "This committee has been so dedicated and none of what we've accomplished so far could've been done without them!"

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Apple Annie is the Junior League of Huntsville's signature fundraising event. Now in its 47<sup>th</sup> year, people can have Honeycrisp and Granny Smith apples delivered to their door. Apple Annie Day is October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and we'll wear our apple jerseys to sell apples throughout Huntsville and Madison County. Apple Annie sales directly support our mission, including our community programs like Butterfly Project, One-on-One: Let's Read, and Children First. It also funds leadership training and development for our members and community grants for local non-profit partners and agencies.

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### 2018 APPLE ANNIE OFFERINGS

**FULL CRATES (72 APPLES)**  
HONEYCRISP CRATE - \$65  
GRANNY SMITH CRATE - \$75  
MIXED CRATE - \$80

**½ CRATES (36 APPLES)**  
HONEYCRISP ½ CRATE - \$50  
GRANNY SMITH ½ CRATE - \$40  
MIXED ½ CRATE - \$45

**DOZEN + REUSABLE TOTE**  
HONEYCRISP DOZEN - \$25  
GRANNY SMITH DOZEN - \$20  
MIXED DOZEN - \$20

**MINI MIXED APPLE GIFT BASKET - \$25**  
6 apples + Apple Annie recipe booklet + koozie

**MIXED APPLE GIFT BASKET - \$55**  
12 apples + Apple Annie recipe booklet + apple corer + potholder

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**Zoë Kirsten Elliott** is in her first active year and serves on the Apple Annie committee and in the Rainbow Rhythm Band. Zoë's favorite Apple Annie shifts are the sales shifts out in the community. She loves hearing everyone's stories about how they were involved in Apple Annie in the past. "Hearing everyone say 'Oh, it's Apple Annie time again' is the best!"



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# Strong

## 2018-19 Provisionals

welcome  
provisionals!

The Junior League of Huntsville is excited to welcome a talented, diverse group of 54 women to the 2018-2019 Provisional Class.

The theme for this year's class is "JLH Strong." In selecting the theme, the New Member Committee was inspired by (Junior League Member) Eleanor Roosevelt's quote, "You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. Do the thing you think you cannot do". Roosevelt's words are an inspiring call to action. The class, led by New Member Chair **Jessica Johnson** and Co-chair **Brittany Pruitt**, will be exploring what it means to continue the tradition of civic leadership that the League was founded upon and also how we can grow and evolve as we serve our community and fulfill the JLH Mission.

The Provisional Retreat was on Sunday, July 22, 2018 at the Huntsville Hospital Foundation. At the Retreat, the Provisionals donated school supplies to Free 2 Teach. Past JLH president **Jennifer Swo-boda** spoke to the New Members about the history of the Junior League. The Provisionals got to know one another, learned more about The League, broke up into small groups, met their Advisors, and began working on their Provisional Project - BIRTHday Books.



### BIRTHday Books

The Junior League has partnered with the [Huntsville Hospital Foundation](#), [The Snail on the Wall](#), and the [Huntsville-Madison County Public Library](#) on the BIRTHday Books project. Through the BIRTHday Books program, every child born at [Huntsville Hospital Women's & Children Center](#) and [Madison Hospital](#) will receive a package containing the following:

- *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown
- Bookmark
- Letter explaining the importance of reading to your child
- "Reading Aloud" flyer with tips for parents on how to read to their children
- Huntsville-Madison County Public Library info
- Hand-written BIRTHday card
- Baby toothbrush and a certificate for a free dental cleaning (up to 18 months) from [Beitel Pediatric Dentistry](#)

The goal is simple: to place a book in the hand of every child born in HHW&C and MH and build a deep and rich love for reading at an early age.



The Provisionals have already assembled nearly 1,000 BIRTHday Books bags and they will continue to stuff bags after each large group meeting. Every Provisional member will participate in a delivery shift to Huntsville or Madison Hospital.

Provisional Small groups are teaming up to provide dinner to families in the NICU. Each team will plan, organize, assemble, and host dinner on Sunday evening for the NICU families. Over the course of the year Provisionals will deliver more than 5,400 books!

Callie Anderson  
Stephanie Andrews  
Stacy Authement  
Mackenzie Baird  
Caroline Beitel  
Ali Breland  
Holly Brockman  
LaTorea Brooks  
Krisshonna Brown  
Valerie Brown  
Lindsay Burleson  
Laura Chapman  
Megan Childers  
Celinda Colavita  
Caitlin Connor  
Tina Cranor  
Adrienne Davis  
Kristen Dunn  
Kelly East  
Luciana Findlay  
Nicole Fletcher  
Lindsey Giambrone  
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Sophia Graves  
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Rachael Hughes  
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Amy Manion  
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Patrice Murray  
Kristen Oldfield  
Victoria Prosser  
Kayla Rice  
Michelle Spaulding  
Sarah Spear  
Saleeta Spencer-Thomas  
Annelise Stiles  
Carrie Suggs  
Haley Temple  
Tenesha Thomas  
Brittany Thompson  
Zacairi Turner  
Leigh Vasko  
April Vaughn  
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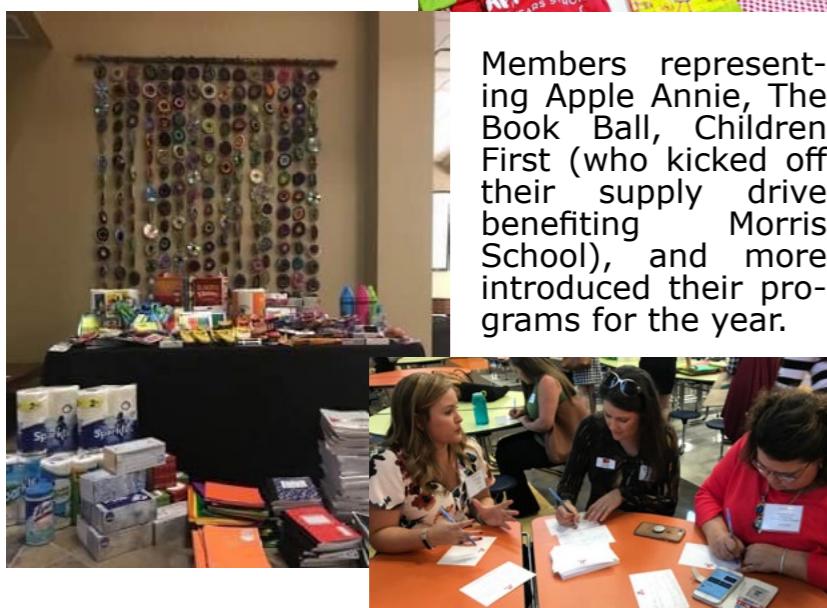


# GMMS AND COMMUNITY IMPACT UPDATES

Our August General Membership Meeting was held on August 13 at [Randolph School](#), who also sponsored the meeting. JLH Nominating Committee member and Randolph Enrollment Outreach Coordinator **Meade Davis** spoke to members about Randolph's commitment to their students and education initiatives.



Members representing Apple Annie, The Book Ball, Children First (who kicked off their supply drive benefiting Morris School), and more introduced their programs for the year.



On September 10, Actives, Provisionals, and even some prospective new members of the Junior League of Huntsville gathered at the new Morris P-8 School for the **September General Membership Meeting**, sponsored by [Johnson Orthodontics](#). Attendees heard an informative talk on the school lunch program by Henry Ward, Director of the [Child Nutrition Program for Huntsville City Schools](#), and participated in a Done in a Meeting project, which included writing notes and packing school supply bags for the teachers at Morris School in conjunction with our Children First community placement. In gratitude of his time, and in appreciation of the use of the school, a check was presented by the Junior League on behalf of Mr. Ward to Morris principal Ms. Patricia Boyd by the JLH Board of Directors.

## Community Impact Updates

The **Children First Committee** has had a busy start to the school year collecting supplies for teachers and students at the Morris P-8 School. Junior League members, Provisionals, and potential members lent a hand at the September GMM by filling school bags for teachers and creating hand written thank you notes. The committee is looking forward to several more events this fall:

- September 19 - Delivery of school supplies
- October 4 - Food pack
- November 8 - Food pack
- November 14 - Teacher appreciation lunch

**The One on One: Let's Read Committee** hosted the first of five Family Literacy events scheduled for the 2018-2019 school year on Wednesday, August 29th at the Cavalry Hill Community Center and Library, located in the Northwoods Housing Community here in Huntsville. We were pleased to have Director-At-Large **Hayley Lamberth** and Community VP **Amy Roark** in attendance. Now in its third year, One on One: Let's Read is designed to foster a love of reading in at-risk children and their families and to help provide the necessary resources to ensure that fundamental literacy needs are met.

The theme for the evening was Space, and each child was provided an age-appropriate themed book in a JLH drawstring backpack. The committee hosted dinner for the children and then went into the Library for reading time and participation in arts and crafts. While the youngest children enjoyed making rockets out of various shapes, the elementary-aged



children made models of the sun, moon, and Earth's orbit. The older students made star charts to help recognize and track the constellations as they move across the evening sky.

The next Family Literacy event, scheduled for Monday, November 12, will feature a medieval theme. The League's own Sustainers have generously offered to provide books about chess as well as chess sets for the Library's new Chess Club! There are exciting activities planned for the children, and we welcome all Junior League members to attend.

**The One on One: Let's Read Committee** is still working to help the Cavalry Hill Library stock their shelves. If you would like to donate books, the Library is accepting new and gently-used books. If you need ideas for titles, please take a look at their [Amazon Wish List](#). You can drop donated books in the One on One box at the League office during office hours or bring them to any of the GMMs. Thank you in advance for helping us fulfill the needs of the children in the Northwoods Housing Community!

**Butterfly Project** is planning a "dress drive" and fundraiser at Yellowhammer Brewery on Thursday, November 8, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The committee will accept dress, shoe, and jewelry donations. Yellowhammer will give Butterfly Project a percentage of beer sales from the night!

Kendra Scott at Bridge Street is planning a Kendra Gives Back night for Butterfly Project on the evening of Friday, December 14. A portion of proceeds from sales this night will go to Butterfly Project. Bring your family and friends and shop for Butterfly!

**Save the date! Butterfly Boutique is scheduled for February 22 and 23, 2019.**



# Training Civic Leaders

The Junior League of Huntsville is committed to training the civic leaders of tomorrow. Beginning with the Leadership Retreats for the 2018-19 Management Team in March and the Board of Directors Retreat in April, and continuing with the joint Board and Management Team Retreat in May, we were at work creating the League budget, developing the one-year action plan, setting yearly goals and metrics for all placements, and setting the framework for all events, meetings, and trainings for this League year.



In May, the Board and Management Team were welcomed to the [National Children's Advocacy Center](#) (NCAC) by NCAC Development Director and JLH Sustainer **Cynthia Swann Parker** for a Flaming Social as part of the kickoff to the new League year. The leadership team also heard presentations from NCAC Development Coordinator **Paige Ricketts Beitel** and Development Associate **Amy Beck Gandy**, both of whom are JLH Sustainers, as well as NCAC volunteer and JLH Sustainer **Marilyn Grun- dy**, who was the JLH representative on Bud Cramer's committee when the NCAC was conceptualized. For their generosity in training our leadership team, the JLH leadership presented the NCAC with a check for \$250, in addition to the \$2,500 that was awarded to the NCAC as part of the JLH 2017-2018 Community Assistance Grants program.

In June, our Chair and Co-Chair training was held at [Yellowhammer's Lost Highway Bierhall](#), where our participating members received training on best practices in fund development from [Huntsville Hospital Foundation](#) (HHF) President **Candy Burnett** and Gifts Officer **Anna Blocker**. Members of the JLH also attended the [Community](#)

[Foundation of Greater Huntsville's NonProfit University \(NPU\)](#) in June. NPU features a wide variety of topics relevant to numerous committees of the JLH such as grant writing, volunteer management, and communications. In addition, JLH Director at Large **Hayley Lamberth** was a panelist for the Let's Learn Together: Engage with Local Volunteer Management Masters session on the United Way Track at NPU.

In July, the Communications Council hosted two training events related to Graphic Design Concepts and InDesign Basics, led by Communications VP **Kate Moon**. Held at the offices of [Leadership Huntsville/Madison County](#), participants learned about the broader concepts of design and how to use Canva and received an introduction to the InDesign software used to create League Lines. Later in July, Treasurer-Elect **Katie Kelley** conducted Finance Council Training for members of Apple Annie, The Book Ball, and others serving in League leadership positions. In addition to highlighting all the ways that these councils can best work with Digital Cheetah, the software system used by the JLH, Katie included an overview on responsible stewardship of the League's funds.

Later in the summer, the League's training focus broadened to include personal development opportunities when the Member Engagement Committee hosted the League's first Sisterhood Event, the Women's Self Defense Seminar organized by the [Women's Economic Development Council \(WEDC\) Foundation](#). As the year goes on, the JLH's Member Enrichment Committee will continue to provide personal development opportunities for our members by hosting a Fall Beauty with [Terri-rame](#) session in September, Etiquette with [Faith Woods](#) in October, and Pilates with [The Fitzgerald](#)

in November. These events will continue throughout the League year.

In the coming month, the JLH is looking forward to sending four delegates to an Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) ODI Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas where topics will include budgeting and finance, membership engagement, and diversity and inclusion, as well as mission-based training in key areas critical to the healthy functioning of the League. We also look forward to other training opportunities this year, including the vitally important Stewards of Children Training at the NCAC in October; Drowning Prevention Training conducted by Apple Annie Co-Chair of Finance **Katherine Easterwood** in No-

ember; and Facilitation Training led by Community VP-Elect (and Certified Facilitator) **Bekah Schmidt** in January.

The JLH considers member-centric training to be one of the most important aspects of our organization. With a busy calendar already in motion, we look forward to numerous training opportunities throughout the year!





# Past Presidents' Luncheon

The 2018 Past Presidents' Luncheon was hosted by **Amy Gandy**, at her lovely Thornton Avenue home. Attendees dined on delicious homemade **LaVerle Caldwell's Wild Rice and Chicken** (recipe below), copper pennies, prosciutto wrapped asparagus, and spice cake. Flowers were designed by fellow JLH Sustaining member **Kelly Hudson**.

## **LaVerle Caldwell's Wild Rice and Chicken from Huntsville Heritage Cookbook**

4 pounds chicken breasts  
 1 ½ cans mushroom soup  
 1 box wild rice  
 1 cup milk  
 3-4 onions, chopped  
 1 large can sliced mushrooms  
 2 sticks butter  
 salt and pepper to taste  
 3 tablespoons flour  
 1 pound sharp cheese, grated

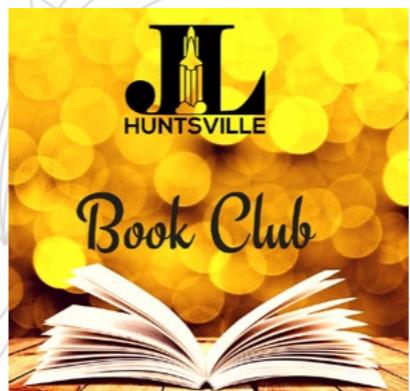
Cook chicken breasts; shred meat. Cook rice as directed. Saute onions in butter; blend in flour, soup and milk for sauce. Add mushrooms and seasonings. In large casserole, alternate layers of sauce, rice, and chicken and cheese; ending with cheese. Bake at 300°-350° until bubbly. Serves 12-14.



League members enjoyed a relaxing June afternoon at the **Valley Hill Country Club** catching up with friends and their children and meeting the ladies of the 2018-2019 Provisional class.



# Book Club



We are very excited to announce our 2018-2019 **JL Book Club** and the books our members selected to read! The members of JLH have voted and the three selections for this year's Book Club are: *All These Beautiful Strangers* by Elizabeth Klehfot (October meeting), *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman (January meeting), and *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood (March meeting).

Special thanks to Sustainer **Lady Smith**, owner and operator of **The Snail on the Wall**. JLH Members were offered a special deal on bundles of the three Book Club selections.

# Annual Celebration 2017-2018: Recap & Awards

On May 7th, the JLH gathered at [Huntsville Botanical Garden](#) to celebrate the League's accomplishments for the year and to honor our community partners and Butterfly recipients, recognize our outstanding members, and install the Board of Directors and Management Team for the 2018-19 League year.



Outgoing President **Nancy Washington Vaughn** welcomed attendees and presented the **JLH's 2018-19 Community Assistance Grant** checks to representatives from [Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Alabama](#), [Children First](#), [Family Services Center](#), [Fantasy Playhouse Children's Theater](#), [Girls on the Run of North Alabama](#), [Huntsville Hospital Foundation](#), [Huntsville Library Foundation](#), [Liberty Learning Foundation](#), [National Children's Advocacy Center](#), and [United Way of Madison County](#).

Nancy also gave a summary of the League's major accomplishments for the year as part of the Board of Directors Year in



Review, and outgoing Executive Vice President **Ronda L. Shickles** presented the Management Team Year-in-Review.

2017-18 Butterfly Project Chair **Amy Roark** presented scholarship awards to five deserving high school seniors, who were in attendance at the celebration.



The JLH recognized the contributions of four members during the 2017-18 League year with service awards. The Rising Star Award was presented to Provisional **Amanda Elliott**. The Sustainer of the Year award was presented to **Dana Block Averbuch**. The Karen Spearing Active of the Year Award was presented to **Kate Moon**. The Kristen Ebaugh Spirit of the League Award was presented to **Kyla Kelly**.

Our new Sustainers, new Active members, and new Provisionals in attendance were recognized and presented with roses. Sustainer **Jamie Saunders** installed 2018-19 President **Anne Vasile** and Executive Vice President **Beth Zinn** to their new positions, which was followed by the installation of the 2018-19 Board of Directors and Management Team. Anne Vasile closed the evening with remarks on the upcoming year.



# Congratulations to our Members!

## Awards & Promotions

Fund Development VP Elect **Katie Crawford** was selected as a Skimm Captain in theSkimm's "No Excuses" campaign, which focuses on registering people to vote in elections nationwide. Katie was one of less than 50 women nationwide to be awarded the distinction of Skimm Captain and was flown to New York in July for a special training! During the 2016 Presidential Election, theSkimm registered 110,000 people to vote through this campaign. We can't wait to see what she accomplished as a Skimm Captain!



EVP **Beth Zinn** has been selected as Management Academy Program Director for Leadership Huntsville/Madison County. Beth is a graduate of Management Academy 8.

Hospitality Chair **Brandy Smith** was promoted to Senior Vice President, Senior Managing Director, Private Client Manager at Renasant Bank. Her former title was Vice President, Private Client Manager.

Madison City Attorney and Girls on the Run committee member **Megan Zingarelli** was named employee of the year for Madison in May.

Congratulations to JLH members **Hollie Beaver** and **Kyla Kelly** who were announced as Contenders for the Young Professional of the Year Award by the Huntsville Madison County Chamber. The Awards were presented on Tuesday, August 14th as part of the 2018 Small Business Awards Celebration at the Von Braun Center.



Community VP-Elect **Bekah Schmidt** has been named [Executive Director of the South Huntsville Business Association](#).

The following JLH members were selected to participate in the Leadership Huntsville/Madison County - Connect Class 21 - **Amanda Barnes, Katie Crawford, Meade Davis, Heather Freeman, Hayley Lamberth, Leslie McGill, Fannie Proctor, and Megan Zingarelli**. **Stephanie Murphy** was selected to participate in the Management Academy Class 9.

Butterfly Project Co-Chair, **Mona Miller**, was chosen to serve on the Girls, Inc. Board.

## Bundles of Joy

**Brittany and Luke Pruitt** welcomed Alexander Stone Pruitt on May 27, 2018. He weighed 7lbs 11oz and was 20.75 inches long. He joins siblings Roman, 10, and Reed, 8.



**Amanda Elliott and Philip Cagle** welcomed Caroline Aimes Cagle on May 25, 2018. She weighed 7lbs 10oz and was 19.5 inches long. She joins brother, Whitaker, 2.



**Erin and Brent Roberts** welcomed Jay Davis Roberts on May 23, 2018. He weighed 8lbs. He joins siblings, Brooks and Ellie.

## Meade and Trey Davis

welcomed Stewart Jane Davis on May 23, 2018. She weighed 7lbs 12oz and was 18.5 inches long. She joins sister, Harriet, 2.



**Amanda and Thomas Cole Phelps III** welcomed Evelyn Grace Phelps on March 5, 2018. She weighed 4lbs 10 oz and was 17.5 inches long. Evelyn Grace joins siblings David Cole and Anna Kathleen.



**Chelsie and Grady Lee** welcomed Betty Ann Lee on July 8, 2018. She weighed 7lbs 8oz and was 19 inches long. She joins siblings Evelyn, 4, and Harvey, almost 2.



## Best Wishes



**Zoe and Eric Elliott** were married on April 21, 2018 in Double Springs, Alabama. They chose The Barn at Shady Grove for their wedding venue and their cake and cupcakes were made by fellow Junior League of Huntsville member, **Leneidra Golay**.



## *Members: Save the date for Upcoming League events!*

### **September 2018**

September 24: Member Enrichment - Fall Beauty with **Terrame**

September 30: Sisterhood Event - **Spirited Art**

### **October 2018**

October 3: Member Enrichment - Etiquette with **Faith Woods**

October 18: Sustainer Luncheon

October 20: Apple Annie Basket Party & Deliveries

October 22: Apple Annie Business Deliveries

October 25: United Way's Read for the Record

October 26: Apple Annie Day

October 29: JLH Book Club

October 30: Stewards of Children Training at **NCAC**

### **November 2018**

November 5: General Member Meeting

November 16: Sisterhood Event - **Galaxy of Lights**

November 18: Member Enrichment - Pilates at **The Fitzgerald**

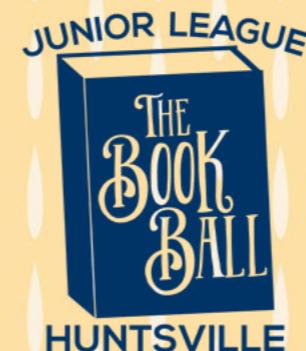
November 27: Drowning Prevention Training with **Katherine Easterwood**

### **December 2018**

December 4: Member Enrichment - Holiday Floral Arranging with **Buckets & Blooms**

December 13: Holiday Sherry

## *In Our Next Issue:*



Learn about our spring fundraiser, The Book Ball and find out what our theme will be!



Check in with **Butterfly Project** and more of our Community Projects!

*... and Much More!*



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