



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LONG ISLAND



PROJECT PLAYGROUND

Every two years the Junior League of Long Island develops and carries out one of its signature projects: Project Playground. For the 2016-2018 build we donated a playground to the Boys and Girls Club of the Bellport area. Bellport is an underserved community located in Suffolk County, Long Island. The build commenced on Friday, May 18th. Project Playground Chair Cristine Bruno and Director of Communications Christina Ho along with 15 volunteers including JLLI members, BCG staff, Board members and friends, worked with Willow Playworks of Mifflinburg, PA to break ground in the back field of the Bellport Boys & Girls Club. **Continued on page 5**

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Presidents Note



Hi Everyone,

The Junior League of Long Island was established in 1951 and was originally known as the North Shore Service League. We are part of The Association of Junior Leagues International, a group of 150,000 dedicated volunteers that span out in service to four different countries. What was begun as a Lower East Side Tenement outreach project by Mary Harriman in 1901, supported by her friend Eleanor Roosevelt and 80 other young ladies has become the premier volunteer organization for women of every age, race, and religion who endeavor to offer themselves in meaningful service to their community.

Our Long Island League has a strong legacy of local impact which spans more than 60 years. Just a few of the more well known programs we have developed include CAP (Child Abuse Prevention), Y.E.S. (Youth Environmental Services) and The Nassau Coalition on Child Abuse and Neglect. Over the years we have opened youth centers and partnered with many other agencies, most recently The Boys and Girls Clubs, in order to reach more effectively into the community. Speaking for those who have no voice, we advocate on a state level in Albany on issues that further our determination to work for social justice.

Some of our favorite projects include Project Playground where we swoop in and literally transform what might once have been a barren piece of land into a happy, safe place for children. This year we partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of Bellport to build a playground for everyone to enjoy. Other heartthrobs for us include our First Step Program, run by our newest members, which gives a hand up to ladies who need exactly that. We provide a day of training, counseling and shopping which supports resume building, interviewing and job hunting for our guests.

Another favorite is our Kids in the Kitchen Project which educates kids on the importance of fundamental diet, health, and hygiene behaviors for healthy living. Kids spend an afternoon playing, while being exposed to things like DIY granola bars, basketball and yoga. They have so much fun they don't even realize they're learning.

What sets our Junior League apart is our emphasis on training, not only within the communities, but also of our own volunteers who endeavor to serve the underserved now and in the future. Our gals go forward into the local areas and then out into the world, equipped with the skills they need to become the respected leaders that effect lasting change. There are several ways in which you can support us in our work. Become a member by reaching out to info@jlli.org. Naturally, we accept financial donations which can be made through our website. If you have new or gently used clothing, shoes, or household goods, please consider dropping them off at our Thrift Shop. All proceeds are tax deductible and directly benefit the community. Then please stay and visit in the shop. There's something for everyone, I promise.

Some famous Junior Leaguers include Katherine Hepburn, Julia Child, Nancy Reagan, Shirley Temple, Sandra Day O'Connor, Barbara and Laura Bush. Clearly, excellence is in our DNA. So proud to now be at the helm of this magnificent organization with its legacy of loving kindness. May we take its reach even further in 2017-2018.

Best,

Caroline Tice, President 2017-2018

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2017-2018 Year in Review

Member	★★★★★★★★	STATS
	7 New 46 Active 138 Sustainer = 191 Members	
	★★★★★★★★	

\$10,750



In grants given to several Non-profits across Long Island to support their projects.

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Sponsored 6 Attendees in the Memphis ODI & Leadership Conference



Welcomed women into our shop and provided free training and outfits to prepare them for their **First Steps** towards economic empowerment.

Packed & Donated Complete **100** Thanksgiving Meals



Grossed More Than **\$250k** In sales from member & Community donations to our Thrift Shop.

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Hosted FIVE guest speakers



to educate members on issues facing Long Island

2 ORGANIZED FUNDRAISERS

Including our annual Masquerade Ball and the Junior League of Long Island's continued participation in **Champions of Charity**



100+

DRESSES & Accessories

Donated to the LIVC's Prom Boutique helping more than 1,500 girls from across Long Island attend prom.



ORGANIZED **2** programs at two Long Island Boys & Girls Clubs. Bellport received a Brand New Playground & we hosted a Halloween Fest at Glen Cove



12 Done In A Days

We completed 12 days of service outside of our organization. From cooking brunch at Ronald McDonald House to organizing a Literacy Fair.

WOMEN BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES

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2017/2018**

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**OUR BELOVED
THRIFT SHOP**

Historically the Thrift Shop has been our biggest fundraiser for the League. Located in the quaint village of Roslyn, Long Island, it provides the community with gently used clothing, shoes, furniture, toys, books and household goods for everyone's tastes and budgets. Our staff is on hand to answer questions and give advice on the items available for purchase. The sales from donated items help fund our community service efforts. We'd like to thank everyone who supports the thrift shop, and the Junior League of Long Island.

Thrift Shop Hours

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday
12 noon - 6:00 p.m. Sunday



PROJECT PLAYGROUND

(CONTINUED FROM COVER)

On the morning of Saturday, May 19th, even with continuous rain, a team of more than 60 volunteers, including members from the JLLI, BGC staff and BGC board members, family and friends came to help bring the playground to fruition.



Volunteers began with breakfast donated by Panera Bread and eagerly got to work wearing work gloves and goggles donated by General Electric and using rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows donated by True Ames to smooth out the dirt on the playground in anticipation of a delivery of fibar surfacing. Midday, all of the equipment was installed and a concrete company came to pour cement generously donated by Tech Crete, a woman-owned business based out of Brooklyn, New York. Volunteers poured the concrete into wheelbarrows and brought it onto the field to pour into the holes for the posts for the playground equipment. After the cement was in, volunteers worked hard to wheelbarrow and rake two tractor-trailers worth of fibar surfacing on to the playground.

New York Assemblyman Dean Murray came to the playground to give a speech, and even stayed a few hours to help shovel fibar onto the playground. JLLI unveiled permanent signage generously donated to the playground by Harris Beach PLLC. JLLI President Caroline Tice along with Boys &



Girls Club Executive Director Sybil Mimy Johnson and BGC Board President Michael Mullaney gave speeches to dedicate the playground.

JLLI President Caroline Tice was quoted as stating, "This wonderful project affirms our collective belief that all children, regardless of socioeconomic or any circumstances, are entitled to experience the benefits of play." Volunteers weathered a long rainy day and worked tirelessly to see the build to

completion. In the words of Sybil Johnson, "It takes a team to realize the dream,"and we did! On Thursday, May 24th, the Boys & Girls Club held a BBQ for the children to open the playground and their smiles were what this project was all about!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

JLLI hosts monthly General Member Meetings (GMMs) to provide updates on various projects scheduled during the league year. This year guest speakers presented at five of these monthly meetings to share their knowledge on various topics. It is our goal to not only empower women to embark on becoming leaders in the community, but also serve as a platform for leadership development through our educational speaker series.



September - At our first GMM in September we had an informative evening lead by our President, Caroline Tice. She proposed activities and projects for the year, and there was a refresher course on Digital Cheetah. Special "Shout Out" to Communications Director Christina Ho for educating membership on the benefits of using our JLLI software to stay on top of JLLI events, as well as the many options that we can use to stay connected throughout the year.

October - Guest speaker Dr. Kristine Vieweg Blanche presented on the benefits of integrative healthcare and thermography. It was certainly an informative and educational meeting, bringing awareness of women's health, the importance of making informed choices, and encouraging all of us to take a more active role in own health care.



January - Following annual tradition, we hosted our January GMM as a dinner meeting at The Milleridge Inn in Jericho New York. We had a fun evening with guest speaker, storyteller and fellow Junior



Leaguer Julianne B. Ryan. She shared her insights on how to tackle various cross-cultural groups by developing multi-leveled training for members throughout an organization. President Caroline Tice presented her Angel Awards to President-Elect Tracy Pfaff and Nominating Placement Director Donna Fiore.



February - Thank you to our guest speakers Allegra Ciampi and Krista Oliveira from Babywearing International of Long Island. This amazing non-profit organization is run exclusively by volunteers. Their mission is to promote babywearing as a universally accepted practice with benefits for both child and caregiver through education and support. They showed us different babywearing options and spoke about the positive impact babywearing has for creating happy, healthy babies and confident parents.

March - Guest speaker Corissa Turkel from The Exfoliated Heart educated members on the art of meditation and the release of stress and negative energy. She shared helpful tricks on how to tackle and overcome the day-to-day struggles that may be caused by everyday stress. Her mantra, “your energy introduces you before you even speak.”



April - We hosted our Spring Thrift Shop social with guest speaker and image consultant Patrice DaCosta-Fernandez. Patrice shared words of wisdom on the importance of boosting self-image - how to make one feel great and to live their best lives now! She shared, “your image is the first thing immediately available to others. You can’t hide it, but you can control it.”



DONE IN A DAY

In addition to our ongoing community projects and grants, the JLLI also undertakes “Done in a Day,” projects throughout the league year. For each of these DIAD projects, a group of members assist local nonprofit organizations or service agencies through hands-on volunteer work. Through these DIAD projects, we provide immediate volunteer assistance to local organizations and attempt to assess community needs and learn more about other nonprofit and social service organizations that could potentially benefit from the volunteer work and leadership skills that JLLI offers. With the success of these projects over the years we have formed partnerships that have led to grants, scholarships, training and community impact.

Our annual **Halloween DIAD** was held at the Boys and Girls Club of Glen Cove. This successful event hosted more than 70 children in a fun-filled afternoon celebrating Halloween. Membership created interactive stations to celebrate the day and decorated pumpkins along the way.



We are GRATEFUL for all of the members that joined our annual **Thanksgiving Basket DIAD**. Membership volunteered to help assemble, organize, and transport 100 baskets to families in need all over Long Island in preparation for their Thanksgiving meal.



Members participated in our first annual **Pajama Program DIAD** event. This program provides pajamas and books to children who need it the most - those living in shelters, group homes, foster care, etc. We partnered with Pajama Program to bring new pajamas and books to elementary school aged children living at Community Housing Innovations, Inc. in Commack. “Our comforting

pajamas and enchanting storybooks lead to a peaceful escape at bedtime, a good night's sleep and a better, happier, brighter tomorrow." A big thank you to Lisette Peick for organizing such a worthwhile DIAD volunteer opportunity for our membership!

Every year the JLLI holds a **DIAD at Ronald McDonald House** in New Hyde Park. This organization provides a place for free, or at little cost, for families to stay nearby when their child is hospitalized. JLLI members cooked and hosted brunch for the families staying there. Throughout the years the JLLI has been a proud partner of the Ronald McDonald House.



KIDS IN THE KITCHEN



This year's Kids in the Kitchen event was held at Family Life Center in Wyandanch, NY. Family Life Center focuses primarily and intensively on the social and educational development of children. The center programs are bound together by a common mission and they share the same central values and objectives that align with JLLI. The mission is to provide a safety net woven so tightly children can not fall through it. Kids participated in various activities, such as a mindfulness jar craft, organic gardening station, a yogurt parfait healthy snack recipe, and a photo booth station.



MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

On August 17th we held our annual Meet and Greet at the Junior League Headquarters. Prospective members joined us for an evening of light fare and socializing. Our guests were able to mingle with our current members, who in turn shared their experiences and reasons for joining the league. The ladies were also given a brief history of how the Junior League of Long Island was formed and where we are today.



On September 9th we held our Super Saturday event. As a result of our membership recruitment efforts we had 7 women join us as provisional members. Our membership development co-chairs, Carol St. Jacques and Kely Yeaman met with our provisionals throughout the year, and provided training opportunities for them. We are happy to have Ashley Cohen, Maggie Seavey, Laura Madsen, Mary Crimmins, Stephanie Espina, Jennifer Grasso and Megan Marinello joining our league. As an appreciation of all the hard work the provisionals put in during their first year, they were celebrated with dinner and a terrarium making activity. Our very own member Cristine Bruno led the class and taught the ladies how to make their own terrariums. The ladies allowed their imagination to run free and created some beautiful pieces that will hopefully brighten up their homes for many years to come.

FIRST STEP

On March 3rd 2018 the provisional class hosted our 11th annual First Step event. First Step helps Long Island women re-enter the work force and gain financial independence by taking the "first step". This year we worked with young mothers from MOMMAs House and Bethany's House. The participants and their children were picked up at their home and brought to our league headquarters. While the general membership volunteers took care of the participants' children, the provisionals were hard at work and even lead two of the three workshops offered to the participants. The workshops offered to the participants included: Career/Resume Building, Learning how to Budget and a Beautiful Me workshop that focuses on building self esteem.



After the participants completed the workshops they were paired up with their own "Personal Shopper" to help them pick out two business-appropriate outfits, including shoes and accessories, in the "First Step" Boutique set up at headquarters by our provisionals. After their shopping experience the women and children all enjoyed a catered lunch and socializing with our members. First Step would not have been possible without the generosity of Long Islanders who donated clothing, accessories and food. We gratefully acknowledge the generous donations and support from the following local businesses and organizations that were instrumental in making this event a success:

KPMG in Melville, Henry Schein, Northwell Health Systems, Diane's Bakery in Roslyn, Chick-Fil-A in Commack, Elisa's Ristorante of Bellmore, Cheesecake Factory, Starbucks, Dunkin' Donuts, Go Greek, Lush, Limelight, Avon, Arbonne and Camelot Limo. Your contributions have helped us to help others in our community.



ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

On Friday, March 23rd, the Long Island community joined us “down the rabbit hole” for an evening in Wonderland as we hosted our annual fundraiser at the iconic Glen Cove Mansion. It was an elegant and special evening, bringing together members, family, and friends to celebrate our ground breaking community service projects and the women volunteers who dedicate their time and talents year-round.



The committee put a whimsical spin on the last year’s traditional masked event to incorporate top hats and fascinators into the fun. Guests arrived dressed to the nines in beautiful evening wear accessorized with intricate masks and royal-inspired headwear. Some of the most notable ensembles included JLLI President Caroline Tice’s extravagant white feathered mask and President Elect Tracy Pfaff’s stunning red showstopper. Even the men got in on the fun – Bob Nies (father of member Meredith) sported matching gold top hat and bowtie, while Lou Yonke (husband of member Joan) seemed to have stolen the most quintessential version from the Mad Hatter himself.

The evening was full of activities and excitement. Guests entered into the Crystal Room filled “to the brim” with outstanding raffle baskets, almost all valued at over \$200 each! There was truly something for everyone from Disney on Ice tickets for the kids to a Pure Barre basket for the fitness buff to a high-end restaurant package for the ultimate foodie. This year’s raffles were truly extraordinary and could not have been possible without all our AMAZING donors. In fact, for the first time ever, we raised over \$750 prior to the event by enabling online raffle purchases thanks to the Communications team.

As guests entered the main ballroom, they were greeted by DJ Paul Meyer of Bright Lights Incorporated, who graciously offered his services at an unbeatable rate. DJ Paul kept the crowd going throughout the entire evening and had everyone on the dance floor as much as possible. Adding to the unpredictable playfulness of the evening was master illusionist Matias Letelier. Not only was Matias able to delight every single guest with a display of close-up magic at their seats, but his showcase performance left jaws dropped in astonishment. Matias exuberantly personalized his routine to include the JLLI mission and even roped multiple members including Ashley Cohen, Kely Yeaman and Laura Collins into the act. Thank you to them,





their significant others, and all those who participated with Matias for helping to make it a memorable evening.

Just when you thought there couldn't be more, the committee unveiled a sweet surprise – a fully-stocked Candy Bar sponsored by The Posillico Foundation. One of the most popular parts of the event, this special treat provided the perfect ending to a wonderful night. This year's event was truly magical and full of spirit from all the detailed décor to exquisite entertainment. There will never be enough ways to say thank you to the people who made it all happen especially co-chairs Meredith Nies and Heather McDougall. Special thanks to committee members Vicki Creteur and Melissa Beyer for their tireless work on this event, as well as members of our Board for going above and beyond to help.



LITERACY CARNIVAL

This year the JLLI took on a new project, as proposed by first year active member Carol St. Jacques. We organized and funded a Literacy Carnival held at The Half Hollow Hills Community Library on Saturday, January 20th. The goal of this program was to promote literacy and a love of reading.

Over 150 families participated in activities such as an interactive performance of "Jack and the Beanstalk", a book trivia game show by The Bodacious Book Show, a story time reading of "Edward Gets Messy" by author Rita Meade, and "Reading to Dogs" with Bideawee therapy dogs.

Literacy centers were set up with activities to promote healthy reading habits, and the children were treated to carnival type snacks such as popcorn and cotton candy. Best of all, every child in attendance was able to take home a free book. Kudos to members Carol St. Jacques and Morgan Rooney for organizing this event!



PROVISIONAL/BOARD SOCIAL

The Provisional/Board social is a chance for new members to socialize with our Board members, and learn more about the league, different positions on the BOD, and the women who are in our leadership positions. This year's Provisional/Board social was held at Bowlmor Lanes in Melville.



THRIFT SHOP SOCIALS

On October 11th, and April 11th, the Thrift Shop was kept open late for our members to enjoy some late night shopping at our Thrift Shop Social. Held before our scheduled General Membership Meeting, these events were opportunity's for members to spend time shopping with friends, as well as bring in any additional Thrift Shop donations towards fulfilling their membership requirement of at least \$250 in donations per year.



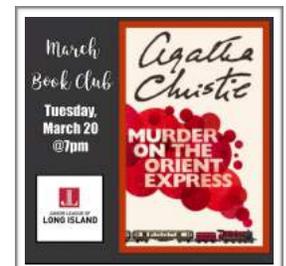
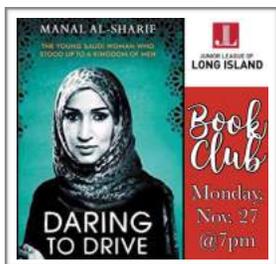
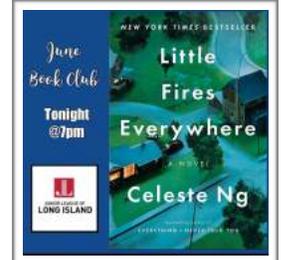
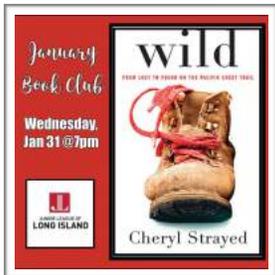
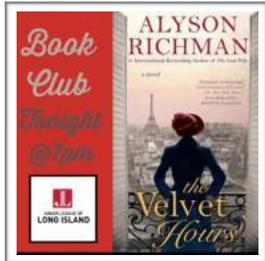
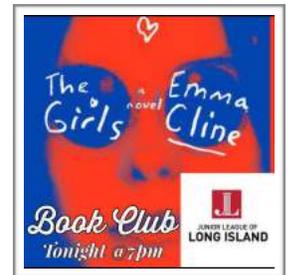
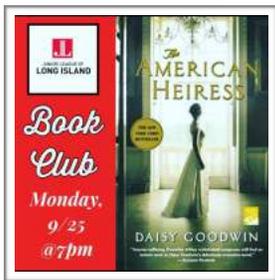
CHAMPIONS FOR CHARITY SHOPPING EVENT

For the second year in a row the JLLI participated in the Americana Manhasset's "Champions for Charity" shopping event. During this four day shopping event, 25% of sales are donated back to different charitable organizations. We encouraged members and their friends to get a jump on their holiday shopping, while giving back to the league in a fun way. To kick-off the event, Tory Burch hosted the JLLI with a cocktail party. Artist Mison Kim personalized handbags with her hand-painted designs and monograms. Thank you to Jennifer Livingston, Champions for Charity Chair, for again coordinating our participation in this event, and thank you to all of the friends and family that supported the league with their purchases.



BOOK CLUB

The JLLI Book Club is another great way for our members to spend more time getting to know each other while fitting some leisure reading into their schedules. We meet monthly, read and then discuss, both fiction and non-fiction books. Selections are chosen by members. Some of this year's reads have been, the highly acclaimed NYT best seller "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng, as well as Agatha Christie's 84 year old mystery classic, "Murder on the Orient Express". Thank you Tracy Pfaff, President-Elect for running book club these past few years.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE & ODI

On January 25-27 our President Elect, Tracy Pfaff, traveled to Long Beach, California to participate in AJLI's Winter Leadership Conference. While there she represented the JLLI as one of 336 delegates from 180 other leagues. She learned about the latest AJLI initiatives, took informative sessions on management and leadership training, and networked with other president-elects from all over the country, Canada, England, and Mexico.



On April 18 – 21 President Elect, Tracy Pfaff, and President Elect Elect, Christina Ho traveled to Memphis, TN for the 96th Annual Conference. We received a warm welcome and joined 291 leagues spanning four countries to reflect on this past year, celebrate milestones and anniversaries and attended leadership training. This year's theme was UNSTOPPABLE.



Whether we're tackling issues of pay equality, the environment, financial literacy, diversity and inclusion, child abuse, public health, or sexual assault we won't be deterred. We acknowledge the work that is being done in these spaces. It is the goal of these conferences that members are given the tools and resources to go back to our own leagues and train membership on the mission and objectives of AJLI. We also had the pleasure of hosting keynote speaker Muniba Mazari, ending with this amazing quote – "Here's to the strong women. May we be them. May we know them. May we

raise them!"

JLLI was proud to have four dedicated members representing at this year's Organizational Development conference ODI in Memphis, TN. Finance Director Loretta Hahn, KITK Committee Chair Morgan Rooney, Membership Training Director Gabrielle Renfrew, and Membership Development Committee Chair Carol St. Jacques



KATIE'S RUN

This is our second year participating in Katie's run, a fun 5K or 2 mile walk in new Hyde Park, which took place on Saturday Sunday, June 24.



Katie McBride foundation honors the memory of Katie and the families of all childhood leukemia victims and other life-threatening diseases. This event's primary objective is to honor Katie while raising important funds and awareness of the Ronald McDonald House of Long Island and support families services it provides



MEMBER RECOGNITION

Twice a year we hold our GMM at local restaurants. These dinners provide more of a social atmosphere outside of JLLI HQ, and also serve as recognition events. Our mid-year January dinner was held at the historic Milleridge Inn in Jericho, NY. President Caroline Tice presented Angel Awards to President-Elect Tracy Pfaff and Nominating Placement Director Donna Halouvas Fiore.

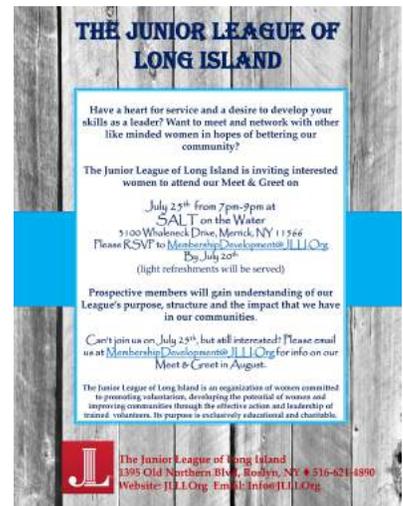
Our end-of-year June dinner was held at La Parma in Port Washington. In addition to honoring Caroline Tice for her year as president, many members were recognized for their hard work and dedication during the JLLI year. This year's Volunteer of the Year Award went to Communications Director Christina Ho. Our First Year Active Award was presented to Membership Development Co-Chair Carol St. Jacques. The Iby Byrnes Founder Award was presented to Graciela Hall, Thrift Shop Chair. The Daisy Award was presented to Lisa Bisagni, Fund Development Chair. The transfer award was presented to Laura Collins. Stephanie Mangels was again presented with the Golden Hanger Award for the most donations to the JLLI Thrift Shop.

In addition to these awards, other members received Certificates of Appreciation for going above and beyond this year, and others received pins in recognition for 5 and 10 years with JLLI.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 21st @12:00 pm	BBQ Social - All Members
Wednesday, July 25th @7:00 pm	Meet & Greet
Wednesday, August 1st @7:00 pm	Book Club
Wednesday, August 22nd @7:00 pm	Meet & Greet
Wednesday, August 29th @7:00 pm	Book Club
Saturday, September 8th @10:00 am	Super Saturday



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IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED IN JOINING JLLI OR RECEIVING MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT CAROL OR LAURA AT MEMBERSHIPDEVELOPMENT@JLLI.ORG