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The Junior League of Pelham looks forward to seeing you at

our April GMM

(General Membership Meeting)

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Meridian Risk Management
One Wolfs Lane

7:30pm to 9:30pm

For our last GMM of the year, we'll have an incredible training on the art of fundraising with Ms. Marilyn Hoyt. We'll also eat, drink, be merry!

Please join the Junior League of Pelham for a wonderful evening of

DELICIOUS DINNER and SPARKLING CONVERSATION

featuring some of Pelham's most beloved organizations!

Two options for our February GMM (General Membership Meeting):
Tuesday February 7
Wednesday February 8
7:30pm to 9:30pm

graciously hosted by fellow JLP volunteers in their Pelham homes



RSVP at tinyurl.com/JLPFebGMM



all FIRED up

The new volunteer year is upon us! Please join the Junior League of Pelham for our September GMM (General Membership Meeting) Tuesday, September 12, 7:30-9:30pm, at Meridian Risk Management, One Wolfs Lane. We'll be enjoying summery snacks and drinks and gearing up for the best year ever!

please join the junior league of pelham for our march general membership meeting (gmm) featuring

a champagne toast

as we officially welcome our class of twenty-two provisional members into active membership in our league!

tuesday evening
march 14, 2017
7:30pm to 9:30pm

special location!
pelham country club
940 wynnewood road

also on the agenda:
training: "self (e)valuation"





Please join the Junior League of Pelham as we bake delicious pies for our friends at the Mt. Vernon CSA.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15 or
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16
7:30PM TO 9:30PM

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Happy new year!
The Junior League of Pelham cordially invites you to join us at

OUR JANUARY GMM

(GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING)

Tuesday evening, January 10th, 2017 (!)
7:30pm to 9:30pm
at Meridian Risk Management, One Wolfs Lane

We are excited that Mr. Michael Holmes will be leading a training on unconscious bias. Let's strengthen our community and learn together!

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Membership:

It is an incredible honor to be your president this year. I know I have some big shoes to fill; Nancy Hawkins and our Board led beautifully last year, ushering in one of our largest provisional classes and working hard to get us moved into our new office. All this on top of managing a variety of projects and developing relevant trainings for our GMMs. 2016-17 was a huge success!

My goals for the League this year come from a belief that, first and foremost, the purpose of the Junior League is to make a difference in the community.

Making small changes to help those in need at a local level is how you overcome the hate and turmoil happening on a global level; you make the world a better place by starting right next door. I hope to do this by strengthening member engagement within the league and in our community, and by looking at new ways to contribute to all of our partner organizations.

The past three years have brought an influx of new members, and so we were able to increase the number of service projects this year. In addition to the County Harvest Food Rescue Program; cooking and delivering food to the Westchester CSA; collecting and distributing clothing and baby items through Pass it On, Pelham!; and the Dorm Room Drive; we'll develop a reading and art program with the Pelham Public Library and we'll research the need for a professional training program in the community. We will continue to facilitate the delivery of food to children in New Rochelle via our Backpack Program. And by the end of this year, our research and development team—with your help—will identify our next Signature Project.

We're livening up our provisional process this year with a robust one-day training session and a Pelham-themed scavenger hunt. This year's class will help to create a Martin Luther King Day of Service Project for the town of Pelham - it's something that the community has expressed a need for, and I know the Junior League can deliver.

Finally, I want to leave you with a quote from a fellow Junior Leaguer, and one of my heroes in the kitchen and beyond: Julia Child. "The measure of achievement is doing something that you appreciate; it's doing something that you think is worthwhile." It is very important to me that ALL league members feel that their work is worthwhile, and that we all follow in Julia's footsteps and be curious, bright, and fearless. I encourage you all to please reach out to me with ideas, suggestions, concerns because this isn't "My Year" or the "Board's Year": this service year belongs to all of us, and I want us all to work TOGETHER to build a better Pelham.

All my best,

Lisa Hill-Ries

2017-2018 President

ABOUT POSTINGS

Postings is the JLP newsletter published once a year, and offered in both printed and digital format. The JLP keeps its members up-to-date with the JLP website, weekly e-blasts, and on the JLP Facebook page. 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 voluntarism, 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.

Junior League of Pelham's
4TH ANNUAL
Oktoberfest
CELEBRATION

The **Junior League of Pelham** held its 4th annual Oktoberfest Celebration on Saturday, October 15. Nearly 150 Pelhamites and friends came out to eat, drink and support this great town tradition. Also in attendance were **New York State Senator Jeffrey Klein**, and **New York State Assemblywoman Amy Paulin**. The parking lot outside the Fisherman's Net was transformed into Pelham's very own German festhaus – with **Depot Dave** grilling up a delectable spread of German delights, the Net's wonderful staff filling stein after stein of Oktoberfest brew and **DJ Cutz** piping in festive tunes. Aside from the usual Oktoberfest merriment, event goers paired up in teams of two and competed in the 2nd annual beer pong tournament. While the event was slated to end at 8pm, the tournament went well into the evening, with the last two teams vying for the highly coveted beer pong trophy, as well as the generous gift basket donated by **DeCicco's**. Guests departed with full bellies, empty steins, new friends and smiles from ear to ear. What a great way to kick-off fall in Pelham!

All proceeds from the Oktoberfest Celebration go to support the Junior League of Pelham's outreach programs aimed at improving the lives of families, and promoting the enrichment of Pelham and neighboring communities. The Junior League of Pelham would like to thank everyone who came out to support the League to make Oktoberfest a success once again. Special thanks to **Meridian Risk Management** and **Joan Solimine Real Estate** for their Platinum sponsorship. Additional thanks to Richie and **The Fisherman's Net**, **Depot Dave**, **OnPoint Image & Design**, and **DeCicco's**.



The JLP would like to thank everyone who donated to the "Light Up Pelham" campaign and helped us meet our goal of raising \$10,000! More than 119 community members and businesses contributed to the fundraising campaign, demonstrating their kindness and generosity, as well as their shared goal of enhancing our community.

During the "Light Up Pelham" event, festive luminaries lit up the path of Fifth Avenue between the R.J. Daronco Town House and the Town Hall on Dec. 3, 2016. Your donation of a luminary will support the ongoing work of the Junior League of Pelham in the areas of healthy families, education, and strengthening our surrounding community.

This year, Light Up Pelham put a spotlight on the needs of the hungry and food insecure in Westchester County. We collected non-perishable canned goods throughout the month of November and at the lighting, which were distributed at the Hope Community Services Food Pantry in New Rochelle.

Light Up Pelham was chaired this year by Kerry Buckley and Silmara Sucena and would not have been successful without the hard work and dedication of the entire committee.

Cinco de Mayo

Congratulations to the Fundraising Committee for a successful spring fundraiser! JLP members and neighbors gathered at Cantina Lobos to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. All proceeds from the 50/50 raffle and corn hole tournament went directly to the JLP. It was a fun way to help the League and have a great night out in Pelham! Special thanks to Mary Hefner, Renee Gallagher and Cantina Lobos for hosting the event!



MEET THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017 / 2018



President Lisa Hill-Ries	President Elect / Planning VP Romina Levy	Fund Development VP Bridget Messina	Communications VP Erin Ginsburg	Membership VP Sabrina Clark	Community Outreach Co-VP Michele Egan
<p>Lisa is excited to embark on this adventure as President of the Junior League of Pelham. She joined the league in 2014 as provisional class co-chair, and has served on the board as Fund Development VP and President Elect. Volunteerism has always played a major role in her life, and she looks forward to inspiring the Pelham community to give back where they can. Lisa is writer and publicist who freelances for a variety of local arts organizations; she is also an avid baker and founded Girl Next Door Baked Goods, which specializes in brownies and cookies. Lisa grew up in Boston, earned a BA in English Literature from the University of Chicago, and moved to Pelham in 2014 after 13 years in Manhattan and Brooklyn. In her spare time, Lisa enjoys throwing dinner parties and lamenting over how she never has time to read anymore, except the stories she shares with her 5-year-old twins, Jack and Nellie.</p>	<p>Romina joined the JLP in 2013 and is President-Elect for 2017-18. She served as co-chair on the Community & Public Affairs Committee last year. This will be her first year on the Board. Romina moved to Pelham with her husband Jerry and four children, Zach (20), Zara (16), Aiden (14) and Sebastian (11) in 2003. Romina also served on local boards in the role of PACT President; Siwanoy and Pelham Memorial High School PTAs President; PTA Council Vice President; CNC Chair; and Pelham Education Foundation board member. She currently serves as a board member on Westchester Children’s Association and is a CASA for MHA of Westchester (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for children in foster case in Westchester County. Romina grew up in Malta, and moved to the U.K. in her late teens. Her undergraduate and graduate degrees are in Economics.</p>	<p>Bridget joined the JLP in 2014 and is looking forward to her first year on the board as Fund Development VP. Last year Bridget was co-chair of the research and development committee and during her first active year served on the fund development committee, primarily working on the 75th anniversary gala. Bridget is a pediatric nurse and currently works as a clinical nurse instructor at Columbia University. In addition, she is also a troop leader for the 2nd grade Brownie troop at Colonial Elementary. Bridget holds a BSN from Plattsburgh State University and a MSN from Molloy College. She enjoys reading, running, skiing and has recently taken up tennis. She moved to Pelham in 2014 with her husband and 3 children.</p>	<p>Erin joined the JLP in 2013, where she served as co-chair of her Provisional Class. In her first active year, she co-chaired the Pelham Library Partners and was a recipient of the Felicia Brewer First-Year Active Award. Erin has also served on the Board as Fund Development VP. An active volunteer in the community, Erin coaches youth soccer, teaches CCD at St. Catharine’s and has served as President of the Colonial School PTA. A writer and blogger, her work has appeared both online and in a range of national publications, including Parents Magazine, The Boston Globe Magazine, and CNN.com, as well as in the anthology Dirt is Good for You (Chronicle Books, 2009). Erin holds a B.A. in American Studies from Trinity College and an M.S. in Journalism from Columbia University. She lives in Pelham with her husband and three children.</p>	<p>Sabrina joined the JLP in 2014 after just having moved to Pelham the month prior. In her first two active years, she has twice co-chaired the league’s annual Oktoberfest celebration, as well as co-chaired the Done In A Day committee. Sabrina is an Associate Principal at SYPartners, a boutique consulting firm focused on human-led transformation. While her job allows her to help leaders and their organizations be the best versions of themselves, the league has given her an opportunity to do the same for Pelham and its surrounding communities, as well as teach her two kids, Brayden and Kendall, the value of volunteerism. Sabrina and her family love travel and adventure—especially to warm destinations—but sometimes, there’s nothing better than lounging on the couch and taking time to pause.</p>	<p>Michele joined the JLP in 2014 and served as Assistant Treasurer her first active year and Treasurer in her second active year. She is a CPA and received her Accounting degree from Hofstra University. Prior to moving to Pelham, she was a board member and Treasurer of Bowery Babes, a NYC non for profit mothers group with over 2800 members. Michele has 3 children, Rowan, Ryah and Ava. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, baking, reading, yoga, running and volunteering.</p>

COMMUNICATIONS

Where to find JLP Information & Updates:

- As always, you can find all the relevant JLP information on our website www.jlpelham.org including:
- JLP calendar
 - Member Directory
 - Budget
 - Current Project Slate
 - Membership Requirements

For real-time updates on projects visit our Facebook community page. It is a great way to stay connected with fellow JLP members.

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

How to Get In Touch and Get Your News Publicized

We have created a single email address for communication council that will remain unchanged from year to year:

pr@jlpelham.org.

Got news?

Submit to pr@jlpelham.org after your direct VP has reviewed and approved the information you wish to publicize. This includes submissions to weekly eBlast, 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 communication must be approved by VP Communications. 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!

Deadlines:

eBlast: submit **by Thursday** for inclusion in eBlast next Tuesday. Information will be also updated on the website at the same time.

Postings: All materials for Postings should be submitted throughout the JLP year and **before June 1, 2018**. Please check JLP website and weekly eBlasts for any changes to this date.

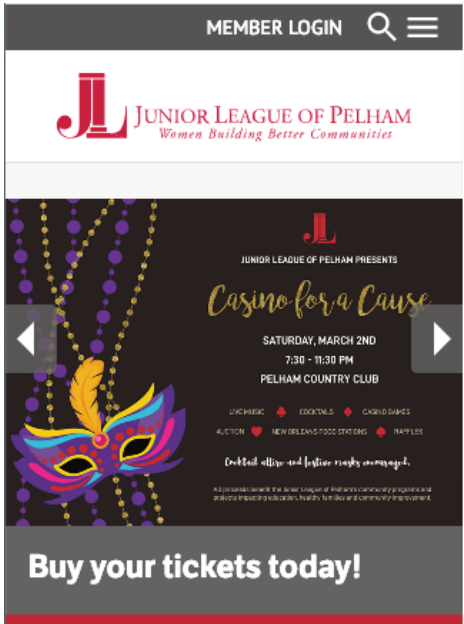
Local Papers: submit **two weeks prior** to desired publication date – to allow time for JLP editorial review and submission to the paper. When submitting an article, include pictures and captions with name of people in your pictures.

Any questions? Please contact PR team at pr@jlpelham.org.

MEET THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016 / 2017



Community Outreach Co-VP Lidia McCarthy	Treasurer Kristin Austin	Secretary Lisa Horten	Sustainer Representative Colleen Walsh	Sustainer Representative Kristin Timmermans
Lidia is looking forward to her second year as Community Outreach Co-VP and pleased to continue building upon her experience from her two consecutive years as Community & Public Affairs Committee Co-Chair. Lidia has lived in Pelham for more than a decade and joined the JLP in 2013. During her time with the JLP, Lidia was also part of Teen Improv and the Backpack Program. Lidia received a bachelor’s degree in International Business from Iona College, and master’s degree in Information and Digital Resource Management from Columbia University. At present, she is employed by Columbia University’s Office of Investments in the area of operations, loves spending her free time with her family, and enjoys dancing, traveling, reading and searching for antiques.	Kristin joined the JLP shortly after moving to Pelham in 2011 and this is her third year on the Board. In her first five active years, Kristin was on the Membership Committee, served as Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer. She also co-chaired Library Partners, participated in the County Harvest program and was on the Signature Project committee. Kristin received her degree in architecture from the University of Minnesota and, prior to starting her family, had a residential architecture business. She currently serves on the Architectural Review Board for the Village of Pelham. Most of all, Kristin loves spending time with her family, her daughter Skyler, and two sons, Laighton and Devin.	Lisa joined the JLP in 2014, and is excited to serve on the board as Secretary this year. Before settling down in Pelham, she led committees for the Junior Leagues of Washington DC, Atlanta and NYC. Professionally, Lisa has 12+ years of experience in the editorial field, writing, editing, and overseeing content for print and digital media outlets like PopSugar, StrollerTraffic, and Gotham and Hamptons magazines. She holds a BA from the University of Richmond (’04). Lisa is also actively involved with SelfHelp Community Services, a Manhattan-based organization that provides housing and social services for Holocaust survivors. Lisa and her family (husband John and children, 5-year-old Brooks and 2-year-old Ellie) just returned to New York after a one-year stint of living in Hong Kong and traveling throughout Southeast Asia. She is now focusing her time on writing about family travel and other lifestyle topics from the comfort of her Pelham home office.	Colleen Walsh will be the Sustainer at Large to celebrate being a member of the Junior League of Pelham for 20 years. She is a Past President and has served as Recording Secretary, Public Relations Chair (back when we had to get the photos developed and then drive to drop them off at the Pelham Weekly), and has chaired various projects including the Paideia School Coat Drive and Book Drive while working on the Julianne’s Playground Project and the Lantern Project. Colleen has been Chairperson of the Pack Committee for Pack 4 Cub Scouts, served as Town Clerk, and is the mother of three boys. She has worked in Wellness for the past 15 years and is the owner of Wellness Now, providing personal training, life coaching, and motivational speaking. Colleen is looking forward to an active and fun year with the Sustainers!	Kristen grew up in Sullivan County, New York. She attended NYU and Pace University School of Law. After more than a decade at Atari, in 2015 Kristen left as its General Counsel to work from home. Most recently, Kristen has returned to the commuting work force and is now General Counsel for a Fintech on Wall Street. Kristen’s husband, Robert, is an interventional cardiologist practicing at Westchester Medical Center. They have 4 children ranging in age from 18-8. Her oldest son is headed to college this fall as a freshman at Fordham University. Kristen began her tenure in the Junior League in 2003. She has been on the Board and on multiple committees, including Nominating & Placement, Provisionals, and has co-chaired the gala and the holiday party. She is delighted to act as a Sustainer Rep this year with her partner in crime, Colleen Walsh.



Had you visited the new JLP Website?

Check it out at Jlpelham.org! With a fresh new design and mobile-friendly interface, it is intuitive and easy to navigate.

If you need a username and password or need assistance during the year, you can email technology@jlpelham.org. Please take a moment to make sure your member profile is up to date.

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JLP Projects

JLP Project Chairs and volunteers worked hard on the five main outreach projects for the 2016-2017 year and had a important impact on the community.

Backpack Program

This year the Backpack Program completed nine major delivery runs. Recipients included large groups and individual families. Recipients included Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle, the Good Counsel Home in Mount Vernon, the Acacia Network in the Bronx, Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx, Hope Community Services in New Rochelle, BronxWorks, and LSA Family Health Services in Harlem. We also worked with Hearts and Homes, and delivered three large bins of spring clothing to a local Syrian refugee family. The individual family recipients were generally referred to us by members or via the Moms of Pelham Facebook group.



Dorm Room Drive

This year was a planning year for this project. The project goal is to support first-generation college bound freshman women as they embark on their college careers by outfitting them with dorm room essentials.

Pass it On, Pelham!

Pass it On, Pelham! continued to collect baby and children's gear from Pelham families and delivered them to families in need. JLP moved its office from Huguenot Church to the Manor Club and Pass it On, Pelham! will also be housed in this space. Pass it On, Pelham! was the beneficiary of this year's provisional project. The provisional team held a family-fun collection event in February at the Manor Club and help moved items to the new location.

County Harvest Food Run Rescue

JLP Continued to support County Harvest by participating in a weekly food run, rescuing excess food from restaurants, supermarkets and wholesale clubs and delivering it to soup kitchens, food pantries and homeless shelters in Westchester.



JLP Recognized by the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle

The JLP was awarded the "Afterschool Hero Award" from the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle for the work the League has done with the Backpack Program over the years. The Backpack Program provides backpacks full of nutritious food every other Friday to the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle which distributes the food to its neediest families. Maggie Shaw accepted the award on behalf of the JLP on October 19, 2016 at an event called "Lights on Afterschool" which celebrates the work of afterschool programs.



CSA Dinner Programs

New project "CSA Dinner Programs" partnered with Community Service Associates (CSA) to provide dinners to those in need in the Mt. Vernon community. Committee members met monthly at rotating homes to prepare an entree, starch, vegetable side and dessert for 100 people. Nine deliveries were made by twenty JLP members throughout the year, totaling 900 delicious meals. We had fun cooking together and learning how to make enough for a crowd.





Provisional Pass it on, Pelham Event a Success!

On February 4, 2017, the Provisional Class hosted a drive to collect gently-used baby gear and clothing for kids aged 0-16 at the Manor Club in connection with the Pass it on Pelham! Project.

Over 30 bags of clothes, shoes, and baby gear were collected for families in Pelham and surrounding communities. The JLP coordinated deliveries throughout the year with beneficiaries such as St. Dominick's Foster Home in the Bronx to get the donations directly into the hands of families in need.

"It was an amazing event," said Past President, Tyson Newton Stephens. "Not only were people able to clear out some extra clothes and gear, they were able to

make a real contribution to Pelham and the surrounding areas. There was one man who brought in over 15 large garbage bags of clothes - all with a great big grin!"

In addition to collecting donations, the JLP hosted entertainment for the whole family, including music by Zev, Juggles the Clown and crafts for St. Valentine's Day. Over 40 parents and children came to donate and enjoy the activities.

"We were really impressed by the turnout and feel grateful to live in a town with so many hardworking and caring people," said provisional class co-chair, Heena Jain. "The Valentine's Day theme fit perfectly in sharing our love of the community and spreading smiles amongst the kids. With so many donations, we are sure to help many

families in need. Thank you Pelham!"

Since its inception in 2015, Pass it on Pelham! has reached hundreds of families in lower Westchester and the Bronx. JLP will continue to host drives at the Manor Club, located at 1023 Esplanade in Pelham Manor. For more information on how to donate or become a beneficiary, contact PassItOnPelham@gmail.com.

The Provisional Class would like to thank all the volunteers who spent the day sorting, organizing, lifting heavy bags and getting all the great donations to the children who needed them...all while keeping the kids entertained! The class also sends a special heartfelt thank you to Tyson Newton Stephens who was their guiding light and who kept the class focused and motivated!

Community Leaders Roundtable: Building and Strengthening Partnerships: Exploring Community Needs and Creating Meaningful Solutions for Pelham Non-Profits, Businesses and Civic Leaders



On October 26, 2016, the Junior League of Pelham (JLP) held a Community Leaders Roundtable at Daronco Town House. The roundtable focused on cultivating meaningful and lasting relationships with customers and the community to forge powerful partnerships to the benefit of all. Stakeholders from the business, non-profit and civic sectors participated in the discussion. The panel was facilitated by JLP Community and Public Affairs co-chair, Kimberly Davis.

Insights from the panelists:

Luisa DeCicco: DeCicco & Sons. Representing the corporate-sector, the Director of Human Resources focused on the importance of building relationships. She spoke about creating relationships between employees and customers, and illustrated how their organization supports the communities in which they operate.

Lynn Honeysett: Pelham Art Center. The Executive Director highlighted collaboration as



being an integral part of the non-profit world, especially at the Pelham Art Center. One of the goals of the Pelham Art Center is to collaborate with the community—through workshops, exhibits, and public art—to make art more accessible to all. Partnerships have included close neighbors such as Prime 16 and the Yoga Studio. Honeysett believes that successful partnerships are based on collaborative goals; that they must be open and flexible; and all sides must contribute.

Susan Mutti: Village of Pelham. The Deputy Mayor explained that the Village of Pelham's partners include: the residents, government bodies, organizations, merchants, and the MTA. She provided the audience with a highlight of how the Village collaborates and works with these various partners. Residents may have concerns, initiatives,

projects and other issues such as parking and zoning. Government bodies have best practices, shared services, training and projects. Organizations in town require approval for events (e.g. parades) or to accept donations (e.g. to plant trees). When it comes to merchants-the laws change and they need new and revised permits (e.g. expand sidewalk service), ARB (signage code, site reviews) or parking. Finally, the MTA-station conducts its own renovations, safety and parking but works with the Village of Pelham.

Joe Solimine Jr: Meridian Risk Management. The President of both Meridian Risk Management and the Pelham Chamber of Commerce explained the challenges that small business face, when competing with larger firms, and emphasized that creating relationships

can make the difference in their success. Meridian Risk Management is now synonymous with volunteering and giving in Pelham—"Give where you live" is their philosophy. Loaning office space and donating to local non-profits are just some of the ways Meridian supports the community; forging enduring partnerships with JLP, Pelham Civic Association, The Picture House, Pelham Children Center, Pelham Art Center and The Pelham Public Library.

Todd Cross: 10803 Facebook Page. The co-founder spoke about the need for a simple solution for volunteer groups and non-profit organizations to create a shared online presence with a shared purpose to help the community.

The workshop that followed challenged the audience to identify community needs and explore how partnerships could make a difference. Best ideas were then shared and presented to the group at large.

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My Sisters' Place

JLP brought holiday cheer to two shelters for My Sisters' Place in Westchester! The plan was to make the spaces more joyous and festive for the families and individuals at the holidays. At the November Pie Baking GMM, members put together 21 holiday kits (including ornaments and hot chocolate) for the residents of the shelter. Two wreaths were made and JLP also funded the purchase of two Christmas trees and lights for the shelters.



Thanks from MSP:

“ I just wanted to share these photos with you of the Junior League’s donations in one of our shelters. Yesterday the Residential Counselor organized a party with the holiday kits and tree decorating for the families to participate in. Everyone had a great time and the tree looks fantastic! Thank you SO much! We appreciate your support and for donating such lovely kits, wreaths, and trees. They arrived so beautifully and just in time for the holidays. Please pass on our appreciation to everyone on your end who helped put this gift together.”



Back to School Drive

DIAD organized the donation of backpacks and supplies for ten young boys served by Westchester Jewish Community Services. WJCS ensures that the neediest children supported by the organization have the clothes and supplies to get them started on the right track for the school year.



Food delivery to Syrian family

Throughout the month of March, JLP partnered with Pelham Hearts and Homes for Refugees to welcome the Ali-Dibs, a refugee family from Syria. Members cooked and delivered 10 kosher meals to this loving family of 6 and enjoyed spending time with our new neighbors. Member Lucienne Lozada Madey just finished prepping her feast to deliver to the Ali-Dib family.



HELP USA:

The DIAD team organized stockings and a holiday toy drive for approximately 150 homeless children residing at HELP USA in Mount Vernon.

Members stuffed stockings with candy, pencils, crayons,

coloring books and small trinket holiday toys at the five different venues on the November GMM Pie Baking nights. Unwrapped gifts were collected at the Holiday Party and delivered to the shelter in time for the holidays.



Done in a Day / Evening / Meeting *continued...*

Hope Food Pantry

DIAD participants assisted the Light Up Pelham committee by volunteering at the annual event and raising money through raffle ticket sales. This year's luminaries contained donated canned goods which were delivered to the Hope Community Services Food Pantry in New Rochelle.



CSA Cook & Serve

DIAD organized a cook and serve meal for CSA in May. Members provided lasagnas, salads, bread rolls and chocolate chip cookies for 100 people. Members also served the meal at the soup kitchen the same evening.



Senior Luncheon

DIAD organized a luncheon for Pelham's Senior Citizens at the Townhouse in May. Members baked desserts and the League purchased a delicious hot meal from DeCicco's. League members provided musical entertainment and the Seniors were delighted when they received flowers to take home.



PROJECT SLATE 2017-2018

Backpack

Through the JLP Backpack program, we provide 25 of the neediest families who attend the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle with totes full of healthy food to sustain them over a weekend. These families rely on subsidized or free meals in school during the week, but on the weekends they are left with no assistance to sustain themselves.

CSA Dinner

CSA Dinner Programs will be a partnership with Community Service Associates to provide dinners to those in need in the Mt. Vernon community. Cooking days or nights will be modeled after Pie-Baking to

encourage member socialization while getting hands-on in the kitchen and will be open to all members. Committee members can also decide to serve the meal at the CSA.

Dorm Room

Dorm Room Drive will support first-generation college-bound freshman women as they embark on their college careers by outfitting them with dorm room essentials such as comforter sets, sheets, towels, pillows, and shower caddies complete with toiletries.

Food Rescue (County Harvest)

County Harvest is a non-profit organization that rescues excess food from hotels, restaurants,

caterers, country clubs, supermarkets, wholesale clubs etc. and delivers it immediately to soup kitchens, food pantries and homeless shelters in Westchester County. JLP members will participate in a weekly food rescue run.

Library Partners

Library Partners is a partnership with Pelham Public Library in which members of the committee will read at children's story time twice a month with children ages birth-4 years old. The committee members use picture books, stories, rhymes, and songs to enhance early literacy and to have lots of fun. In addition, this year we are also doing a craft/

art project one Saturday a month. Two committee members will engage children ages 5-8 year olds in a book related craft.

Pass it on, Pelham!

The goal of Pass It On, Pelham! is to connect gently used infant and children's clothing with local families in need in cooperation with community organizations. The project will hold collection events to receive donations and will develop a network of organizations so that donated goods may quickly reach those who can use them.

Professional Prep – NEW!

The goal of this project is to help

Mothers/Fathers re-entering the work force, or high school/ college grads getting ready for their first job. We plan to assist applicants with their wardrobe and help them with their resume writing and interview skills. Through wardrobe assistance, we can connect those people looking for professional attire with those who have donations. Through resume and interview assistance, we will help people preparing for a job interview. Qualified JLP members can volunteer to review and edit resumes, and conduct mock interviews (based on their different industries/ areas of expertise).

November Pie Baking

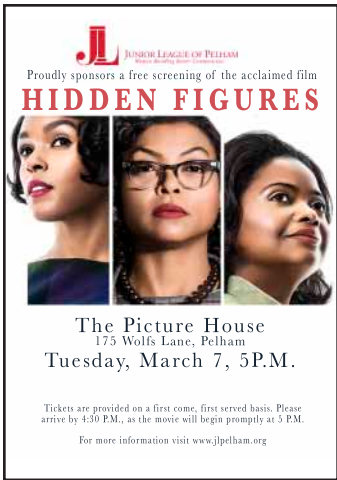
On November 15th and 16th, over 70 JLPers baked 28 apple pies for the CSA of Mount Vernon. They also stuffed stockings full of candy, pencils, crayons, coloring books and small trinket holiday toys. The Research and Development committee led a lively and informative discussion about members’ engagement in the League, and also discussed ideas for the next Signature Project. Special thanks to Diandra D’Amico, Erin Glnsberg, Jessica DeDomenico, Selina Regan, Tyson Newton Stephens, Betsy Brady, Jordan Hall, and Valerie Collmann Micciche for hosting. An evening of doing good and having fun while doing it.



Junior League of Pelham Screens “Hidden Figures”



In March 2017, the JLP hosted a screening of “Hidden Figures” at The Picture House on Wolfs Lane in Pelham. The movie portrayed the experiences of women of color working for NASA in the 1960s and their contribution to the moon landing. The screening was focused on girls in high school and middle school, and almost 100 moviegoers attended the special event.



Dinner Meetings

Dinner Meetings were held on two nights in February this year. A variety of local non-profits and organizations including the Friends of the Pelham Public Library, Bartow-Pell Mansion, Pelham Art Center, Hearts and Homes for Refugees, Pelham Picture House, PTA Council, PACT, County Harvest, Pelham Education Foundation, Pelham Children’s Center, Pelham Business Club and the Village of Pelham attended the meetings to talk to JLP members about their work in the community.



NYSPAC



the Junior League of Pelham. The following issues were considered:

- “Raise the Age” legislation
- Legislation that prevents employers from asking prior salary in job interview and application
- Legislation that prevents Level 3 (most likely to reoffend/violent) sex offenders from living in college dormitories
- Updates to statute of limitations for child sex abuse
- Legislation to require hospitals and other health organizations to identify and report suspected cases of human trafficking

After much discussion, 10 of the 11 leagues in attendance voted, resulting in an agreement to advocate in support of passing legislation that prevents employers from asking prior salary in job interviews and on applications. For more information about NYSPAC: <http://jl-nyspac.org/>

Junior League of Pelham announces its 2017 Grant Recipients

The Junior League of Pelham (JLP) is pleased to announce the 2017 recipients of its annual Community Grants Program. All of these non-profits support projects and services aligned with the JLP's focus on healthy families, education, and Pelham improvements.



Ladies of Charity is a not-for-profit organization focused on women's and children's causes, and supports the Pelham Day Care Center. JLP provided \$500 to purchase yarn to make children's mittens & blankets.

Pelham Children's Center is a not-for-profit early child care and education center serving a culturally and economically diverse group of children. The JLP grant of \$2,000 will be used to cover a portion of their food service program.

The Manor Club is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to promote and provide cultural, educational, literacy, and philanthropic activities within Pelham and its surrounding communities. The JLP granted \$750 to sponsor a lecture series targeted at middle school and high school students, in cooperation with the Women's Empowerment Group at PMHS.

Pelham Art Center received \$1,000 to support the outdoor Art Exhibit installations in the designated area of Wolfs Lane Park. The Pelham Art Center is committed to providing high-quality, free and affordable art programs year-round to Pelham and its surrounding communities.



Cancer Support Team is the only Westchester based non-profit home care program, whose mission is to enhance the quality of life of patients and families affected by cancer. The JLP grant of \$500 will be used to purchase supplies to make Chemo Comfort kits.



Project Community Inc. (formerly known as Nurses Network) began over 30 years ago when nurses partnered with their community to provide healthcare knowledge. The JLP granted \$750 to fund a presentation to 8th-9th graders in Pelham on the dangers of binge drinking.

Siwanoy School PTA received \$500 to support its outdoor classroom that will break ground this summer. This space will allow teachers and students in all grades and various subjects to use the natural world as an integral part of learning throughout the entire year. The outdoor classroom will be accessible to the entire Pelham community to participate in hands-on, exploratory learning.

The JLP grant committee is honored to have awarded a total of \$6,000 to these seven worthy not-for profit organizations after reviewing a total of eighteen applications.

Junior League of Pelham announces its 2017 Scholarship Recipient: Teddy Carey



We had a number of outstanding applicants for our President's Award Scholarship, but the committee quickly agreed that there was a clear winner. Teddy Carey embodies all the traits we were looking for: he has volunteered extensively with a number of organizations in town, including Huguenot Memorial Church, the Pelham Education Foundation, the Pelham Memorial High School Tutoring Center, Relay for Life, and Thanksgiving in a Box.

His grades demonstrate an admirable work ethic, and he's heading to Georgetown University in the fall. He received a glowing recommendation. But what inspired us most about Teddy was his essay. In it he tells the story of his family's work with the Fresh Air Fund, and how they hosted a young boy named Junior from Harlem in their home each summer for two weeks, beginning when Teddy was just 8 years old. He started off being a little annoyed at having to share his room with a strange kid, but he and Junior became close friends over the years. And, just as important, he learned one of life's greatest lessons very early on. He writes, "As the years passed and I got more mature, I realized the rest of the world was not always as safe and as easy as Pelham. Not everyone is entitled to the same privileges as I am. I knew I could never change that, but I found out I could do a little bit to help in any way possible. After that realization, I started volunteering for anything that seemed important to me. If I possessed a skill or ability that I could share with someone else, then I did." We look forward to seeing where Teddy's intelligence, insight, and compassion will take him.



Wolfs Lane Park Project

Former Pelham Village Trustee and JLP Sustainer, Susan Mutti, worked tirelessly on the Wolf's Lane Park project since she assumed control of the entire project in 2013. The Project for Public Space of 10+ Philosophy is an expansive project that demonstrates how the Pelham community can thrive, socially, by allocating public spaces for a variety of social activities. Those activities, in turn, derive an economic benefit, by attracting residents to the village's traditional commercial district.

The Wolf's Lane Park's first completed project was JLP's very own signature project, the Woodland's Park, opened September of 2015.

The JLP has continued its involvement with the Wolf's Lane Park project, most recently with the opening of the park's memorial courtyard, where Lidia Mc Carthy represented the JLP at the courtyard's ribbon-cutting ceremony. The Village, in partnership with the Pelham Arts Center, will present public art exhibits in the park. The inaugural art exhibit, Anki King's "Human Nature", a strikingly simple, sculpture, primal and visceral in its composure and presence, was made possible by one of JLP's grant, given to the Pelham Arts Center through its grants program.



Civics Gala The Junior League of Pelham members Anna Ross, Nancy Hawkins, Tyson Newton Stephens, Lisa Hill-Ries, Maggie Shaw supported the Pelham Civics Association at their gala in October.

Meet the 2016-2017 Provisional Class

Provisional biographies are as of the Fall of 2018



Karen Albright

I moved to Pelham in July with my husband, Brad, and daughter, Carolyn. I am a lawyer who grew up in Pelham and lived most recently in NYC.



Liza Benner

I moved to Pelham this past summer and look forward to meeting new friends and getting involved in the community. I work in financial services marketing for EY. I have a passion for photography. My husband, Mike, and I have two kids (Lanie and Benner) and a Boston Terrier.



Karen Bray

I am a mother of an awesome second grader at Colonial Elementary, and also a full-time attorney focusing on litigation. I was born and raised in Staten Island, moved to the city as a student, and found my way back to the suburbs last year when my husband, son and I moved to Pelham. I love to cook and play tennis.



Jessyka Calzolaio

I originally hail from Ontario, Canada but now call Pelham Manor home as of February 2016. I am the wife to Michael and mother to Lilliana, 4, and Leopoldo, 2. I received my B.S. in Marketing from NYU, an

M.S. in Special Education from Mercy College, and then finally, an M.S. in Educational Leadership from Stony Brook University. I currently work as an Assistant Principal for the NYCDOE in the Bronx.

Gina Flynn

I moved to Pelham in October 2014 from New York City where I lived for 14 years. I am originally from Colorado. I'm a mother of 2 children, Hadley (6) and Ella (4). I attended the University of Denver for undergrad and NYU for graduate school. I worked in public relations before realizing that my real passion is working with children. I taught in elementary schools before starting my own business working with children. I currently spend my time enjoying my family and am excited to become more involved in the Pelham community.

Chiara Goodyear

After 5 years in the D.C. area, I am thrilled to be living in Pelham with my husband and 3 children.



Jamie Huggler

I moved to Pelham 4 years ago with my young son Jagger. I am a surgically trained Physician Assistant currently working on the Upper East Side of Manhattan at Lenox Hill Hospital where I specialize in Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery. I was recently awarded PA of the year, and my career has been very rewarding. I consider myself extremely fortunate for the opportunity to care for patients during what can be a most vulnerable time in their lives. As a member of the JLP, I am looking forward to doing my part to make a positive impact for those in need in our community. I am also very much looking forward to sharing these experiences with my son Jagger and exposing him to the world of philanthropy.



Heena Jain

My family and I moved to Pelham in July 2016. We had been in Manhattan for the year prior and had lived in Mumbai from 2010-2015. While in Mumbai, I decided to take a break from the Building Engineering/Property Management world and started Food blogging for a popular Indian blog (missmalini.com). This involved restaurant review, chef interviews and lessons. In the midst of that, I had both my children and also got heavily involved in the expat mothers group Hopping Bunnies. We would organize weekly playdates, outings and Holiday parties. As well as many charity/volunteer events. After a couple of years, I became co-chair of the organization. Before India, I had lived in NYC and worked as a District Manager for ABM Engineering. This entailed managing a large portfolio of buildings (government, commercial, schools, etc.), engineering staff and operations.

On a more personal note, I was born in London and grew up in Florida. I have a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Florida (Go Gators!). I look forward to raising my children in Pelham and would love to help make this community the best it can be!



Jade-Snow Joachim

I am a new resident of Pelham, having moved here this summer with my husband David and two children, Sanford and Abigail. I am a photo editor, previously working at The New York Times and Washington Post. Currently, I freelance for authors needing photo research and on projects for National Geographic. I am a graduate of The George Washington University. I am a native New Yorker, and glad to be 'home' after a five year stint in the Washington, DC area.

Shayna Klopott

I have been a resident of Pelham for 6 years. I live on Cliff Avenue with my husband Michael, daughter Sophie and our dog Winnie. I am a consultant for the NY City Public Schools, evaluating federally-funded after school programs. I received my PhD in Political Science/Politics and Education from Columbia University in 2015, and also have an EdM from Harvard in Teaching and Curriculum and a Bachelors in Geography from the University of Chicago. I have previously worked in not-for-profit agencies focused on education policy and research and previously lived in Chicago, Washington DC, Boston and New York City. I was born in Albany, NY.



Ann Louise Glasser

I moved to Pelham in August 2016 to teach elementary music in the Pelham Public Schools. I completed my Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance in my hometown, Columbia, South Carolina, at the University of South Carolina, my Master of Music in Vocal Performance at Manhattan School of Music, and Master of Music Education

at Teacher's College, Columbia University. I have performed as a professional opera singer, regionally, in the United States and, internationally, as far as St. John's, Newfoundland and Rome, Italy. My fiancé, Jim Wright, is a professional opera singer, and we are planning to get married in July, 2018.



Natalie Marrero

I was born in the Dominican Republic, but grew up in NYC. In 2014, I moved to Pelham with my husband and three children from NYC. I am a Human Resource professional in the financial services sector and am currently a vice president at HSBC. Prior to my current role, I served as a human resource manager at various Fortune 500 companies. I am a graduate from the City College of NY (BA) and NYC (MS). I am also certified as a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) and as a Strategic HR Business Partner. I am also a certified Executive Coach, having received my Executive Coach certificate from NYU.

MEMBERS



Amy Moselhi

I am an active community member who believes in advocacy. As a Civil Engineer who had managed hundreds of millions of dollars of Public City work, I have experience managing complex projects and large groups of people with an eye on the bottom line and key deliverables. I am very eager to work with the group of women who are affiliated with the JLP. Their commitment to the community is noteworthy and commendable. The history of the Junior League is remarkable and I am very excited to be a part of such a wonderful organization and hope that I may be of service.

Haley Price

Before moving to Pelham, I've called four different cities my home – Boston, NYC, San Francisco and LA. I'm a proud mother and wife as well as a marketing professional, having worked in sports, sponsorship and event production for over 12 years. In addition, I love traveling, hiking and last minute camping trips. I'm excited to get involved in my community and meet my neighbors through the JLP.



Beth Ritchie

Originally from Deland, Florida, I graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelor of Science in Communication. Prior to living in Pelham, I lived in Atlanta and Manhattan. I am a full-time realtor at Julia B. Fee Sotheby's International Realty in Bronxville. My husband, Kevin Ritchie, Chief Business Officer and owner of Brio Benefits, a health insurance consulting firm, and I have a 3-year old son, Luke who attends Huguenot Nursery School and a daughter, Leighton, who is 18 months old. I enjoy yoga, traveling, drawing, eating pizza and reading.



Sahab Salam

I grew up loving Math, Science and Arts. After I had my daughter in college, I switched my major from engineering to liberal arts. This transition exposed me to a diverse array of ideas, while the right side of

my brain got a great workout. Fast forward to today: when I am not wrangling data to predict outcomes like restaurant failures influenced by rat sightings in the area, I am either day dreaming about organizing my home or making a mess with my children.



Teisa Salmon-Choy

I moved to Pelham in September 2007, with my daughter. My son, husband and step-daughter later joined me from Jamaica, W.I. in 2010 and 2011 respectively. My daughter graduated from PMHS in 2012 then attended John Jay College of Criminal Justice where she graduated this past June. My son who graduated PMHS as well, but in 2015, is now a sophomore at the University of Dayton. My stepdaughter is a freshman at PHMS and we have an almost 3-year old addition to the family who keeps us all on our toes. I graduated with a BS in Mathematics from Mercy College in 2010. Later in 2012 I enrolled in Queens College (CUNY) as a non-matriculated student for a year. I am currently set to continue my graduate studies at Manhattanville

College in Purchase, NY next Spring, to complete teacher training requirements for NYS. I currently work full time as a Teacher Assistant in a pre-k classroom in Mamaroneck Union Free School District. I work part-time as well for my previous employer, Hawthorne Foundation as a Crisis Intervention Professional and Parent Trainer, helping families with special needs children with behavior modification and parent education.

In my spare time, I spend time with my kids doing tours, trips or playing games. I'm an active member of Bible Way Church in New Rochelle, where I volunteer with the outreach ministry at Schaeffer Pavillion (New Rochelle Hospital Senior's Wards).



Amanda Stano

Originally from Glen Cove, NY, I moved to Pelham in September 2015 with my husband Rob, two young children (Reilly- 4, Owen-2) and our pup (Parker). I enjoy spending time with my family, traveling, cooking, reading, and taking classes at the local Kinetic Gym. I am a

SUNY Albany grad and former marketing executive with P+G Prestige. I am currently home with the kids, and am looking forward to working with the Junior League and getting more involved in the community.

Jennie Utsinger

I recently moved to Pelham from Brooklyn with my husband and two sons, Oliver (5 years old) and Sebastian (2 years old). I currently work at a law firm in downtown Manhattan doing public contracts and procurement work. I love skiing, traveling, boot camps, and exploring my new community.



Karen Albright

I moved to Pelham in July with my husband, Brad, and daughter, Carolyn. I am a lawyer who grew up in Pelham and lived most recently in NYC.



Erica Winter

I am an ethics and compliance consultant, trainer and investigator, originally from Washington, D.C. I have an MBA from Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina and a BA and Certificate of Latin American Studies from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. I currently consult with international development organizations (i.e., the World Bank Group and the Inter-American Development Bank). My interests include girls' education, poverty alleviation, maternal health, privacy, and rights issues. I am fluent in Portuguese, English, and Spanish. After living overseas in Sao Paulo, Brazil for five years, I moved to Pelham Manor in 2015 with my husband, Brian and our two children, Stella (9) and Adrian (8). I enjoy living in Pelham's welcoming community and plan to increase my participation in community events in the upcoming years.

IN MEMORIAM



It is with great sadness that we announce that Sylvia "Sibby" Rhodes Harrison died peacefully on March 13, 2017, one week after celebrating her 88th birthday.

Born in New Rochelle, Sylvia grew up and remained in nearby Pelham Manor for her entire life. In 1950, she met Carl Harrison Jr. on a fortuitous blind date which led to their marriage in 1952. They spent 39 happy years together and raised three children.

Sylvia, affectionately known to all as "Sibby," attended grade school in Pelham, prepped at The Emma Willard School and received her Bachelor's Degree from Denison University in Ohio. In addition to raising her family with Carl, Sibby was a tireless volunteer donating her time and energy to various organizations in Pelham. While

acting as Vice President and Treasurer of the International Garden Club, she oversaw the renovation of the historic Carriage House at the Bartow-Pell Mansion. Sibby was also President of the Junior League of Pelham from 1966-1968 where she brought Meals on Wheels to the area for those in need and created a local civic organization, Pride in Pelham. In 1972 she spearheaded the establishment of The Pelham Day Care Center which has since grown from a small childcare program to one that continues to thrive today as The Pelham Children's Center.

Sibby approached cooking and entertaining with enthusiasm and creativity and was happiest enjoying a good meal in the company of those she loved. She traveled the world extensively with friends and family and participated in historic archaeological digs in Europe. An accomplished golfer, tennis player and bunny slope skier, she was known for her quick wit, sense of humor, generosity and enjoying many laughs with all of those whose lives she touched.

Upon hearing the news, Past President Colleen Walsh commented that "Sibby was indeed a spirited woman and a great leader and an example of voluntarism personified".

The Year in Review from Sustainers-at-Large
Betsy Brady and Renee Gallagher



The Sustainers kicked off the year in September with an India Hicks Get-Together Give-Together at the home of Betsy Brady. The event provided a great opportunity not only to meet and reconnect with Sustainers but also to meet some of the new JLP Board members. Ten percent of the evening's sales were donated back to the League. It was a wonderful way to start the year!

In November, Sustainers volunteered for our annual Pie Baking event which this year was at Jordan Hall. Sustainers donated canned goods and stuffed stockings for the Holidays for over 50 children in need! There was a brief discussion led by Lisa Hill-Reis regarding engagement in the League.

In January, Sustainers had an opportunity to serve the

community at the Sharing Shelf of Port Chester. Briefly we learned about the Sharing Shelf and its mission through Sustainer Kathy Ellis, and then proceeded to sort clothing and accessories that will be used by many in need youth in the greater New York area.

In February, Renee Gallagher hosted an evening at Cantina Lobos with a talk by our own Kimberly Davis on transitions in

our lives. Almost 30 Sustainers enjoyed chips, guacamole and salsa and learned how to find their super-objective. We are excited for Kimberly's new book, *Brave Leadership: Unleash Your Most Confident, Authentic, and Powerful Self to Get the Results You Need* to be released in early 2018.

In April, we welcomed prior Sustainer Dr. Hilda Hutcherson at Jordan Hall for an educational



evening entitled, "Sex and the Mature Woman." Almost 30 Actives and Sustainers enjoyed the evening of wine and wonderful appetizers. A great amount of information was gained on a topic that is not always as easy to address (but everyone wants to).

Sustainers had a nice turnout at the Annual Dinner at the home of Sustainer and past President, Cynthia Brown.

Congratulations to Kara McLoughlin for receiving The Elizabeth I. Junod (Sustainer) Award! We cannot thank the Board, Membership, Provisionals and most of all the Sustainers enough for such a great year!

We are so excited to welcome next year's Sustainer-at-Large Representatives Kristen Timmermans and Colleen Walsh!

Membership Training at our
General Membership Meetings



In addition to socializing with friends and getting caught up on what is happening in the league, this year's GMMs were heavily focused on leadership training and we had some excellent guest speakers.

In October, Carol Hindcliffe from Thrive Fitness & Nutrition Studio about mindfulness, life balance and meditation.

In January, speaker Michael Holmes, President and CEO of the Yonkers Family YMCA spoke to the League about Unconscious Bias, what it is, how it impacts our workplaces and how to address it.

In March, members Audrey Beerman and Dr. Emily Upshur lead a talk on Self (e)valuation. Emily spoke on important issues of mental health in women, children and family. Audrey spoke on insurance and valuation issues. The biggest take-away was that by strengthening ourselves, we can support each other and together strengthen our community.

In April, fundraising expert Marilyn Hoyt presented on the reality of fundraising and how to use our time most effectively.



GMM Minutes

September 13, 2016

At our first GMM of the year, the project chairs gave updates. Fundraising promoted Oktoberfest. Community Outreach discussed the Community Roundtable. CSA is looking for another co-chair. Pass it on, Pelham! is working with the Provisionals. Dorm Room Drive is working with the high school to find first generation college students. County Harvest is doing runs from Trader Joe's in Larchmont to LPS in Mt. Vernon.

October 4, 2016

To kick off the new year, guest Speaker, Carol Hinchcliffe of Thrive Fitness & Nutrition Studio spoke to us about food and life balance and how certain food choices can affect you physically, mentally, and emotionally. Morgan Treves updated the membership on Oktoberfest and reminded us to purchase tickets and to sign up to volunteer.

January 1, 2017

Speaker Michael Homes, President and CEO of Yonkers Family YMCA spoke to our League about Unconscious Bias, what it is, how it impacts workplaces and how to address it. Nancy Hawkins went over housekeeping items including moving to the Manor Club, nominating for Board Positions, and reviewing the grant process. An update of our projects was also given.

March 20, 2017

New active members were welcomed into the JLP by Tyson Newton Stephens at the Pelham Country Club. Members Audrey Beerman and Dr. Emily Upshur lead a talk on Self Evaluation. Nancy Hawkins proposed the Board Slate and reminded us that new project proposals will be presented at the April GMM. Project updates were given. The Annual dinner is coming up and award nomination forms will be going out next week.

April 4, 2017

Fundraising expert, Marilyn Hoyt spoke to our League about Fundraising. Mrs. Hoyt had many suggestions of where to search for funds in both organizations and individuals. There were 18 grant applicants for a total of \$6000. Grant recipients were announced. Lisa Hill-Ries proposed a dues increase (to \$194) including the Annual Dinner. Nancy Hawkins moved to vote on the Board Slate. All members in attendance were in favor. Michele Egan presented the budget.

Board Meetings

September 6, 2016

The Board discussed starting a new Advisor/Advisee committee who will advise first and second-year actives. The Board discussed fundraising items – Oktoberfest is in the planning stage. Sustainer events are in full swing. Co-chairs have several events planned including a “Gift Together, Get Together” in September, speaker Kimberly Davis at Cantina

Lobos in October, and a sustainer Pie Baking at Jordon Hall in November. The Board also discussed the Provisional Project beneficiary which will be JLP's own Pass it on, Pelham!

September 20, 2016

The Board Discussed “Situational Leadership.” Be mindful of how we lead our teams. The Board spoke about the Fundraising efforts of the year including new sponsorship packages and Oktoberfest. The Board also discussed possibility of holding GMMs at different locations in town. The Board spoke about the Provisional Class (26 people) and if it is necessary for them to plan an event. The Board also spoke about the Community Roundtable. This year's focus will be Community needs. What ideas and resources can local businesses and non-profits share to solves these issues. The JLP office at Huguenot Church has gone up in cost and the Board discussed looking for a another space.

October 18, 2016

The Board discussed the success of Oktoberfest that profited approximately \$3,500. Fundraising discussed LUP, which will also be a food drive this year. Membership discussed engagement of Provisional group (24 members), Pie Baking and the Holiday Party. The Board discussed current Projects (Backpack had it's first delivery, DIAD is working with Hungry Kiddz, Pass It On, Pelham! is looking for places to donate). Sustainers have an event planed at the Sharing Shelf. The Board also discussed NYPAC.

November 7, 2016

The Provisional Chairs presented the Provisional Project. (Pass it on, Pelham!), which will be divided into PR, Collections and Donations, and Storage. The Board approved the project. The Board discussed the Sustainer events planned for the year. The President spoke about DIAD and is looking into helping Wartburg at the Pie Baking. Canned goods will be collected at the Pie Baking and will benefit the HOPE soup kitchen. The Board spoke about the Turnover process and how it may be improved. Community Outreach requested extra funds to add a pie to Backpack for Thanksgiving. The Board agreed. The Board also discussed NYPAC and the process of voting. The Board agreed to abstain from voting this year.

December 20, 2016

The Treasurer discussed Fundraising goals to date (LUP brought in over \$10,000). The Secretary suggested moving to an e-directory this year. The Board voted and all agreed. The JLP office will be moving to the Manor Club. A small committee of the President, President Elect and the Treasurer will review, negotiate and approve the Memorandum of Understanding.

January 17, 2017

The Board voted on an unbudgeted expense of \$2,500 for the office move. All Board members were in favor. The Board discussed NYPAC and the topics that will be voted on. The Board suggested introducing

future topics at the September GMMs. Research and Development updated the Board on findings from the Pie Baking discussions. President-Elect would like to sponsor the movie Hidden Figures at the Picture House. Nominating and Placement will be updating the membership survey. The Board voted to move the awarding of the Grants to a Board Meeting instead of a GMM. All were in favor.

March 20, 2017

The Board discussed Grant applicants. Sustainer Reps spoke about the next event – Sex Talk with sustaining member Hilda Hutchinson. DAID meal train for the Syrian refugee is going well and there will be a Senior Luncheon in May. The Board discussed raising dues to include the annual dinner.

April 18, 2017

The Community Outreach Co-Chairs, Kimberly Davis and Romina Levy, presented this year's grant recipients to the Board. This year's grant recipients are: Ladies of Charity (\$500), Cancer Support Team (\$500), Project Community Inc (\$750, Pelham Children's Center (\$2,000), The Manor Club (\$750), Siwanoy School PTA (\$500), and the Pelham Art Center (\$1,000). The Board discussed the Spring Fundraiser and Committee Placement and Project Surveys for 2017-18. The Board wrapped up business for the year.

Liberty Learning Exchange



On March 18, 2017, Maggie Shaw and Bridget Messina attended the Junior League of Philadelphia's “Liberty Learning Exchange.” It was a day filled with meeting other Junior Leaguers, sharing ideas and information and learning from amazing and inspiring women. The event was held at JL Philadelphia's beautiful headquarters. Elizabeth Tyminski (AJLI Secretary, 2016 – 2018) gave the opening statement on the role of the AJLI and the impact the Junior League has around the world. We separated into breakout sessions on topics including community impact, membership, fundraising and marketing & development. We ended the day with a talk from motivational speaker and author, Jennifer Lynne Croneberger, which left us feeling empowered and ready to take on new challenges.

Board of Directors and Committee Chairs
League Year 2017 - 2018

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Standing Committee Chairs

Fund Development Council	Communications Council	Membership Council	Community Outreach Council
Assistant Treasurer Tracy Shekane Fund Development Chairs: : Jamie Webb Meredith McGinn Oktoberfest Chairs: Jen Condon Sylvia Wong	Editors-in-Chief Jennifer DeLeonardo, Lisa Horten Lisa Savitt Public Relations Chair Annsley Slawsky Technology Chair Natalia Katchoura Eblast Leads Heena Jain Jade-Snow Joachim Social Media Chair Anna Ross Postings Editor Melissa Mulrooney Deighton	Nominating & Placement Committee Liz Perreten Membership Committee Nancy Hawkins Tyson Newton Stephens Programs & Education and Social & Activities Committee Ann Louise Glasser Natalie Marrero	Community & Public Affairs Abby Balafas, Amanda Stano Research & Development Brittney Mothner, Maggie Shaw Project Chairs Food Rescue Run - County Harvest Jade-Snow Joachim Backpack Michele Egan Pass It On, Pelham! Sing Duffy & Devie Perry Dorm Room Drive Jessyka Calzolaio Natalie Marrero CSA Dinner Programs Penny O'Brien Library Partners Katy Garry, Kerry Buckley DIAD/DIAN/DIAM Beth Ritchie, Gina Flynn, Stephanie Gilmartin

Junior League of Pelham
Account balances as of May 31, 2017

TD Operating Checking	\$42,504.64
TD Operating Money Market	\$148,563.64
TD Signature Money Market	\$12,492.41
TD Signature Project Checking	\$14,208.34
TOTAL	\$217,769.03

JLP 2017/18 Proposed Operating Budget

INCOME

Sponsorship	\$4,100.00
Community Donations	\$2,400.00
Active Memeber Dues (1)	\$15,520.00
Provisional Dues (2)	\$2,880.00
Sustainer Dues (3)	\$12,220.00
Light up Pelham Rev	\$10,000.00
Oktoberfest Revenue	\$13,500.00
Spring Fundraiser	\$5,000.00
Interest Earned	\$600.00
Other	\$100.00
Donations	\$5,000.00
Total Revenue	\$66,320.00

EXPENDITURES

Fundraising Events Expenses

Light up Pelham Exp	\$300.00
Oktoberfest Exp	\$10,000.00
Spring Fundraiser Exp	\$1,500.00
Total Fundraising Events Expenses	\$11,800.00

Administrative Expenses

Accounting Software	\$300.00
Audit Fee	\$1,850.00
Bank Charges	\$100.00
Credit Card Fees	\$1,100.00
Insurance	\$3,400.00
Post Office Box	\$132.00
Postage	\$750.00
Rent	\$840.00
Supplies and Administration	\$500.00
Taxes & Licenses	\$120.00
Total Administrative Expenses	\$9,092.00

Communications Expenses

Membership Directory (6)	\$-.00
Postings Exp	\$2,200.00
Public Relations	\$100.00
Technology	\$250.00
Technology Overhaul (10)	\$3,600.00
Website Maintenance	\$2,500.00
Total Communications Expenses	\$8,650.00

EXPENDITURES Continued

Membership Services

Membership Recognition	\$150.00
New Member Recruitment	\$250.00
New President's Welcome	\$500.00
Nominating and Placement (8)	\$250.00
Annual Dinner (9)	\$5,200.00
Sustainers	\$750.00
Total Membership Services Expenses	\$7,100.00

Community Affairs

Community Affairs Roundtable	\$500.00
Community Grants Program	\$6,000.00
Community Grants Relations	\$1,500.00
NYSPAC conference (7)	\$325.00
NYSPAC Dues	\$200.00
PACT Award	\$150.00
Public Affairs	\$350.00
Scholarship	\$2,000.00
Total Community Affairs Expenses	\$11,025.00

Projects

Backpack Program	\$10,000.00
CSA Dinner Program	\$3,000.00
DIAD DIAN	\$4,000.00
Dorm Room Drive	\$2,000.00
New Project	\$2,000.00
Pass it on Pelham (5)	\$1,400.00
Provisional Project	\$1,200.00
Total Outreach Projects Expenses	\$23,600.00

Volunteer Development

Active Member Training	\$1,800.00
AJLI Dues (4)	\$10,000.00
Board Turnover Dinner	\$700.00
Conferences	\$5,500.00
New Member Training	\$800.00
PALS dues	\$50.00
Programs & Ed	\$1,400.00
Sustaining Member Development	\$500.00
Total Volunteer Development	\$20,750.00

TOTAL REVENUE	\$66,320.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$92,017.00
NET SURPLUS (DEFECIT)	\$25,697.00

NOTES:

- (1) Assumes 80 active members @\$194
(2) Assumes 18 provisional members @ \$160
(3) Assumes 130 Sustainers at \$94
(4) Assumes 233 members @ \$43
(5) Includes \$840 of rent

- (6) Online directory only
(7) Send 1 person to NYSPAC
(8) Survey Monkey for Nominating and Placement
(9) 80 members @ \$65
(10) Fourth & final payment for technology overhaul
(11) Surplus from 2016 Gala to cover deficit

69% Exp Spent on Programs
65% Program Target



JLP Annual Dinner was held on May 17, 2017 at the lovely home of Sustainer Cynthia Brown. Thank you to Lily Harrington, Gem Benedict, Jennifer Condon and Maggie Shaw for all their help with the preparations. Members enjoyed a fantastic dinner catered by Depot Dave and the signature drink of the night, the Pelham Palmer. We celebrated the year, introduced the new leadership team and gave out the annual awards. President Nancy Hawkins passed the infamous gloves and gavel to Lisa Hill-Ries and the outgoing board performed a memorable good bye song to Nancy.

THE FELICIA BREWER FIRST YEAR ACTIVE AWARD – Meredith McGinn

The First Year Active Award was established in 2000 and renamed in 2009. This award recognizes outstanding commitment and dedication to the Junior League of Pelham within the first year of being an Active member. We are pleased to announce the First Year Active Award goes to Meredith McGinn.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD – Brittney Mothner Jensen

The Volunteer of the Year Award was established in 1991 to commend an Active member of The Junior League of Pelham, Inc. who has demonstrated the positive power of voluntarism through her outstanding volunteer contribution during the current year via her Junior League placement. We are pleased to announce that the Volunteer of the Year Award goes to Brittney Mothner Jensen.

ELIZABETH I. JUNOD AWARD – Kara McLoughlin

The Elizabeth I. Junod Award was established in 1987. Named in honor of the last President of the Pelham Service League and the first President of The Junior League of Pelham, Inc., this award is given annually to a Sustainer who continues to make an outstanding active contribution to her community. We are pleased to announce that the Elizabeth I. Junod Award goes to Kara McLoughlin.