



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF PELHAM *Women Building Better Communities*

POSTINGS

Volume 80 • 2020 / 2021 • Year in Review



IN THIS ISSUE:

Presidents' Message	2
Board of Directors	3
Upcoming Events	4
Community Outreach	7
NYSPAC	10
Fund Development and Events	11
Grant Recipients	12
GMM Roundup	13
Sustainer Corner	15
Provisional Class and Project	17
Annual Dinner and Awards	21
Operating Budget	23

The JLP at 80

The Junior League of Pelham's 80th year was marked by both the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the worldwide rollout of a vaccine to combat it. Through it all, our members found more ways to help, both here in Pelham as well as in our neighboring communities.

Our Pelham Cares initiative served again as the cornerstone of our work, and the statistics reflect the dedication of our members, even as the pandemic wore on into a second year:

24	6	\$6,650
families assisted in Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle and other local neighborhoods	families receiving long-term assistance	total in gift cards contributed

Much more was donated (both new and used) in the form of bedding, clothes, household goods, toys and groceries.

As just one example of the comments we received, one mother wrote,

"Your act of kindness has brought back the joy and laughter that my children had long forgotten. For us who have experienced so much personal loss this year and are struggling financially, your donations have meant the world to us."

The pages of *Postings* serve as a yearbook of our efforts, which we were joyfully able to celebrate in person at our Annual Dinner. We hope you'll enjoy reflecting on this past year, while looking forward to all we can do together in 2021-2022.



Dear Members,

It is hard to believe the 2020-2021 JLP year has come to an end. Despite navigating through a global pandemic, virtual schooling, working from home, and isolation from family and friends – our League continued to make a difference. You might even say that our mission was more important than ever.

We are so grateful for all of the hours you contributed to make an impact in our community. We would also like to recognize the current Board, as it definitely wasn't the easiest of years, and this group of women made it feel effortless.

A few highlights from the year:

- Evolved the 2020 pandemic initiative, Pelham Cares, into a JLP project to help women and families most impacted by the pandemic
- Pivoted our prized JL of Scientists project to a virtual offering that included the distribution of several scavenger hunt kits
- Partnered with numerous community organizations, including Hearts and Homes for Refugees, My Sisters Place, Hope Soup Kitchen, and Boys and Girls Club of New Rochelle to offer DIAD opportunities
- Joined forces with Pelham Civic Association to deliver two virtual Professional Prep career discussions

- Hosted the first virtual Community Roundtable to highlight the impact of COVID-19 on the emotional, mental, and overall wellbeing of youth in Pelham and the surrounding communities and the work being done by partner organizations to address these challenges
- Donated \$9,000 in grants to organizations that help meet urgent basic needs, especially in relation to COVID-19, support women and their wellbeing, and maintain support for projects and organizations that will most benefit from our funding
- Took our GMMs virtual with a focus on the wellbeing, personal and professional development of our membership, including Sustainers and New Members
- On-boarded one of the largest and most diverse New Member classes, and through their project, partnered with Lifting Up Westchester to donate over 100 care packages to young teenagers in need and source over \$12,000 worth of in-kind donations

We hope that you had a great summer with family and friends and come back recharged to hit the ground running with JLP. We look forward to working with our incoming 2021-2022 JLP Board and joining forces with each of you in your new JLP Placement roles.

Best,

Meredith and Susan

ABOUT POSTINGS

Postings is the JLP newsletter published once a year. The JLP keeps its members up-to-date with the JLP website, weekly e-blasts, and on the JLP Facebook and Instagram pages. *Postings* has now taken the shape of an annual recap of some of the Junior League's highlights and accomplishments from the past year.

MISSION

The Junior League of Pelham is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

VISION

The JLP works together to improve the lives of families and promote the enrichment of Pelham and neighboring communities.

OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

JLP welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations and communities.



Co-President
Susan Quintin

Susan Quintin has been a member of the Junior League since 2010, first with the Junior League of New York and now with the Junior League of Pelham, where she led the Love Pelham Annual Fund in 2018 before taking on a Board position in 2019. Professionally, Susan is the Global Head of Equity Index Product at the London Stock Exchange Group and Co-Head of the Information Services, Americas. She is the Co-Chair of the Women Inspired Network, Americas. Susan has a B.A. from Middlebury College and M.B.A. from Thunderbird School of Global Management. Having grown up in Pelham, Susan is thrilled with the opportunity to give back to the community that means so much to her. She resides in Pelham Heights with her son Peter, daughter Charlotte, and parents.



Co-President
Meredith McGinn

Meredith McGinn is a Senior Vice President at NBCUniversal, managing programming and business aspects of NBCLX news, COZI TV Network and LX.TV Lifestyle Productions. She spent years in news management at NBC, MSNBC and the FOX TV Stations group in NY and Philadelphia. Meredith and her husband Jason have twin 10 year-old boys and a six year-old daughter.



President-Elect/VP Projects
Penny O'Brien

Penny O'Brien has been a member of Junior League of Pelham since 2015 and has held positions as co-chair of Done-in-a-Day (DIAD) and chair of the CSA project, as well as two years as co-VP of Fund Development. Penny grew up in Ireland and moved to the USA with her husband, David, and sons in 2012. They spent 2 years in Manhattan before moving to Pelham in 2014. Penny is a biochemist, and she held the position of Senior Biochemist at the Veterinary School at University College Dublin, where she ran the hormone assay research laboratory, before moving to New York. Penny holds a Master of Molecular Pathology Degree from Trinity College Dublin and an Honors Bachelor of Science Degree in Biochemistry from University College Dublin. She is currently focused on raising her three school-aged sons, James, Thomas and Michael, and devotes significant time to charitable activities.



Secretary
Jade-Snow Joachim

Jade-Snow moved to Pelham in 2016 with her husband, Dave, and two children, Sanford, 9 and Abigail, 7. They made their family complete when they rescued Sasha, a black lab, during the pandemic. In addition to JLP, Jade-Snow volunteers in Pelham as a Brownie Girl Scout leader and is active with the Prospect Hill PTA. Professionally, she is an award-winning photo editor, primarily working for The New York Times. Jade-Snow is so excited for the upcoming JLP year when she will serve as co-president with her friend and fellow 2016 provisional class member, Natalie Marrero. Together, they hope to bring membership closer together after the challenging times of the past two years.



Treasurer
Jessica Doran

Jessica Doran moved to Pelham with her husband in 2015 and welcomed twins who are now 2 year-olds. Jessica works as CFO of Pzena Investment Management, a deep value asset manager with headquarters in New York.



Fund Development VP
Lucie Lozada Madey

Lucie is originally from Miami, Florida and attended the University of Miami attaining degrees in both Journalism and Political Science. After a few years in the advertising business, Lucie earned a J.D. from DePaul University College of Law in Chicago, Illinois. While in Chicago, she worked at the Cook County Public Defender's Office, specifically in the felony trial division. She also has experience in family law, real estate law, and regulations within the banking industry. Lucie currently works as a Vice President in Compliance at a global financial institution.

Congratulations
to our 2021-2022
Board of Directors!

Co-Presidents: Natalie Marrero and Jade-Snow Joachim

President-Elect / Planning VP: Aileen Dose

Secretary: Amy Platt

Treasurer: Jessica Doran

Sustainers-at-Large: Mariette Morrissey, Tracy Shekane

Fund Development VPs: Amanda Star, Lucienne Lozada Madey

Communications VPs: Annette McCann, Stacy Gatto

Membership VP: Erica Winter

Community Outreach VP: Kathleen Perell

UPCOMING EVENTS

Below is a list of tentatively scheduled events for Fall 2021. Keep an eye out for more information from our Communications Committee:

General Membership Meeting, Tuesday September 14, 7:30pm

Community Roundtable Discussion (Virtual) Disaster & Relief September 20, 7:30pm

New Member Information Session, Wednesday September 22, 7:30pm

New Member Information Session. Sunday September 26, 10am

New Member Information Session (Virtual) Wednesday October 6, 7:30pm

General Membership Meeting Tuesday October 12, 7:30pm

General Membership Meeting Tuesday November 9, 7:30pm

LovePelham Campaign Kick Off Thursday, November 18, 2021



Communications VPs
Abby Balafas

Abby Balafas joined the JLP in 2015 and joined the board in 2019 as Communications Co-VP. Originally from the tiny town of Fieldale, Virginia, Abby graduated from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor's degree in Music and UNC-Greensboro with a Masters degree in Music Education. After 12 years of teaching music, Abby transitioned to a school administrator role, first in admissions, and now as the Director of Upper School Student Life. She moved to Pelham 7 years ago with her husband Evan and her two daughters, Maggie (7) and Alice (4). In her "spare time," Abby enjoys spending time with friends and family, reading, seeing Broadway shows, and watching Virginia Tech football.



Communications VPs
Natalie Marrero

Natalie Marrero joined the JLP in 2016 after moving to Pelham from NYC in 2015 with her husband and three children, 10 year-olds Paz and Conrad (twins) and 8 year-old Rodrigo. Natalie is originally from the Dominican Republic but has been in NY since she was a child. Professionally, she works in the financial services industry in a human resources capacity and has a MS degree in HR Management from NYU. She loves Pelham and has volunteered in different organizations in town.



Membership VP
Stephanie Otero

Stephanie Otero joined the Junior League in 2019. She is married to Jared Otero and has two children, Gianna and Jared Jr. Stephanie has been called a "professional volunteer" by many people and she believes that helping others through charity and building a strong community is just as important as building a strong home. Stephanie is involved in many JLP initiatives, and this past winter she and her family linked up with the ladies from Hudson Valley Midnight Run to make weekly trips into NYC to deliver food, clothing, shoes, and personal hygiene items to people living on the street.



Community Affairs VP
Aileen Dosé

Aileen Dosé is honored to be JLP's President Elect for 2021-2022. She was drawn to Junior League in 2017 after learning of the incredible impact the group has had on our community over its history, and couldn't wait to be a part of it. She was fortunate to be part of the Provisional class who founded the Martin Luther King Day of Service: *A Day On Not a Day Off*. As an active member, she was part of the Junior League of Scientists team, Program Director for the board of NYSPAC (the League's advocacy group), co-chair of our annual grants program, and the Community Affairs VP.



Sustainers-at-Large
Jennifer Anderson

Jennifer Anderson is so grateful for the opportunity to be one of the Sustainer Reps of the JLP this year and has enjoyed every minute of working with the Board, as well as getting to know the newest members of the league. During her tenure in the JLP, she was active in Community Outreach and Membership. Jennifer grew up in Pelham and together with her husband, Marshall, is thrilled to be raising their three children - Harrison, Julia, and William - in her hometown. She spent nearly 20 years working in finance and is currently on the Board of the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, runs the Pelham Newcomers, has served on the Board of the Pelham Preservation Society, and is active at the Pelham Country Club.



Sustainers-at-Large
Tyson Stephens

Tyson Stephens has lived in Pelham almost 13 years. As a past president of the JLP as well as several cycles as Chair of the New Members, she has a solid stake in the work of the JLP as a real asset as a whole and in our community. Her three daughters, Kate (8), Jillian (9) and Ella (12) are her and her husband's pride and joy. She is realtor in Pelham serving all of Westchester and is still very involved in the Pelham community as a board member for the Pelham Education Foundation, co-producer for Pelham Children's Theater and presenter for Project Community's Project Rewind. She is a Girl Scout troop mother and team captain for her Tennis and Paddle teams at the NYAC. It was her pleasure to serve as the Sustainer Rep this year.

COMMUNICATIONS

Where to find JLP Information & Updates:

As always, you can find all the relevant JLP information on our website www.jlspelham.org including:

- JLP calendar
- Member Directory
- Budget
- Current Project Slate
- Membership Requirements

For real-time updates on projects and other JLP happenings, follow us on social media:

- Join the private Junior League of Pelham Facebook group
- Follow us on Instagram @JLPelhamNY

We provide regular updates through weekly e-blasts. If you are not receiving e-blasts and would like to sign up, please email us at pr@jlspelham.org

How to Get in Touch and Get Your News Publicized

We have created a single email address for the Communications Committee that will remain unchanged from year to year: pr@jlspelham.org



Submit to pr@jlspelham.org after your direct VP has reviewed and approved the information you wish to publicize. This includes submissions to weekly eBlasts, *Postings*, or anything you wish to publish in local papers.

Project/Event chairs are responsible for developing materials. Communications team handles all submissions to local papers. All external communications must be approved by the Communications VPs. This includes articles, banners, invitations, ads, presentations—any communication materials intended for the public eye.

Feel free to post on JLP Facebook members-only page. No approval needed!

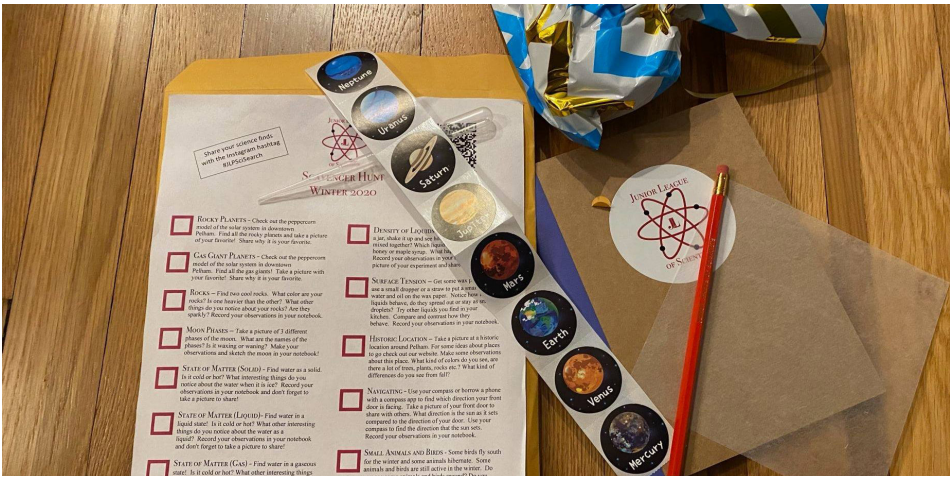
JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SCIENTISTS



SCAVENGER HUNTS

To provide a fun, socially distanced way to engage kids in STEAM, the JLP held fall and winter science scavenger hunts for pre-k and elementary school children. We also distributed more than 100 science kits that could be safely done at home, helping kids enjoy hands-on science activities that may have been missing from virtual school.

The conclusion of the fall scavenger hunt coincided with the first night of Diwali, the festival of lights. The JLP’s own Heena Jain read Let’s Celebrate the 5 Days of Diwali by Ajanta Chakraborty and Vivek Kumar, and sunrise/sunset, shadows and colors experiments augmented learning about the celebration.



SPRING GROW KITS

The JLP provided 75 spring grow kits with enough seeds, dirt pellets and cups to complete one of three experiments with a budding kid scientist. These experiments showed how light, soil composition and the amount of water affects the growth of a sunflower.



In November, elementary school students had the opportunity to participate in the first “Ask a Scientist” guest speaker series, featuring Dr. Kim Riegel, assistant professor in physics at Queensborough Community College. Dr. Riegel studies acoustics, the physics of sound with a focus on noise control. She has done research in sonic booms, the sound an object makes when it travels faster than the speed of sound, urban noise, the study of how sound behaves in cities and how it affects its residents.

In March, JLP and the Pelham Public Schools Departments of Math and Science offered a virtual “Ask a Scientist” event for students in grades 6-9. This event featured Dr. Marine Frouin, a Professor of Geosciences at SUNY Stony Brook who specializes in Luminescence and Evolution.

May’s “Ask a Scientist” was tailored to high school students who had the opportunity to learn from Ying Li, a Senior Software Engineer with Google. Ms. Li’s experience includes designing, implementing, testing, and operating software systems on a large scale. Her focus is on making it easier for people to operate systems securely and identifying problems quickly.



DIAD

Done-in-a-Day led numerous opportunities for members to give back to the community, including:

- Collecting books for the Diversity Book Drive held by Pelham Memorial High School Senior Sophia Leung in October
- Holding a Winter Clothing Drive for The Sharing Shelf
- Collecting donations for the Winter Coat and Boot Drive for Hearts and Homes for Refugees
- Coordinating a Toy Drive for thirty WestHELP families during the holidays
- Donating 12 baby layette kits and 12 baby hygiene kits to The Sharing Shelf in Spring 2021



ENDING HUNGER

Through partnerships with various community-based organizations, the JLP organized food drives, purchased and delivered groceries for individual families, and prepared large batch meals for local soup kitchens. For example, the End Hunger Committee collected “All The Trimmings” for the Thanksgiving meals provided by several soup kitchens in and around our community, including the CSA in Mt Vernon, Hope Kitchen in New Rochelle, and The New Rochelle Community Action Program Food Pantry.

COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE: HELPING OUR YOUTH

Disconnection from community is one way COVID-19 is affecting the mental health of teens and pre-teens. To answer questions from the community on the topic, the Junior League of Pelham hosted its annual Community Roundtable on Friday, October 2nd. This live-streamed event featured panelists Laura Caruso from Pelham Together, Will Iannuzzi from the Boys and Girls Club of New Rochelle, and Dr. Emily Upshur and Dr. Sarah Bren, who discussed the evolving emotional and mental needs of our youth in times of COVID-19 and how parents and community members can provide the best support in our “new normal.”



Neighbor to Neighbor

Neighbor to Neighbor started as a campaign led by the JLP, working in partnership with Pelham Together, the Pelham Civic Association, and the Pelham Chamber of Commerce. Based on the incredible response to the initial campaign, the coalition continued to look for ways to harness the momentum of Pelham Cares to meet the needs of our local community. The focus shifted to identifying and meaningfully reaching families that are disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This new Pelham Cares effort focuses on these relationships that form a community and seeks to deepen and diversify those relationships among residents of Pelham and its neighboring communities. While this program has been inspired by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is not limited to the crisis. Rather, this time has highlighted the importance of relationships. Now is the time to lean into our existing connections and build new ones for a more vibrant, engaged and socially aware community in the future.

How It Works



Our partners identify neighbors



Reach out to a neighbor



Connect based on initial needs



Grow the relationship

FIND A NEIGHBOR

Professional Prep

Professional Prep continued its community outreach by partnering with the Pelham Civic Association and the PMHS Counseling Department to host two Career Awareness panel discussions.

These events are dedicated to helping students understand career options as they begin thinking about college and the world beyond Pelham. Pelham Memorial High School students participated virtually to hear panelists speak about their careers in Education and Digital Media.



CAREERS IN EDUCATION: PASSION IN PRACTICE

Virtual Career Workshop • Wednesday, March 10, 1 PM • PelhamCivics.org

A career in education offers a chance to take your passion and share it with others. While classroom teaching is the most visible education career, there are dozens more paths including management/administration, sports, the arts, research, advocacy, community activism and more. Meet our panel to hear about the many jobs they have held in education and learn about opportunities for you.

Abby Balafus
Director of Student Life, The Nightingale-Bamford School

Jeffrey Ginsburg
CEO, East Harlem Tutorial Program (EHTP)
CEO & Co-Founder, East Harlem Scholars Academies

Farid Johnson
Principal, Sivaney Elementary School

Dr. Kimberly Riegel
Assistant Professor, Physics, Queensborough Community College

FOR PMHS STUDENTS

DIGITAL MEDIA CAREERS



VIRTUAL EVENT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1 P.M.
ZOOM LINK @
PELHAMCIVICS.ORG/CAREER-WORKSHOPS

PANELISTS:

Laura Kaleoff
CEO,
Kalehoff Creative

Marissa Pina
Social Media Manager
Lifetime TV

Ramsey McGrory
Chief Commercial Officer
Mediaocean

Diane Otter
VP, Editorial, Digital Media
A+E Networks



Career Awareness is a series of panel discussions sponsored by the Pelham Civic Association with the Junior League of Pelham and PMHS Counseling Department to help students understand a range of career options as they begin thinking about college and the world beyond Pelham.

Monday, MARCH 8th:
7:00pm Introduction, 7:30 film

THE DEATH AND LIFE of MARSHA P. JOHNSON

The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson

2017 | TV-MA | 1h 45m | Documentary Films

As she fights the tide of violence against trans women, activist Victoria Cruz probes the suspicious 1992 death of her friend Marsha P. Johnson.



Come join us to watch the movie together and learn about NYSPAC's advocacy!
Get your 'ticket' here to receive the Zoom link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/143774767199>

NYSPAC was proud to host our annual movie night in recognition of International Women's Day on March 8th! We selected "The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson," which chronicles the activism of Marsha P. Johnson and

Sylvia Rivera, prominent figures in gay liberation and transgender rights movement in New York City from the 1960s to the 1990s. The film centers on activist Victoria Cruz's investigation into Johnson's death in 1992 under

suspicious circumstances. This film is directly linked to NYSPAC's advocacy work on behalf of the well-being of our communities and all its members, notably in the recent repeal of the Walking While Trans Ban.

NYSPAC Winter Conference

NYSPAC hosted our first ever virtual Winter Conference via Zoom on Saturday, January 30th.

The training covered the current bills on our Federal slate: the Homeless Children and Youth Act, Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and Emergency Family Stabilization Act. For our state slate, we covered the two most hot button issues: the Adult Survivor Act and the Walking While Trans Ban repeal. Over cookie and cocoa bomb platters personally coordinated by our chair Katelyn Galbraith, delegates learned the nuances of each bill, as well as pointers on how to reach out to elected officials to advocate for them.

PANEL DISCUSSION



NYSPAC conducted a panel discussion on April 14th on 'Activism, Advocacy, and Policy: Creating Radically Welcoming and Inclusive Communities Together.' Almost 100 participants from around Westchester heard the distinguished panel of activists and community leaders, and included Amy Paulin and guests from AJLI leadership (Anne Dalton, Emma Briggs). We were extremely grateful to witness the vulnerable, powerful, and moving testimonials of our panelists' professional and personal experiences.

Love Pelham Annual Fund



Throughout another difficult pandemic year, the JLP and our community showed once again the strength of community. We thank everyone who supported the Love Pelham Annual Fund through generous donations made online and in person at Pelham locations across

town. As a result of this year's campaign, the JLP was able to spread the love to many neighbors in Pelham and nearby communities. Funds raised went directly to the JLP's community projects, including delivery of home-cooked meals, public art, educational enrichment,

community grants, and most notably, our "Signature Project" of Julianne's Park. Every donation was recognized by a sparkling JLP snowflake and, with a gift of \$100 or more, this year's 2021 custom Love Pelham ornament, designed again by the talented local artist Katy Garry.

JOY EXCHANGE

In lieu of a holiday party, JLP organized a "Joy Exchange," a secret gift-giving event to spread holiday cheer and encourage members to shop local first. Some of the awesome Pelham gifts supported businesses such as Artistic Manner Florists, Blue Dog Wine & Spirits, Nicholas Day Spa and Salon, Richards Passport, Cantina Lobos, Sue's Corner, and Little Bird Cookies.



GRANT RECIPIENTS

Junior League of Pelham 2021 Grant Recipients

The Community Affairs Committee is very pleased and excited to announce our 2021 Grant Recipients. All organizations will direct grant proceeds towards improving the lives and health of families, promoting education and/or enriching Pelham or neighboring communities. Thank you to these community partners who serve the many direct needs of their neighbors and foster the professional and economic success of women!

- Cancer Support Team
- Hope's Door
- Keeping Communities Safe
- Ladies of Charity of Pelham
- The Sharing Shelf
- Pelham Together
- 914 Cares, Inc.
- Girls, Inc.
- Hearts and Homes for Refugees
- Pelham Children's Center
- Women's Enterprise Development Center
- Ujamaa Community Development Corporation
- Boy Scouts of America Westchester Putnam Council



Pelham Art Center



HOPE'S
DOOR
Embracing Life Free
From Domestic Abuse



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM COUNCIL



HEARTS & HOMES
FOR REFUGEES



PELHAM TOGETHER



girls
inc.

Inspiring all girls
to be strong,
smart, and bold



UJAMAA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SEPTEMBER GMM

Our first GMM was a huge success. We kicked off the year with over 40 members attending our virtual meeting. Before hearing from our speakers, the presidents presented the strategic plan and updates on initiatives including Pelham Cares, Community Roundtable and Vision Votes. We were then engaged by Hookey Wellness for a candid conversation and practical tips on how to navigate through uncertainty and prevent burnout while managing our mental health and household.



OCTOBER GMM

The October GMM was held at the Pelham Arts Center where members had the opportunity to explore the all-female artist exhibit, Domestic Brutes, and then mingle in the courtyard for some wine and conversation. It was our first in-person GMM since February 2020 and it was great to connect with friends without a screen between us. Our membership committee did a fantastic job making everyone feel comfortable with meticulous safety precautions—everything from temperature checks to individually packaged treats.



NOVEMBER GMM :

“What am I Really Doing with my Life?”

A crisis can sometimes make us reevaluate how we spend our days and years. Patrice Keitt, partner at Clear Path Executive Consulting, shared her experience with making big life transitions. She provided actionable questions and led a discussion to help members think about what might be next for our own lives and how we can use this time to make a change.



DECEMBER GMM JLP Candlelight Tour at Bartow-Pell Mansion

To celebrate the JLP’s 80th Anniversary and promote the Love Pelham Annual Fund campaign, JLP decorated a “candy-filled” tree at Bartow-Pell and hosted a private candlelight tour for members.

JANUARY GMM

Featuring:
Dr. Heidi Grant



Social psychologist, speaker, author and Pelham resident Dr. Heidi Grant presented at the January GMM on the topic of asking for help and getting a “yes.” Her research and tips were particularly relevant as we embarked on another challenging year.

MARCH GMM: Super Women Doing Super Things

In honor of International Women’s Day, the Junior League of Pelham celebrated “super women doing super things” at our March GMM. Our March GMM is one of the League’s favorite monthly meetings, consisting of small group dinner meetings that enable our members to hear from community leaders and discuss relevant topics in an intimate setting. This year, we continued this tradition virtually, while also celebrating our newest members who had recently completed their New Member Project.



Janice Powers	Cristina Chianese	Laura Caruso	Nora Tahbaz
Founding Member Bridges of Pelham	President Pelham Chamber of Commerce	Executive Director Pelham Together	Founding Member Pelham United

APRIL GMM

To recognize Financial Literacy Month, the April GMM featured a panel of experts, including Cameron Rogers, CFA from Ellevest, Kalimah White, Esquire from TD Private Client Group and insurance experts Jeannine Foxx, CPRIA and Robert Raniolo from Meridian Risk Management and Leslie Duffy from Chubb. Together, they offered practical investing tips as well as information on the tools members need for asset protection. Spouses and partners were also invited to join in this important discussion.



On October 18th, 2020 we were so fortunate to have former Beverage Director of the Rainbow Room, Sommelier Amy Devahastin, come and walk us through a lovely array of wines.

Her detailed descriptions of each wine was enhanced by personal stories she shared while in those wine regions. Those who were in attendance truly learned of some great wine (that soon sold out at Blue Dog Wine & Spirits!) to add to their holiday repertoire. Hosted at the stunningly beautiful house of Susan and Mary Quintin, we were so fortunate to have fabulous weather. In attendance was a wide range of sustainers, new and seasoned, who mingled, enjoyed the wine and pre-packaged charcuterie boxes together at an elegantly set table. Fun was had by all!



On May 26, 2021 the Sustainers enjoyed an evening of “Prosecco, Pitches and Putts” at the Pelham Country Club. The event took place on the golf course, where attendees were treated to small group instructions by PCC pros on chipping, pitching, and putting. Players of all skill levels received one-on-one attention to fine-tune (or start!) their games. Specialty proseccos, as well as other libations and delicious canapes, were served throughout. There was a lot of learning – and a lot of laughing – under a beautiful spring sky that evening! We are so fortunate to have been able to host these outdoor events this year and give our Sustainers a way to come together safely.

Meet the 2020-2021 Provisional Class



Ariana Castelluccio - McLaughlin
Ariana recently moved to Pelham Manor, coming from Manhattan’s Upper West Side, where she called home over the past 9 years. Ariana originally hails from Monroe Twp., NJ. She earned a BA in Psychology from Villanova University and an MBA from Fordham’s Gabelli School of Business. Ariana has held a variety of marketing roles at Pepsi and Unilever and is currently a Senior Marketing Manager and Strategy Lead at Samsung. She enjoys gardening, hiking and running; having competed in numerous 70.3 Ironman races and marathons. She loves spending time with her husband DJ, and Australian Labradoodle Mittens.



Shannon Clark
Shannon moved to Pelham in 2019 with her husband Alan, daughter Virginia (2), and black lab Maggie (7). Shannon and her husband hail from suburban Atlanta, but have lived above the Mason-Dixon Line for over a decade. Shannon is a life-long runner, Atlanta Braves and Falcons fan, and an unashamed consumer of trashy reality television. During the week, and occasionally the weekend, she is an attorney at Venable LLP and practices patent law (emphasis on pharmaceutical and biotech inventions).



Ali Cox
Originally from New Rochelle, Ali moved to Pelham from NYC in 2017 with her husband. She has since welcomed their son, Christopher, now 17 months and has another boy on the way. She also has a French Bulldog, Domino, who is thrilled to have his own backyard and thinks he runs the neighborhood. Ali works at Sportfive in sports and entertainment marketing, managing sponsorships for various clients. In her spare time, Ali enjoys spending time with family, cooking and can be found on Fire Island during the summer months.



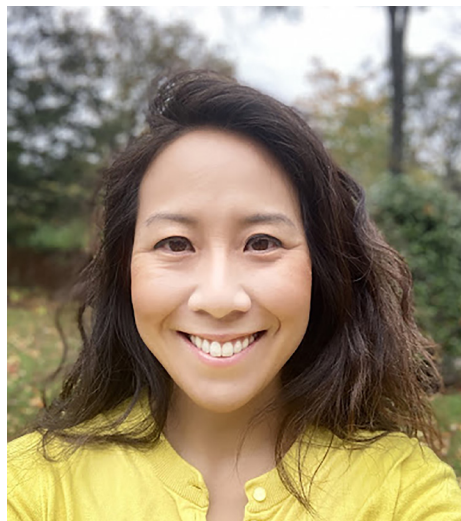
Linda Davidoff
Linda moved to Pelham in August 2020 with her husband, Michael, and their two daughters. She received her B.A. from Boston College, M.A. from Teachers College at Columbia University and J.D. from New York Law School and has worked for ViacomCBS for the past 22 years. Linda is delighted to be a part of the community and appreciates the warm welcome her family has received since they arrived in Pelham. She looks forward to giving back to the community through the Junior League.



Solange Bitol Hansen
Solange Bitol Hansen moved from Monterey, California to Pelham in the summer of 2019, joining the New York City Regional Office of Brown University. A lawyer mom, always on the go, Solange’s days are a combination of working with alumni and parents on transformative and legacy gifts for Brown University, representing immigrant children as a volunteer lawyer, advocating at the national, state and local levels on critical progressive issues, transporting her son’s double bass to music lessons, orchestra practice or performances, and power walking Fluffy the wonder-dog. In those rare, quiet free moments, Solange enjoys crafting with her mom and perfecting the art of making fruit infused vodka.



Abigail Herron
Abigail Herron moved to Pelham from New York City in the summer of 2020 with her husband, Donald (a stage manager), their 5 year-old daughter, and their beloved cat. She was born and raised in New Jersey, and went to college at Wesleyan University and medical school at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey before settling in New York City. Abigail works for the Institute for Family Health, a large federally qualified health center, where she directs the behavioral health services, and also enjoys teaching and writing. She loves cooking, hanging out with her family, and DIY projects.



Angela Kang
Angela is a life-long East Coaster--born and raised in the suburbs of Philadelphia, attended college at Georgetown University in DC, and moved to NYC after college to attend graduate school at Fordham University for what she thought would be a 5-year stint. But after earning her doctorate in psychology, she stayed in the city for another 11 years, living in the UES, UWS, midtown, E. Village, and Harlem. She moved to Pelham in the spring of 2019 with her husband, 4-year-old son, and 2-year-old daughter. She has been working as a psychologist at Montefiore Medical Center since 2010 and will be transitioning into full-time private practice in the new year. She enjoys running, reading, spending time with her family, and vegging on the couch with a glass of wine and mindless tv, especially during the pandemic.



Heather Kiderra
Heather relocated to Pelham in December 2020 with her husband, two daughters and Havanese pup named Elvis. The family is eager to make the transition from an apartment to a house with a yard!
Heather is a native of Tampa, Florida. She lived in NYC since 2010, where she moved after graduating from Boston University School of Law. Heather has spent the last 10 years practicing law (primarily commercial litigation) at firms in the city.
Heather is looking forward to becoming part of the Pelham community and giving back through the Junior League!



Emma Kirouac

Emma moved to Pelham a year ago with her husband, Phil, and son, Colin (now 2.5). They moved directly from Queens, but Emma was born in Toronto and has also lived in New Jersey, Montreal (where she attended McGill University), and California. Emma taught 3rd grade and worked for the education nonprofit, DonorsChoose.org, before transitioning to a stay-at-home parent when Colin was born. She welcomed her second son, Nate, in September. There isn't much time for hobbies these days, but Emma enjoys sharing her love of baking and reading with her children and getting outside with her family. She's looking forward to meeting more neighbors and giving back to the community through Junior League.



La-Donna Lawrence

La-Donna hails from Kingston, Jamaica and moved to the Bronx in her late teens. She is a former prosecutor who has transitioned to the financial sector: previously working at JP Morgan Chase, and currently works as in-house Counsel with TD Bank's Wealth group. La-Donna also functions as an Adjunct Professor in the Criminal Justice faculty at Monroe College. She moved to Westchester in 2013 and loves exploring the county with her three-year old son, Collin. La-Donna relishes culinary arts and operates her micro catering company, Standpipe Flavors. She remains closely connected to her Jamaican roots and enjoys the performing arts, writing poetry, travel, and volunteering.



Lauren Paletti

Lauren is a Division Administrator in Pediatrics at NYU Langone Health and Hassenfeld Children's Hospital. She graduated with a BA in Management from Bucknell University and obtained a Master's in Public Administration from NYU's Wagner School of Public Service while working in Operations Management at NYU's Cancer Center. She and her husband, Jared Paletti, a Real Estate Broker at Houlihan Lawrence in Pelham, have two children, Theodore (3) and Caroline (2) and one on the way. Lauren enjoys spending time with family and friends, hiking local parks and cooking.



Tara Petrillo

Tara moved to Pelham from the Upper East Side with her husband Chris, their daughter Emma (4), and their son Christopher (2). After spending over a decade teaching in the NYC Department of Education, she is currently staying home with her children. She enjoys traveling, anything involving the beach, a nice glass of wine, cooking, and has recently joined the Peloton craze. Tara admires the positive impact that the Junior League brings to the community and is thrilled to be part of such a wonderful organization.



Merrell Quintin

Merrell grew up in Pelham and is so happy to be back! She and her husband Ryan (also from Pelham) lived in Manhattan for several years and decided to move back to Pelham in 2018. They have since grown their family with a daughter, Lilly, and look forward to raising her in the wonderful town they grew up in. Merrell has worked most recently as an Account Director in digital advertising and is passionate about all things wellness related - fitness, cooking, and eating! She was a member of the New York Junior League and is thrilled to be joining the JLP and giving back to the Pelham community and beyond.



Courtney Reagan

Courtney moved to Pelham in 2018 from Manhattan, where she worked for over 17 years at global PR firms. While working full-time in Communications, she decorated for friends and family, particularly for her friends with small kids in small spaces. Then during the long (long) spring of 2020, she realized there was a need for her design expertise, so she left her NYC position and launched a home personal shopping business in town. Courtney was raised in Kansas and went to the University of Missouri Journalism school. She loves the Midwest, but when she clicks her heels (or sensible flats) she is most at-home in New York with her three kids, Labradoodle, and husband Tom.



Caitlin Mattina

Caitlin moved to Pelham from the Upper East Side in June 2020 with her husband and three year-old daughter. She works as a Registered Dietitian and is currently balancing being a stay-at-home parent with consulting work in the nutrition field. Caitlin enjoys being an active volunteer in her community, particularly when it comes to issues of nutrition and food insecurity. Her past volunteer work included helping to manage community-supported agriculture programs, providing nutrition education at local farmers markets, and organizing the delivery of holiday food baskets to families in need. In her free time, Caitlin likes to cook, read, and play the piano. She enjoys spending time outdoors and is attempting to be a gardener now that she has a yard. Caitlin is excited to be joining the Junior League and looks forward to making a positive difference in the Pelham community.



Amy Castle Platt

Amy is a native of Kansas, but transplanted to NYC to follow her husband's dream of being a big city lawyer. After 6 years in the city, they made the move to the 'burbs, and are excited to call Pelham home. She is a graduate of Bethel College, where she was a collegiate tennis player and graduated with a degree in Coaching and Health Management. After 12 years in the Recreation field, Amy left to care for her 2 girls, Evie (3) and Izzie (1), full time. While in the city, Amy spent 6 years as part of the NYC Junior League, chairing the Beacon on Broadway group, which focuses on bringing theatre to middle schoolers who otherwise wouldn't have access to a theater program and then chairing Mentoring Partners, a group focused on helping teens make the jump to adulthood. In her free time (what free time?), Amy enjoys baking, sipping wine, reading books, and cheering on the KC Chiefs and Royals



Lisa Sheth

Lisa moved to Pelham in October 2017 from Washington D.C. and loves being part of this adorable, caring community. Lisa is originally from the suburbs of Philadelphia and fell in love with New York at a young age. She currently works at Adobe as the Head of Digital Strategy for the Financial Services practice. She enjoys spending time with her husband, Mayank and three kids – Preston (6), Sophia (4), and Sarina (1), exploring NYC, trying new cuisines, watching romcoms, drinking wine, and decorating her first home. She looks forward to meeting new people and contributing back to the community.



Rebecca Scott

Rebecca moved to Pelham in November 2020 with her husband, Andy, and two girls, Madeline (3) and Eloise (1). She works as a Client Partner at the neighborhood platform, Nextdoor. Previously, Rebecca worked at BuzzFeed for several years in various partnership roles. When she's not working or baking with her girls, Rebecca can be found watching reality tv with a glass of wine while scrolling through Instagram for home decor inspiration.

As a Pelham newbie, Rebecca is excited to be a part of JLP to meet fellow Pelham women and give back to this wonderful community.



Greer Valinotti

Greer was raised locally in New Rochelle. She met her husband, Nick, in NYC and moved to Pelham last summer. They have since welcomed their son Blaise. She has spent 10 years as an English as a New Language educator for the Mount Vernon City School District. Greer is passionate about working with children and families. She has also worked as a Special Education Teacher at The Lavelle School for the Blind during numerous summers. She loves traveling, tennis, dance, staying active, and spending time with family and friends. Greer is looking forward to making a positive impact on the community and meeting new people through the Junior League.



Michele Westrick

Michele moved to Pelham from Manhattan after nearly 15 years of city living. She grew up in Connecticut and moved to NYC to attend Barnard College, where she met her husband Scott while at Columbia. She is an attorney at Mastercard, specializing in issues related to data, technology and digital media. Michele enjoys spending time obsessing over interiors, exploring new restaurants, museums and planning beach excursions whenever possible. She shares a couple of these interests with Scott and their four year-old son Rowan.



Alison Wiesenmaier

Alison Wiesenmaier is part of the 2020 Junior League Provisional class. She grew up in a suburb of Boston and obtained a bachelors in nursing from Northeastern University. She began her nursing career at NYP Weill Cornell Medical Center in their Burn ICU before attending NYU graduate school and becoming a Nurse Practitioner. Alison has spent the past 6 years working as an inpatient NP at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. She recently moved to the Prospect Hill area of Pelham Manor with her husband and they have a 2 year-old son and a 2 month-old daughter.



Sarah Yarnall

After more than a decade of Manhattan and Brooklyn living, Sarah moved to Pelham Manor in 2019 with her husband, 5 year-old daughter, 2 year-old son, and dachshund. Trained as a genetic counselor, Sarah works for a genetic testing company as a Clinical Project Supervisor.

A passionate distance runner, you can normally find her training for a race. When not with the family or running, Sarah loves gardening, reading, baking, and soaking up the sun on the beach. She's excited to be part of such a wonderful and impactful group of women.



Rachel Tulchin

Rachel moved to Pelham in January 2021 with her husband Kevin and two year-old daughter (and new baby boy born in February!), having previously lived on the UWS. Rachel has over 15 years of experience working in the non-profit, government and private sector to support girls and women. She is currently Executive Director of Philanthropic Partnerships at the Estee Lauder Companies, advancing social impact and managing the company's Foundation. Previously, Rachel served in the Obama Administration's Department of State and worked for the Clinton Foundation. She is an avid runner and loves being outside and traveling. As a Pelham newcomer, she looks forward to joining the Junior League and contributing to this wonderful community!



Alicia Washburn

Alicia was raised just outside of Washington, D.C. in Bethesda, MD. After attending her local high school she matriculated to Middlebury College where she met her husband Steve. After a post-college stint in Tunisia, teaching English as a second language, she moved to New York beginning a career in Marketing & Communications in the fashion retail industry.

After 15 years in the city, Alicia and her family moved to Pelham in the summer of 2020. She enjoys chasing after her active 3 year-old, Cecilia, a not-so-active 10 year-old puggle, and looks forward to resuming a love of travel post pandemic while forging a strong bond with her new community.

The 2020 Class of Junior League of Pelham Provisionals completed their selected project and were happy to report its great success.

WE partnered with Lifting Up Westchester and their Brighter Futures mentoring program to bring some care bags to teenage girls in need. The Brighter Futures program works to provide individual and group tutoring four days a week in five different locations in Yonkers and White Plains. Children attend as they are able, but many come daily, craving both the academic support and the individual attention that is missing from so many of their family situations. All children in this program either are currently homeless, have been at one time, or come from very low-income families. We identified these girls as ones that needed help during already trying times, most did not have the ability to purchase feminine hygiene products as well as other self-care items that most take for granted. Working with the center, we identified several needs to include in the bags, as well as some extras that our amazing group of volunteers were able to procure. Our group was able to source and assemble 100 individual bags for the group. Nancy, the director, was so grateful that we were able to supply these items for the girls and overjoyed at the amount we were able to bring.

With much gratitude, thank you to everyone who donated the money to cover the cost of a bag. Every member of our class worked hard behind the scenes to bring this together over many Zoom calls. We also owe a special thanks to Erica, Beth, and Stephanie for being our fearless leaders and Erica's children, Stella and Adrian, for assembling the bags.



On the most joyous and beautiful spring evening, the JLP membership gathered at the lovely Quintin family home to recognize the many accomplishments of the 2020-2021 year. Members celebrated current co-presidents Susan Quintin and Meredith McGinn and thanked them for outstanding leadership. Membership VP Stephanie Otero presented this year's recognition awards to the following four women who have shown outstanding dedication and commitment to their volunteer efforts over the past year:

The Felicia Brewer First Year Active Award: Jessica Doran

Volunteer of the Year Award: Erica Winter

The Elizabeth I. Junod Award: Leah Tahbaz

2021 Scholarship Recipient: Caroline Spana

Leah Tahbaz
The Elizabeth I. Junod Award

The Elizabeth I. Junod Award is awarded to LEAH TAHBAZ. We honor a woman who has been an involved Pelham parent since 2003. Serving on several local Boards, including the Junior League, the Pelham Children's Center, the Pelham Education Foundation, the Community Care Center and as President of the PTA Council, Leah has kept a close eye on all of Pelham's youth, while also raising four of her own. She is currently a member of the Pelham Board of Education, as well as the Executive Board of Pelham Together.



ANNUAL DINNER AND AWARDS

Each year since 1987, the Junior League of Pelham Scholarship has been awarded to a deserving female PMHS senior who has demonstrated outstanding community service.

The 2021 scholarship was granted by JLP’s executive board to the highly qualified **Caroline Spana**, who will be starting as a freshman at Villanova University this Fall. Through her work with the Girl Scouts, Caroline has completed multiple community service projects earning scouting’s highest awards: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. She focused her volunteer efforts on protecting the environment and helping animals. As an avid ocean

lover, she led beach cleanups, organized donation drives, and conducted educational efforts to reduce plastics and preserve marine ecosystems. Her varied high school accomplishments span from being captain of several varsity sports teams to involvement in numerous clubs to President of the English Honor Society. In addition, she also tutored students in STEM courses. She intends to pursue a degree in Information Technology as well as an Italian minor, and plans to study abroad following her passion for travel and languages. “Pelham has been a wonderful place to grow up and I’ve always felt supported by the community. This was especially evident by the large number of volunteers who came to help with my



service activities. I am so grateful to the Junior League for this honor and plan to continue my community volunteer work at Villanova and beyond.”



Erica Winter | Volunteer of the Year Award

The Volunteer of the Year Award is awarded to ERICA WINTER. In a year when we welcomed so many new neighbors to Pelham under the most challenging of situations, the Junior League was able to play a role in providing opportunities for people to connect with one another and make an impact in the community. That’s in large part due to the work of Erica, whose warmth and inclusiveness welcomed this year’s large and most diverse new member class. She revamped our New Member onboarding process to ensure it is inclusive and welcoming to all members of the community. In addition to her JLP duties, Erica also worked in a sensitive, critical role during the COVID-19 pandemic, helping local health departments contact trace to reduce community spread, while also giving volunteer time to Feeding Westchester and other organizations.

Jessica Doran | First Year Active Award

The First Year Active Award is awarded to JESSICA DORAN. As a first year Active, Jessica stepped into a particularly challenging role of Treasurer and knocked it out of the park. In a year when fundraising was cut to a minimum and partner organizations needed so much, she was able to help us model our options, ensuring that we gave as much as possible back to the community while keeping the Junior League financially sound. Her attention to detail, financial insights, and creativity were extremely valuable. Plus Jessica is just a pleasure to work with! The Junior League is lucky to have her in this role and we are grateful for her contributions!



JLP 2020/2021 Proposed Operating Budget

INCOME

Sponsorship	—
Community Donations	\$3,000.00
Signature Project Donations	—
Active Member Dues (1)	\$13,950.00
Provisional Dues (2)	\$3,210.00
Sustainer Dues (3)	\$9,150.00
Love Pelham Revenue	\$13,000.00
Fall Event Revenue	
Gals Event Revenue	\$10,000.00
Amazon Smile	\$50.00
Interest Earned	\$600.00
Total Fundraising	\$73,000.00
Total Revenue	\$102,960.00

EXPENDITURES

Fundraising Events Expenses	
Love Pelham Expenses	\$1,400.00
Fall Event Expenses	—
Gala Expense	\$25,000.00
Total Fundraising Event Expenses	\$26,400.00

Administrative Expenses

Accounting Software	\$600.00
Audit Fee	\$4,400.00
Bank Charges	\$100.00
Credit Card Fees	\$1,500.00
Insurance	\$3,850.00
Marketing Costs	\$2,000.00
Post Office Box	\$140.00
Postage	—
Rent	\$840.00
Supplies and Administration	\$200.00
Taxes and Licenses	\$150.00
Total Administrative Expenses	\$13,780.00

Communications Expenses

Postings Expenses	\$1,000.00
Public Relations	\$100.00
Technology	\$250.00
Website Maintenance	\$2,520.00
Total Communication Expenses	\$3,870.00

Membership Services

Membership Recognition	\$150.00
New Member Recruitment	\$250.00
New Presidents’ Welcome	\$500.00
Nominating and Placement	\$150.00
Annual Dinner	\$3,000.00
Sustainers	\$750.00
Total Membership Services Expenses	\$4,800.00

EXPENDITURES Continued

Community Affairs	
Community Affairs Roundtable	\$500.00
Community Grants Program	\$6,000.00
Community Grants Relations	\$7,500.00
Intern	\$750.00
lovepelham.com	\$100.00
NYSPAC Conference	\$200.00
NYSPAC Dues	\$200.00
Pelham Together	\$1,750.00
Public Affairs	\$400.00
Scholarship	\$2,000.00
Total Community Affairs Expenses	\$12,650.00

Projects

CSA Dinner Program	\$14,000.00
DIAD/DIAN PioP (4)	\$7,000.00
Provisional Project	\$1,200.00
Professional Prep	\$1,000.00
Signature Project	—
Toddlers/kids in Science	\$2,000.00
Total Projects	\$25,200.00

Volunteer Development

Active Member Training	\$4,000.00
AJLI dues (5)	\$9,300.00
Board Turnover Dinner	\$1,000.00
Conferences	\$2,500.00
New Member Training	\$800.00
PALS Dues	\$50.00
Programs and Ed	\$1,800.00
Sustaining Member Development	\$750.00
Total Volunteer Development Expenses	\$20,200.00

TOTAL REVENUE	\$102,960.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$106,900.00
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$(3,940.00)

Junior League of Pelham
Account blaances as of May 31, 2021

TD Operating Checking (X4545)	\$101,926.00
TD Operating Money Market (X4595)	\$150,987.00
TD Signature Money Market (X4602)	\$8,569.00
TD Signature Project Checking (X4628)	\$841.00
Total Cash	\$262,323.00

NOTES:
(1) Assumes 90 active members @ \$194 with 25% uncollectible due to Coronavirus
(2) Assumes 19 provisional members @ \$225 with 25% uncollectible due to Coronavirus
(3) Assumes 118 Sustainers @ \$94 with 25% uncollectible due to Coronavirus
(4) Includes \$840 of rent
(5) Assumes 220 members @ \$43