



POSTINGS

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PELHAM CARES: The Power Of Community In A Time Of Crisis



When the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic became apparent in mid-March, JLP launched into action, partnering with Pelham Together, the Pelham Civic Association, and the Pelham Chamber of Commerce to form “Pelham Cares,” with the mission of supporting local businesses while feeding frontline workers. The impact of a united front became instantly apparent, as the Pelham community rallied to raise \$30,000 in the joint group’s first few days of fundraising.

While Pelham Cares was a collaboration, JLP took the lead, managing donations, identifying local businesses and frontliners who could use the support, and coordinating deliveries. Penny O’Brien and Kathleen Perrell immediately stepped forward, offering to take charge of all of the organization’s logistics.

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A Special Thanks For Your Continued Support

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Members:

As I reflect upon my year as JLP President, and the unexpected curveball(s) that 2020 threw our way, I am overcome with gratitude to have been a part of this organization—both as a platform for affecting change, and as a network of support in a time of crisis. I am so incredibly proud of all that we have accomplished together.

The pandemic has forced us all to take stock of what's important, and to prioritize what matters most. We should all take great pride in looking back at the 2019-2020 year and remembering that together, we did the following:

- Provided \$6,500 in grant money to local organizations
- Raised nearly \$50,000 through JLP fundraisers
- Raised a combined total of nearly \$50,000 to support local businesses and front-liners impacted by the pandemic with Pelham Cares
- Through our Backpack Program, delivered 240 bags of groceries to families who frequent the New Rochelle Boys & Girls Club
- Through our CSA program, made 27 lunch deliveries to the Mount Vernon soup kitchen
- Held 5 DIAD events to assist other local organizations
- The Junior League of Scientists led 5 science lessons for kids, including two virtual experiences
- JLP Reads hosted 12 reading sessions at the Pelham Library
- Professional Prep hosted two career workshops for PMHS students
- Provided a deserving PMHS graduate with a \$2,000 scholarship
- And, more!

None of this would have been possible without the commitment of our talented, smart, and hardworking membership. I'm especially appreciative of this year's Board of Directors (Susan Quintin, Penny O'Brien, Meredith McGinn, Sing Duffy, Abby Balafas, Beth Ritchie, Bridget Messina, Rachel Springer, Devie Perry, Sandy Horan, Joanna Boyle, and Dawn Bloise), who led with great dedication and care.

In closing, I'd like to encourage you all to make the most of your own JLP experiences by stepping out of your comfort zones, and trying something that's new, a little uncertain, and a bit of a risk for you. When I joined this organization in 2014, I had no aspirations of one day leading it. But doing so has been tremendously rewarding. Having a "safe space" to try new things, make a few mistakes and discover new skills with the backing of a community of supportive women is a really unique opportunity that all of our members should take advantage of. You won't be let down!

With thanks to all of you,

Lisa Horten

2019-2020 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.

“Pelham Cares was such an incredible and enlightening experience for me at a personal level,” Penny said. “It was humbling to be able to support doctors and nurses on the front lines while also directly much-needed business to local businesses, none off which could have happened without the generosity of the Pelham community.”

Ultimately, Pelham Cares raised approximately \$50,000, all of which was funneled immediately into Pelham restaurants and other small businesses, with meals and other essentials going directly to front-liners working at hospitals, the police and fire departments, and more.

“Pelham by nature is such a strong community, and people want to help,” JLP President Lisa Horten said. “We wanted to provide a bit of hope in a time that feels kind of hopeless—we wanted to be able to do something that’s really impactful.”

PELHAM CARES BY THE NUMBERS

Total meals delivered:	3,000
Total hospital partners: (including 16 different wards)	10
Total Pelham restaurant partners:	17

AND...

- **22 Pelham healthcare workers families** received “thank you” at home (flowers/plants, gift cards for restaurants in town and Pelham Art Center art kits).
- **The Prospect Hill teachers association** asked the PTA to forgo their usual Teacher Appreciation gifts, and instead **donated \$1,000 to Pelham Cares**
- Colonial held a “Quarantine Read-a-Thon,” **raising \$3,000 for Pelham Cares**
- We delivered 50 totes of pantry staples and other household essentials (**all donated by the Pelham community**) for families impacted by COVID at the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore
- **We supplied hospitals with special requests** including hand cream, lip balm, hand sanitizers and cleaning products
- **We provided toys and other educational items** from the Pelham business community to the Jewish Child Care Association
- **We provided the group of hard-working Pelham mask sewers with a Cafe Ammi coffee tab**



MEET THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019 / 2020



President Lisa Horten	President Elect / Planning VP Susan Quintin	Secretary Devie Perry	Treasurer Rachel Springer	Sustainers-at-Large Joanna Boyle	Sustainers-at-Large Sandy Horan
<p>Lisa Horten joined the JLP in 2014, and is honored to serve as president this year. Before settling down in Pelham, she led committees for the Junior Leagues of Washington DC, Atlanta and NYC. Lisa is the owner and president of a small media company called The Cribbie Awards, an online resource for new parents. She has 15 years of editorial experience at print and digital publications and holds a BA in journalism from the University of Richmond ('04). Lisa and her husband, John, have two children, Brooks (8) and Ellie (5), and reside in Pelhamwood.</p>	<p>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 infant son, Peter, and parents.</p>	<p>Devie Perry joined JLP in 2015 after moving to Pelham from Manhattan. She is a stay-at-home mom and previously worked as a lawyer for the City of New York. Devie graduated from Duke and received law and social work degrees from Washington University in St. Louis, where she met her husband, J.W. They have two young sons, Jack (9) and Rawle (7), and a loving labradoodle, Lucy.</p>	<p>Rachel Springer joined the JLP in 2019. She is originally from Bloomington, Minnesota, and moved to Pelham in 2015 after spending eight years in Manhattan and one in Brooklyn. Rachel has a BA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a JD from the University of Minnesota, and practices corporate finance law part time from home. She lives in Pelhamwood with her husband, Bill, son, Griffin, daughter, Eve, and two cats, Molly and Desmond. She enjoys travel, music, and Big Ten sports.</p>	<p>Joanna Boyle joined the JLP in 2010, where she served as secretary 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. Following her first year, Joanna co-chaired the Membership Committee, sat on the JLP board as Membership VP for two consecutive years and is excited to be sitting on the board once again as Sustainer Rep. Joanna began her career at Arnold Worldwide in Boston and continued her professional advancement as an interactive producer at Ogilvy and Mather in NYC prior to starting a family. She grew up in Rhode Island, earned a BS in Communications from Boston University and moved to Pelham in 2010 with her family.</p>	<p>Sandy Horan moved to Pelham in 2010 and joined the JLP that very same year! She works full time at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in the Compliance sector. She enjoys playing tennis, Peloton cycling, good food and wine with friends, and relishes spending quality family time with her husband, Andy, daughter, Shylah (11), son, Andrew (8) and pup, Beau.</p>



Sustainers-at-Large
Dawn Bloise

Dawn Bloise joined the JLP in 2009. In her active years, she served on the Board as Treasurer, Communications VP and Community Outreach VP. She grew up in the Midwest and received a BSBA degree from Washington University in St. Louis. After spending time in Boston and NYC working as a VP of Marketing for Digitas and Digitas Health, she moved to Pelham in 2006 with her husband, Chris. She is now actively involved with the Siwanoy PTA and is currently on their Exec Board. She and Chris have three children—Ethan, Ainsley and Charlie.






<p>September 2019 17 GMM</p> <p>October 04 Battle of the Bands 15 October GMM</p> <p>November November 02-December 24 Love Pelham Annual Campaign 07 GMM (Bread Baking)</p>	<p>14 Community Roundtable 19 Sustainers Event: Healthy Year/Healthy You</p> <p>December 03 JLP Day of Giving 13 JLP Holiday Party</p> <p>January 2020 14 GMM</p>	<p>February 04 GMM 27 Sustainers Wine Tasting & Pizza</p> <p>March 10 (Cancelled due to COVID precautions) March Dinner Meetings</p>	<p>April 14 Virtual GMM 18 (Cancelled due to COVID precautions) Casino for a Cause</p> <p>May 12 (Cancelled due to COVID precautions) Annual Dinner 15 Virtual GMM</p>
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Support the JLP When You Shop on Amazon

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the JLP whenever you shop on AmazonSmile - the same products, same prices, same Amazon Prime benefits. All you have to do is to start your shopping at smile.amazon.com and choose JLP as the charity you want to donate to. It's that easy! If you have any questions about this program, please contact the Treasurer at treasurer@jlpelham.org.

MEET THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019 / 2020

					
Fund Development VP Penny O'Brien	Fund Development VP Meredith McGinn	Communications VP Abby Balafas	Communications VP Elizabeth Ritchie	Membership VP Sing Duffy	Community Outreach VP Bridget Messina
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. This is her second year on the board 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 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.	Meredith McGinn is a Senior Vice President at NBCUniversal, managing programming and business aspects of NBC LX 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 9-year-old boys and a five-year-old daughter.	Abby Balafas joined the JLP in 2015 and joined the board this year 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 5 years ago with her husband Evan and her two daughters, Maggie (6) and Alice (3). In her "spare time," Abby enjoys spending time with friends and family, reading, seeing Broadway shows, and watching Virginia Tech football.	Beth Richie is originally from Deland, Florida. She graduated from Florida State University (Go Noles!) with a Bachelor of Science in Communication. Prior to living in Pelham, she lived in Atlanta and Manhattan. Beth is a full-time Realtor at Julia B. Fee Sotheby's International Realty in Bronxville. She and her husband, Kevin, a US ARMY veteran and owner of Brio Benefits, a health insurance consulting firm, have a 6-year old son, Luke, a 4 year old daughter, Leighton, and an Old English Bulldog named Cookie. Beth enjoys yoga, traveling, playing board games, eating pizza and reading.	Sing joined the JLP in 2014 and this is her third year on the JLP board. Sing holds a BS in Accounting from Villanova University and has 17 years of operational, compliance, fund, and management accounting experience in the Hedge Fund industry. Sing and her husband, Kevin, a Senior Executive at the National Audubon Society, enjoy volunteering and supporting local charities. Sing's most challenging fundraiser to date was in 2009 when she pledged to run a marathon in Italy to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and she has run a number of half-marathons since. Sing enjoys running, hiking, playing tennis, baking, food, traveling, and being active in her community. She loves spending time with her husband, their two daughters Isla (7) & Lilly (3), their Yellow Lab, Boo, and Himalayan/Persian cat, Peppa.	Bridget joined the JLP in 2014 and this is her third year on the board. Bridget is a pediatric nurse and currently works as a clinical nurse instructor at Columbia University. Bridget holds a BSN from Plattsburgh State University and an MSN from Molloy College. In addition to the JLP, she volunteers with other community non-profits including being a Girl Scout troop leader. She enjoys reading, running, skiing, and tennis. She moved to Pelham in 2014 with her husband and 3 children.

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 along on Instagram @JLPelhamNY

We provide regular updates through weekly eBlast. If you are not receiving eBlast 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 communication council that will remain unchanged from year to year:

pr@jlspelham.org

Got news?

Submit to pr@jlspelham.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!



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Battle of the Bands

Pelham rocked on Friday night, October 4th, for Battle of the Bands at Dudley's on the water in New Rochelle. Thanks to everyone who came out to support JLP projects. We raised over \$7500 and we couldn't have done it without the talented bands who donated their time: Warren Banholzer, Bridges and Powerlines, Dos Descados and The Stellar Wolves. Dos Descados racked up a bucket full of votes and took home the big trophy. We also utilized this year's kick-off fundraiser to unveil the exciting renovation plans for Julianne's Park.

Thanks to co-chairs Sabrina Clark and Jaime Webb and their team for such a successful start to the new JLP year!



PELHAM

BATTLE of the BANDS

FRI OCT 4 ★ DUDLEY'S

DOORS OPEN @ 7:00 PM

BRIDGES AND POWERLINES

THE STELLAR WOLFS

WARREN BANHOLZER

DOS DECADAS

94 HUDSON PARK ROAD | NEW ROCHELLE

SPACE IS LIMITED

BUY TICKETS AT WWW.JLPELHAM.ORG

JLP JUNIOR LEAGUE OF PELHAM
Women Building Better Communities

BENEFITING THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF PELHAM COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Love Pelham Annual Fund



We love Pelham and are thankful you do, too!

Thanks to everyone who supported this year's JLP Annual Fund, Love Pelham.

Over the 4-week campaign, \$17,700 was raised online and through in-person donations solicited by our members outside of DeCiccos and at other Pelham locations. As a result, we can spread the love to so many people in Pelham and neighboring communities. Every donation was recognized with a beautiful JLP snowflake, and with a gift of \$100 or more, this year's 2020 custom Love Pelham ornament designed by local artist Katy Garry.

Thanks to Stacy Gatto and Amanda Star for running an amazing campaign. And thank you so much to Pelham for your support, and your love!

Katy Garry Sip & Shop

Thank you to Katy Garry for hosting a Sip and Shop at her home and studio on Friday evening, December 20 for cocktails and shopping to benefit JLP. Katy kindly donated a percentage of all sales of her fabulous art works and \$350 was raised.

Thank you to all who attended and a very special thanks to Katy.



JLP Projects

JLP Project Chairs and volunteers worked hard on the five main outreach projects for the 2019-2020 year and had an important impact on the community.

Signature Project



This year, we laid the groundwork for the Julianne’s Park Project, with an estimated completion date of 2022. We hired Sean Jancski Landscape Architects to work on the project, and went through a few rounds of conceptual planning before discussing options and budget with the JLP board.

In November, we unveiled the conceptual plan to the public at the Junior League Roundtable. After a lively conversation, we compiled the feedback received and made revisions to the plan. With the support of the Borsella family, Julianne’s parents, we prepared to host focus groups in late March based on the new concept. Unfortunately, we had to cancel these groups due to the pandemic.

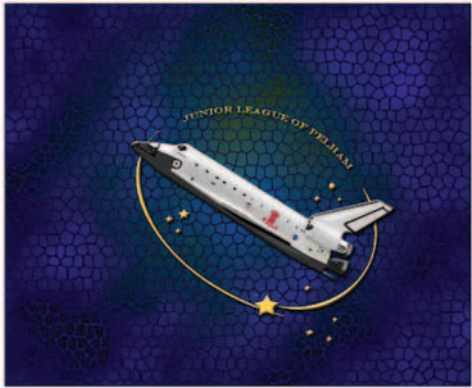
Backpack Program

The Backpack Program continued its partnership with DeCicco & Sons in Pelham and the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle to deliver 240 bags of groceries to families in New Rochelle.

LovePelham.com

LovePelham.com continued to support the community by bringing together all volunteer opportunities and encouraging organizations to register with volunteer.org.

The Junior League of Pelham and The Pelham Library
Present
PELHAM READS
and
TODDLERS IN SCIENCE



10.5.19

Pelham Public Library

1 pm ~ 3 pm

Space themed activities
to celebrate the book
Hidden Figures

Interactive trip around the solar system



The Junior League of Scientists

Toddlers in Science kicked off its second year by offering a thoughtful program aimed at dispelling stereotypes and to promote the idea of women in STEAM. The group has renamed itself “The Junior League of Scientists” to better reflect a broader target audience.

The Junior League of Scientists partnered with Pelham Reads’ “Hidden Figures” on the lawn of the Pelham Library to put

together an interactive trip around the Solar System, where children could get a sense of life on each planet. The committee hosted two in-person science lessons: a plant lesson at Junior Wonders and an electricity lesson at Colorful Sunburst.

Due to COVID-19, the committee quickly pivoted to virtual lessons, hosting an inaugural collaboration with the Pelham School District Science department to

bring a Virtual Earth Day STEAM event to 160 people within the community’s K-5 families. The final event of the year was a second collaboration with the Pelham School District Science department to host the inaugural STEAM Day 2020, which included the May STEAM Challenge Showcase, Senior Rocket Launch, career panels, and a community movie, among other activities.

Done in a Day

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

- Staffing the annual Pelham Children’s Center Pumpkin Festival and Kids Fun Run
- Collecting 50 halloween costumes for children at My Sisters’ Place
- Coordinating a Holiday Toy Drive to benefit the children of CSA Mt. Vernon and HOPE New Rochelle

As part of DIAD, Pass it on, Pelham! held a Winter Accessory Drive for My Sisters’ Place and partnered with the Pelham Half-Marathon to collect over 60 coats to benefit Hearts and Homes for Refugees, CSA Mt. Vernon, and HOPE New Rochelle.



Community Roundtable: A Community-wide Discussion on the Julianne’s Park Revitalization

7:30PM at Pelham Art Center



On Thursday, November 14th, the Community Roundtable drew a large crowd for a presentation and discussion on our Signature Project, the revitalization of Julianne’s Park. After hearing from Mayor Chance Mullen, Signature Project co-chairs Lisa Hill-Ries and Kristin Austin, Board of Education President (and JLP past president) Jessica DeDomenico and landscape architect Sean Jancski, attendees engaged in a lively discussion offering ideas and feedback on the project’s progress. A special thanks to our fantastic speakers, and to Lauren Dunkelberger and her team for making the event such a success!

Professional Prep

Professional Prep continued to expand its committee outreach by partnering with the Pelham Civic Association and the PMHS Counseling Department to host a series of Career Talks panel discussions. The series is dedicated to helping students understand career options as they begin thinking about college and the world

beyond Pelham. Over 90 Pelham Memorial High School students gathered to hear panelists speak about their careers in Media and Sports as well as discuss current issues including the impact of fake news and social media and issues around diversity and inclusion in sports, particularly for women.



JLP Reads/JLP Reads on the Road

JLP Reads held 12 reading sessions at the Town of Pelham Public Library before the COVID-19 pandemic closed the Library. JLP Reads on the Road conducted initial research on bringing this reading initiative to surrounding communities.

CSA

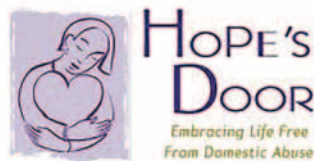
JLP continued its partnership with Community Services Associates (CSA), making 27 deliveries of lunch groceries to the Mount Vernon soup kitchen. The soup kitchen was extremely grateful to be able to provide lunch to its patrons.

Junior League of Pelham announces its 2020 Grant Recipients

The Community Affairs Committee is very pleased and excited to announce our 2020 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 all of the organizations that applied and congratulations to our grant recipients!



The Baby Bank of Westchester is a not-for-profit organization aimed to support neighbors in the community who struggle to meet basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and education. The \$1,000 JLP grant was able to fund over 4,000 diapers to local at-risk babies.



Hope's Door is a not-for-profit which seeks to end domestic violence and empower victims to achieve safety, independence, and healing from the trauma of abuse. The \$1,250 JLP grant provided funding toward their Next Step Fund, which gives domestic abuse victims access to vocational/educational training, money for licenses, etc.



Pelham Together is a not-for-profit community coalition aimed to create a vibrant and healthy community for and with the youth of Pelham. The \$1,500 JLP grant will fund the training needed to become certified trainers of Youth Mental Health First Aid, which teaches the warning signs and the risk factors of mental health challenges among adolescents.



Songcatchers is a not-for-profit that provides affordable access to high quality music education to low income children ages 1.5-13. The \$500 JLP grant provided funding for 2 new violins.



Women's Enterprise Development Center is a not-for-profit micro-enterprise development program formed to help women achieve economic self-sufficiency through small business development. The \$1,000 JLP grant provided funding for the training and marketing for two workshops aimed at local small business owners.



The Ladies of Charity of the Pelhams is a not-for-profit primarily devoted to women and children's causes, namely to provide knit and crocheted blankets and other textiles to babies born to young mothers in need. The \$500 JLP grant will provide funding for the yarn needed for ongoing community needs.



The Pelham Art Center is a not-for-profit educational and cultural institution committed to providing public access to see, study, and experience the arts, foster lifelong arts appreciation, and thereby strengthen the community. The \$750 JLP grant provided funding for sustaining art programs.

Junior League of Pelham announces its

2020 Scholarship Recipient:



Each year since 1987, the \$2,000 Junior League of Pelham Scholarship has been awarded to a deserving female PMHS senior who has demonstrated outstanding community service. The 2020 scholarship was granted by JLP's executive board to the incredibly impressive Stephanie Munn, who will be starting as a freshman at McGill University this Fall. "The past four years at PMHS have been wonderful and I've learned so much! I'm very grateful to the Junior League of Pelham for the scholarship and can't wait to put it to good use at McGill University this fall," Stephanie shared. Her robust high school resume includes starting and leading the PMHS Chapter of "Students for Refugees," a club designed to educate, fundraise, and help resettle refugees in Westchester and abroad. A native of Moscow, Russia, Stephanie's family moved to Pelham when she was 14. She told us that the welcome she got from this community inspired her to want to do the same for others. Stephanie also volunteered her time as a babysitter for two refugee families as they settled in White Plains. Throughout her high school career, Stephanie interned at Hearts and Homes for Refugees, and volunteered at organizations including Access Equestrian, Confident Kid Club, and the International Rescue Committee. We can't wait to see what this inspiring young woman accomplishes next.

GMM Minutes

September

Member survey results, project introductions

Our first GMM of the year kicked off with President Lisa Horten welcoming members and encouraging us to look inward at our roles within JLP, as well as outward to the community for additional ways we can make an impact. President Elect/Projects VP Susan Quintin shared her findings from the summer membership survey. JLP's robust project slate will touch many areas of community life, including healthy families, education, and culture, and project chairs shared their plans and goals for the year. The meeting concluded with a Signature Project update on Julianne's Park.

October



"Community Impact: Supporting Our Youth" panel

At our October GMM, members in attendance voted to pass JLP's revised Bylaws. These Bylaws are now in effect and may be found on the member website. Members received important updates on the great success of Battle of the Bands and the kickoff of our Love Pelham campaign. For the evening's featured program, President Elect/Projects VP Susan Quintin moderated a panel discussion, "Community Impact: Supporting Our Youth." Our expert panel discussed the issues and challenges facing young families, children, tweens, and teens at a hyper-local level, and the resources available to us as concerned parents, neighbors, and friends.

Laura Caruso, Pelham Together

Clay Bushong, Pelham Picture House and Pelham Chamber of Commerce

Steve Madey, Pelham Children's Center

Gayle Potter, Pelham Memorial HS PTA

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November



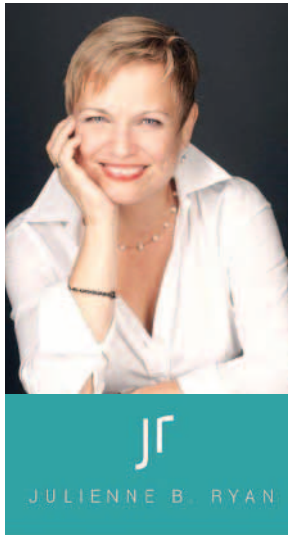
Bread Baking and Diversity Discussion

In early November, members gathered in small groups to bake loaves of zucchini bread for the CSA. It was also an occasion to connect with each other and engage in a conversation on diversity and inclusion within JLP. Members considered how we currently embrace a culture of inclusion and how we might further our emphasis on diversity. Thanks to all those who came out for these special group get-togethers, and especially to those who opened their homes and kitchens for this cozy and worthwhile evening.

January

“Telling Your Own Story” with Guest Speaker Julieanne Ryan

We kicked off 2020 with an opportunity for members to connect after the holidays, learn more about the fantastic success of our Love Pelham campaign, and get a preview of what the League had on the horizon for 2020, including Casino for a Cause on April 18th. Aileen Dose then discussed the League’s advocacy work and presented NYS PAC’s 2020 legislative agenda, which includes bills on human trafficking, dating violence, and



homeless children. The full presentation may be found in the Member section of the website. Julieanne Ryan, organizational storyteller and professional coach, engaged members in the evening’s workshop, “Telling Your Own Story.” Members had the opportunity to recount some of their own stories in small groups and consider how these stories influence and shape us today.

The January GMM was held at Pelham’s brand-new co-working space, The Local Branch, 200 Fifth Avenue (former Capital One building).

February



Welcome Provisionals, Mary Beth Fisher

Our February GMM began with a toast to the provisional class, welcoming them to the League and thanking them for leading a successful MLK, Jr. day of service event. League business included a presentation of findings from the NYS PAC leadership training. Aileen will follow up with a special eblast with more information on

how JLP can be involved with the legislative agenda, which focuses on human trafficking, voter registration, and dating violence.

The evening’s keynote speaker was past JLP President Mary Beth Fisher, who spoke about her time as an active JLP member and her life-changing summit to BaseCamp Everest.

March

As Pelham felt the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the League hosted a Virtual GMM highlighting mindfulness strategies to protect ourselves and our families through this uncharted territory with a return visit from Mary Beth Fisher and special guest Genevieve Piturro, founder of The Pajama Program.



May

Virtual Annual Meeting

On Friday, May 15th, our general membership convened—virtually—for our final meeting of the year. The new 2020-2021 Board Slate (see below)—was unanimously voted in by a combination of those in attendance, and proxy absentee votes. Our Board presented an overview of the 2019-2020 JLP year and Michele Egan presented the proposed 2020-2021 operating budget.

A tremendous congratulations to our 2020-2021 Board of Directors!

President(s):
Susan Quintin,
Meredith McGinn

President-Elect/VP Projects:
Penny O’Brien

Secretary:
Jade-Snow Joachim

Treasurer(s):
Antoinette Vitale,
Jessica Doran

Fund Development VPs:
Lucie Lozada Madey,
Catherine (Annie) Fagbeyiro

Communications VPs:
Abby Balafas,
Natalie Marrero

Membership VP:
Stephanie Otero

Community Affairs VP:
Aileen Dose

Sustainers-at-Large:
Jennifer Anderson,
Tyson Stephens

MEMBERS

HOLIDAY PARTY



A tremendous thank you to Amanda and Mike Star for hosting JLP’s annual holiday party. We were thrilled to have a mix of provisional, active, and sustainer members in attendance for a festive celebration. We also collected over 20 new, unwrapped toys for the children of CSA Mt. Vernon and HOPE New Rochelle. A special thank you to Lauren Dunkelberger and Tyson Stephens for lending their musical talents, Depot Dave for the fabulous food, and to our sponsors at Meridian for their generous libation donation.

Meet the 2019-2020 Provisional Class

Provisional biographies are as of the Fall of 2019

Alexandra Valdes-Fauli

Alexandra Valdes-Fauli has been a Pelham resident since 2013. A graduate of Smith College, she moved to NY after receiving her BA in Anthropology. She worked in different areas of marketing which ultimately led to a project at Food Network. While there, her passion for all things food blossomed. She went on to attend the Institute of Culinary Education and made the line at Norman's in Miami under culinary trailblazer Chef Norman Van Aiken. In 2006, she was recruited by Shake Shack, then a one-location burger stand in Madison Square Park, where she was one of the original managers. Today this mother of 3, ranging in age from 1-8, is still with Shake Shack, working as an Area Director overseeing Shacks in Manhattan and Queens.



Annette McCann

Annette moved to Pelham in August 2014 and has loved being a part of this incredible community. She relishes her boisterous life with husband Brian and 3 kids - Sophie (8)

Emily (6), Matthew (3)—and tries whenever possible to lend support to their schools and activities. She spent her career as a marketing exec in media and entertainment and recently transitioned into working for a nonprofit. Annette looks forward to meeting new faces and expanding her volunteerism through the Junior League.



Antoinette Vitale

Antoinette was very happy living in a cramped apartment, walking a mile each way to take her children to school, and waiting in long lines for her young kids to use the playground swings. Baby #3 turned all this fun into a preposterous chore. So, to misquote an old song, the Vitale family of five loaded up the truck and moved to the suburbs, Pelham Manor that is. Baby #4 followed, and we learned from some friends here that “four is the new two.” After nine years in Pelham, I still sometimes feel like a newcomer, especially compared with the folks who moved back to this town of their childhood. That said, from our first day, we were welcomed with open arms, and I have enjoyed

becoming a part of this community in ways big and small. I unabashedly LOVE this beautiful small town of caring families. I also love Pelham's proximity to NYC, and try to enjoy all that the city has to offer (though fortunately I was able to leave behind the mile-long walks to school pushing a double stroller!). Our four children of various ages are currently attending Pelham Memorial High School, Pelham Middle School, and Prospect Hill Elementary School. Having volunteered in various PTAs, as well as sporting and scouting groups, I am now looking forward to working on Junior League projects, and getting to know fellow members better.



Christine Kim

Christine moved to Pelham from New York City three years ago with her husband, Pracheer. After spending over a decade in accounting, she is currently staying at home to raise her two sons, Kai (8) and Aiden (3). She loves to find new destinations to explore, to enjoy a great cup of coffee while reading, and tends to

spend too much time on Pinterest. Although she grew up in NY, FL, and NC, Christine is grateful to call Pelham home and is looking forward to becoming more involved with the community through working with the JLP.



Donna Strudwick

Donna been a Pelham resident for over 20 years. She was born in Jamaica and completed high school there. She is employed as a senior trial lawyer for Allstate Staff Counsel. Her hobbies are reading and cooking. She is blessed with a daughter Chantal and two lovely grandchildren, Charles and Charlotte.



Elise King

Elise, originally from Nyack, moved to Pelham in 2012. She lives with her husband, son and

2 dogs. She works with dialysis patients as a Registered Dietitian. In her free time she loves to cook, bake, read, travel and stay active. She enjoys finding new purpose for old things. Elise is looking forward to a great year!



Erin Vanacore

Erin is proud to say that not only did I grow up in Pelham, but I successfully convinced my husband to move here to raise our family. We have two kids, a toddler and a newborn, and a fur baby, Hazel. I work as a middle school English as a New Language (ENL) teacher at a public school in Westchester County. I am actively involved in my alumni association; I love to speak Spanish, travel, snowboard, and spend time up-state; and I enjoy inviting friends and family over for any festivity, celebration or just because.



Jacqueline Terrero

Jacqueline moved to Pelham from the Bronx in August of 2018 with her husband, Kenny and their three kids Robert, Shannel and Kenneth. Jacqueline works as a Finance professional at Emigrant Mortgage Co. and has over 10 years of experience in finance operations. She enjoys traveling to new places with her family and managing a small property rental business with her husband. Jacqueline admires the great positive impact which the Junior League of Pelham brings to this community and is very excited to be part of this new journey!



Jes Landau

Originally born in New York but raised in Colorado Springs, CO. Jes grew up learning the value of hard work and community from her entrepreneurial parents who created a childhood filled with both. Now as a mother and

entrepreneur herself, Jes leads hundreds of amazing cause entrepreneurs who have made it their goal to help change the lives of people, all across the country, through the gift of her wine business.

Jes, her husband Mike and their 9-year-old daughter Ella, moved to Pelham only a year and a half ago. They like to spend their free time enjoying the outdoors, playing in the park and putting together puzzles at home. Jes joined the Junior League as a means to continue to support her community and meet other like-minded professionals who share in the joy of giving back to their community.



Jessica Doran

Jessica moved to Pelham with her husband in 2015 and since then welcomed twins, who are now 18 months old. Jessica works as CFO of Pzena Investment Management, a deep value asset manager with headquarters in New York. She looks forward to contributing and giving back to the Pelham community!



Josie Gordon

Josie moved to Pelham with her son in December 2018 and they both LOVE IT! She grew up in NYC and went to undergrad at Cornell University where she took a tangential turn and decided to explore the world of food. She's been cooking professionally for 20 years and has expanded her work to both TV and print. Josie is looking to share that level of passion and exploration in all areas of her life, including volunteering with the Junior League.



Karen Beatty

Originally from the Boston area, Karen moved to Pelham from Brooklyn after adopting her son in 2011. She now happily shares her home with her sister and 7-year-old nephew, as well. After twenty years marketing BNY Mellon's wealth management services, Karen is looking forward to beginning a second career in 2020.



Kate Dammerman

A newcomer to Pelham, Kate is delighted to be a part of the community and thrilled to be one of this year's Provisionals. Kate's passion for public service is a theme that runs through her professional and personal life. After working at UNICEF for over a decade, she remains deeply committed to the health and welfare of women and children. As a mum of two young girls, Kate is keen to support the Junior League's commitment to the continuous enhancement of our community.



Laura Temes

Laura recently moved to Pelham from the Upper West Side with her husband, Sam, and their three year old twins. Laura has over 10 years of experience in the financial services industry, having worked at both a hedge fund and a boutique investment

bank. She is a graduate of Middlebury College and the NYU Stern School of Business. Outside of work and toddler-wrangling, Laura can often be found cooking for a noisy houseful of friends and family, skiing or hiking in Vermont, reading (mostly fiction), riding her Peloton, or contemplating a career change to interior design.



Leslie Vanderbook

Leslie was born in Miami, FL and is of Cuban descent. She and her husband Adam met in NYC, where they lived for 10 years, and moved to Pelham Manor last Fall. Leslie is a Director at Afterpay, a fin-tech startup that provides shoppers with flexible payments at their favorite retailers. During her free time, she enjoys exploring the world with her husband, playing with their dachshund puppy, Pablo, and practicing piano.



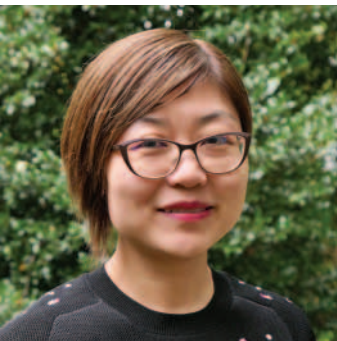
Louisa Augeri

Louisa was born and raised in Scotland. She moved to London after attending college in Glasgow. It was in London she met her American husband, JP and they have two children together Kiri and Hamish. The family moved to Pelham from London 2 years Pelham ago. She very much enjoys living in Pelham and is excited to join the Junior League.



Meredith Shea

Meredith is absolutely truly thrilled to be joining the Junior League of Pelham! She moved to beautiful Pelham 6 years ago from Los Angeles with her supportive husband and son, who is now 8 years old. Meredith works as a Director in Content Distribution at NBCUniversal in Manhattan. She has had several years of volunteer experience with homeless shelters across the country and is very excited to give back to Pelham and to the adjacent communities in need.



Stacy Yan

Stacy works as the Director of Global Capital Markets at Hongkun USA, where she is responsible for leading, strategizing and executing the capital-raising activities for the development projects globally. Stacy began her commercial real estate career at Morgan Stanley in Hong Kong in 2009 as an investment banking analyst. Later, she took roles in asset management and acquisitions at Citigroup, Asset Based Lending, and The Family Office, where eventually she oversaw a portfolio of national real estate assets. In early 2018, she joined NYCEDC to lead ground lease negotiations with developers in the City and also oversee the project management of an art center development project at Harlem. Originally from Beijing, China, Stacy studied Western Culture at BUPT and received a Masters in Accounting from Baruch College, she has a deep understanding and respect for both cultures and business practices. When she is not working, she enjoys time with her wonderful three year son, Noah and actively participating in the community, as part of the Pelham Junior League.

Provisional Class MLK Jr. Service Event

January 20th, 2020 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For the third consecutive year, JLP's provisional class hosted a Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service Event. The event took place on Monday, Jan. 20 from 10AM-2PM at Daronco Town House.

In continuing to reinforce the vision that MLK Jr. Day is "not just a day off, but a day of service," the event provided on-site opportunities for kids and adults of all ages to participate in a variety of service-driven activities to directly benefit kids in need. This year's beneficiaries included Bella's Birthday Box, My Sister's Place, and Maria Fareri Children's Hospital. Educational MLK Jr.-themed activities were offered on-site, along with local nonprofit organizations to present future volunteer opportunities. Attendees were also asked to donate birthday-themed party essentials and activity kit items such as coloring books, crayons and markers for activity stations.

The MLK, Jr. Day Service Fair was a true testament to the hard work, talent, and commitment of this year's provisional class. So many Pelham residents showed up to participate and create donations that the Provisionals made emergency trips to Target and DeCicco's for more supplies! These donations will have a real impact on our extended community and the event provided service and educational opportunities to Pelhamites of all ages. We are thrilled to officially welcome this incredible group of women into the JLP!



NYSPAC

The 2019-2020 NYSPAC agenda came out of the gate strong this year and made great strides in its efforts to advocate for the health and welfare of women and children across New York State.

NYSPAC is a coalition of 17 Junior Leagues from across New York state, representing more than 7,500 women, with a focus on public policy, and having a positive impact on women, health, children and families.

Each year, NYSPAC's participating leagues vote on the particular issues for which we will advocate. However, it is the legislative agenda that drives

the trainings and we have a set agenda of issues and bills every year. For 2019-20, we focused on:

- The HCYA/RHYA
- Automatic Voter Registration
- Dating Violence Curriculum
- Human trafficking bills related to services for survivors
- Extending the look back window for the Child Victims Act
- Adult Survivors Act

As part of the training, Aileen Dose and Romina Levy traveled to Albany for the annual Winter Conference to learn about coalition-building and

advocacy, as well as how to support passage of the Homeless Children and Youth Act (HCYA), one of NYSPAC's main issues for 2019-20.

Topics covered at the Conference include:

- The various forms of homelessness and how many individuals were not being counted/did not qualify for services under the limited scope of current legislation, which the HCYA's homeless definition model sought to remedy.
- How the League of Women Voters advocates for the enfranchisement of all voices, especially marginalised populations.

- The realities of human trafficking: what it looks like, vulnerable populations and what we can do.
- Action items we can take to be effective advocates such as letter writing, emailing, and phone banking, as well as how to prepare for and conduct in-person meetings with our regional representatives.

In support of these selected topics and initiatives, e-blasts were sent to the Pelham league with links to advocacy letters, sample scripts and additional information. Our success stories include a meeting with Congressman Eliot Engel's chief of staff to review the HCYA and ask for his support.

Additionally, Congressman Engel signed on to co-sponsor the bill within several days of our meeting. Automatic Voter Registration also passed in NYS, making us only the second state to do so. Our current initiative is to advocate for the Runaway Children and Youth Act as well as Adult Survivors Act, which both offer further assistance and protections to some of our most vulnerable populations.

Another highlight was our first NYSPAC movie night where we screened Iron Jawed Angels in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote. We are planning to host a similar event this upcoming March to continue celebrating the work of the women who have come before us, and honor that memory by continuing to serve.

For more information about NYSPAC: please see <http://www.nyspac.org/> and be sure to follow us on social media (<https://www.facebook.com/pg/jlnyspac/posts/>)!

SUSTAINER CORNER



Our Sustainers-at-Large planned a series of healthy and fun events for the JLP year with the goal of connecting and engaging all Sustainers. In November, Sustainers participated in a fun and challenging fitness class led by Vincent Miceli, owner of The Body Blueprint. After

working out, Sustainers enjoyed a variety of juices courtesy of Green Life in Mamaroneck. Vincent gave an informative and motivating nutrition and fitness talk which showcased the importance of daily exercise and mindful eating—a perfect pre-holiday season event.



Our Sustainers held a second event in February—a wine tasting and pizza night at Pizzeria LaRosa, and had a nice turnout. Matt Ring, Pelham wine expert extraordinaire, showcased his favorites wines for an unforgettable wine tasting experience. Dinner featured a large assortment of specialty pizzas and salads. A very special thanks to Matt DiGesù, owner of Pizzeria LaRosa for the incredible food and service (and for donating the space). It was a memorable night.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, our final flower arranging event being planned with the talented Tracee Neumann of the Garden Room NY, was cancelled. Stay tuned for a new series of engaging Sustainer events in our upcoming JLP year.

Board of Directors and Committee Chairs
League Year 2019 - 2020

Board of Directors

President Lisa Horten			
President Elect/Project Manager VP Susan Quintin			
Treasurer Rachel Springer	Secretary Devie Perry	Sustainers at Large Joanna Boyle, Dawn Bloise, Sandy Horan	
Fund Development VP Meredith McGinn, Penny O'Brien	Communications VP Abby Balafas, Elizabeth Ritchie	Membership VP Sing Duffy	Community Affairs VP Bridget Messina

Standing Committee Chairs

Fund Development Council	Membership Council	Projects
Assistant Treasurer Emily Donnelly	Nominating & Placement Chair Lidia McCarthy	DIAD/DIAN Committee Gina Flynn, Natalie Marrero
Fund Development Chairs: Sabrina Clark, Jaime Webb	Membership Chairs Susan Kraus, Erica Winter	DIAD/Pass it on Pelham Jade-Snow Joachim
Fund Development Chairs/ Love Pelham: Stacy Gatto, Amanda Star	P&E and Activities and Social Chairs Jessyka Calzolaio, Lucie Lozada-Madey	Back Pack Susan Quinton
Communications Council	Community Outreach Council	CSA Silmara Sucena
Editor-in-Chief Cristina Chianese	Community Affairs Lauren Dunkelberger	Professional Prep Heena Jain, Diane Otter
Public Relations Chair Annsley Slawsky	Love Pelham.com Jennifer Condon, Brittney Mothner	Toddlers in Science Kerry Buckley, Kimberly Riegel
Technology Officer Natalia Katchoura	Research & Development Chairs Pilar Barlett, Megan Kraukis	JLP Reads Lauren Gallivan, Stephanie Otero - On the Road!
Social Media Chair Amy Rios		Pelham Public Art Katy Garry
Eblast Chair Brittney Mothner		Signature Project Kristin Austin, Lisa Hill-Ries
Postings Editor Romina Levy		

INCOME

Sponsorship	\$5,000.00
Community Donations	—
Signature Project Donations	\$30,000.00
Active Memeber Dues (1)	\$14,550.00
Provisional Dues (2)	\$3,375.00
Sustainer Dues (3)	\$8,460.00
Love Pelham Revenue	\$15,000.00
Fall Event Revenue	\$13,500.00
Gala Event Revenue	\$50,000.00
Interest Earned	\$600.00
Other	\$100.00
Total Revenue	\$140,585.00

EXPENDITURES

Fundraising Events Expenses

Love Pelham Expenses	\$1,000.00
Fall Event Expenses	\$10,000.00
Gala Event Expenses	\$25,000.00
Total Fundraising Events Expenses	\$36,000.00

Administrative Expenses

Accounting Software	\$300.00
Audit Fee	\$4,000.00
Bank Charges	\$100.00
Credit Card Fees	\$1,500.00
Insurance	\$3,400.00
Post Office Box	\$130.00
Postage	\$750.00
Rent	\$840.00
Supplies and Administration	\$200.00
Taxes & Licenses	\$120.00
Total Administrative Expenses	\$11,340.00

Communications Expenses

Postings Exp	\$2,000.00
Public Relations	\$100.00
Technology	\$250.00
Website Maintenance	\$2,520.00
Total Communications Expenses	\$4,870.00

Junior League of Pelham
Account balances as of May 31, 2020

TD Operating Checking (X 4545)	\$75,606.00
TD Operating Money Market (X 4595)	\$150,688.00
TD Signature Money Market (X 4602)	\$8,554.00
TD Signature Project Checking (X 4628)	\$840.00
TOTAL CASH	\$235,688.00

EXPENDITURES Continued

Membership Services

Membership Recognition	\$150.00
New Member Recruitment	\$250.00
New President's Welcome	\$500.00
Nominating and Placement	\$250.00
Annual Dinner	\$3,000.00
Sustainers	\$750.00
Total Membership Services Expenses	\$4,900.00

Community Affairs

Community Affairs Roundtable	\$500.00
Community Grants Program	\$6,000.00
Community Grants Relations	\$2,000.00
lovepelham.com	\$250.00
NYSPAC conference	\$325.00
NYSPAC Dues	\$200.00
PACT Award	\$150.00
Public Affairs	\$350.00
Scholarship	\$2,000.00
Total Community Affairs Expenses	\$11,775.00

Projects

Backpack Program	\$10,000.00
CSA Dinner Program	\$3,000.00
DIAD DIAN/PioP (4)	\$4,840.00
Pelham Library Partners	\$500.00
Pelham Public Art	\$2,000.00
Provisional Project	\$1,200.00
Professional Prep	\$500.00
Signature Project	\$30,000.00
Toddlers/Kids in Science	\$2,000.00
Total Projects Expenses	\$54,040.00

Volunteer Development

Active Member Training	\$1,800.00
AJLI Dues (5)	\$7,740.00
Board Turnover Dinner	\$700.00
Conferences	\$2,500.00
New Member Training	\$800.00
PALS Dues	\$50.00
Programs & Ed	\$1,800.00
Sustaining Member Development	\$750.00
Total Volunteer Development	\$16,140.00

TOTAL REVENUE	\$140,585.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$139,065.00
NET SURPLUS (DEFECIT)	\$1,520.00

NOTES:

- (1) Assumes 75 active members @ \$194
(2) Assumes 15 provisional members @ \$225
(3) Assumes 90 Sustainers at \$94
(4) Includes \$840 of rent
(5) Assumes 180 members @ \$43

Although we couldn't be together physically, the JLP membership was able to gather virtually over Zoom to celebrate the many accomplishments of the year. Members celebrated current president Lisa Horten and thanked her for outstanding leadership by contributing video tributes through VidHug. And to close, Membership VP Sing Duffy presented this year's membership recognition awards to the following four women who have shown outstanding dedication and commitment to their volunteer efforts over the past year:



**Kathleen Perell,
Volunteer of the Year Award**

The VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD award was established in 1991 to commend an active JLP member who has demonstrated the positive power of volunteerism through her outstanding volunteer contributions during the current league year.

The winner of the Volunteer of the Year award is **Kathleen Perell**. Kathleen kicked off an incredible volunteer effort during the most unthinkable pandemic. Her grassroots effort morphed into the multi-organization initiative, Pelham Cares, which she led alongside Penny O'Brien and Lisa Horten. This initiative has raised over \$40k, linking Pelham businesses to front line workers.

At a time when many of us are just doing what we can to get through the day, Kathleen has risen to the (tremendous!) occasion of coordinating logistics for meal scheduling and deliveries throughout Westchester and the Bronx. She does it all with a smile, and is never overwhelmed or put off at the idea of taking on more than she signed up for. We're incredibly lucky to have Kathleen.



**Rachel Springer and Cristina Chianese,
joint recipients of The Felicia Brewer First Year Active Award**

The FIRST YEAR ACTIVE AWARD award recognizes outstanding commitment and dedication to the JLP within the first year of being an active member.

Rachel Springer has taken on a significant role within the league—one that doesn't have as much exposure, but is extremely important to everyday operations. After leading her provisional class project, Rachel stepped up to a Board position (Treasurer) in her first Active Year. She quickly learned the ins and outs of League operations, and handled managing the budget, collecting dues, and offering thoughtful input to the leadership team.

At a time when many people were unable to take on extra responsibility, **Cristina Chianese** got involved with local businesses straight away and has put her heart and soul into making Mother's Day a success for local businesses. Cristina always goes above and beyond to help her community, doing package drop-offs, volunteering her marketing expertise to help various local groups, and is always making an effort to help bring awareness to things happening in our community. She will soon be taking over as Chamber of Commerce President, and her generous spirit is such an incredible asset.

**Jessica DeDomenico,
The Elizabeth I. Junod Award**

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, this award is given annually to a Sustainer who continues to make an outstanding active contribution to her community.

The winner of this award is **Jessica DeDomenico**. Notably the former Junior League President who carried many of the League efforts such as building Woodland Park, Jessica has dedicated a huge amount of time and passion to many Pelham efforts this year...especially in her role as Board of Education president. When looking at volunteer contributions this year, Jessica should be commended for her commitment to serving the community.

