



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LONG ISLAND

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Our Membership Development Committee, under the guidance of Carol St. Jacques, took on the ambitious task of two provisional classes for the 2018-2019 league year. Our fall class planned a Literacy Festival, which provided children with a day immersed in literary fun. Some of the stations included a discussion with authors, reading with therapy dogs, and a performance of *The Bodacious Book Show*. All children were also able to select several books to take home. Our spring class planned a two day event called Positively Me. This event was hosted at our headquarters and gave girls the opportunity to participate in numerous activities such as yoga, a board breaking activity with a karate instructor, and creating positive mantra bracelets, just to name a few! We are so proud of the hard work and dedication our newest members put forth and are honored to welcome them into the Junior League of Long Island!





President's Note

Welcome to the Junior League of Long Island's year-end *Shorelines* publication!

Founded in 1901 by New York City resident and social activism pioneer Mary Harriman, the Junior League began as a Lower East Side Tenement outreach project. Today the Junior League is an international organization comprised of more than 140,000 women volunteers in 291 communities in the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada and Mexico.

Our local organization, the Junior League of Long Island (JLLI), was formed in 1951. Based in Roslyn, we are a charitable non-profit organization of women volunteers who work to improve the lives of at-risk women and children in Nassau and Suffolk Counties through various projects and initiatives. Our members reflect a wide range of backgrounds, interests, and professional pursuits, and work together to identify unmet needs, forge effective coalitions, and work for change.

Through work on committees and participation in trainings, projects, and initiatives, members of the JLLI have the opportunity to try new things and develop new skills with other like-minded women, all while working toward the betterment of our Long Island community. Over the last year we took part in over 20 projects and initiatives across Long Island. These included: assembling and delivering 125 Thanksgiving Baskets to families in need; donating and wrapping gifts through Project Toy in collaboration with the Family Service League at The Huntington Tri CYA; preparing brunch for families living at the Ronald McDonald House; assembling 30 Birthday Wishes kits for children; collecting, sorting and donating over 200 dresses for LI Volunteer Center's Prom Boutique; organizing a Winter Book Festival and Literacy Fair at Half Hollow Hills Library; assembling backpacks for underprivileged children to have the supplies they need for the upcoming school year at our Operation Backpack DIAD; teaching kids about nutrition, exercise and healthy choices at our Kids in the Kitchen event at the Boys and Girls Club in Oyster Bay; and hosting a two-day Positively Me event teaching young women about hygiene, confidence, positivity, and good choices. We also gave Community Service Fund awards to support the projects of the Long Island Alzheimer's Association, Parent Resource Center of Port Washington, CYO Steadfast, Family Service League, and Belmont Childcare Association.

I invite you to learn more about our organization by exploring this publication, and I welcome you to join us in our work by becoming a member or a community partner. If you are interested in learning more, please visit www.jlli.org or email us at info@jlli.org to find out how you can get involved. You can also support the work we do by making a monetary donation or by donating new or gently used clothing, shoes or household goods to our Thrift Shop. Donations are tax-deductible and directly benefit the Long Island community.

I encourage you to be a part of this exciting work today!

Sincerely,

Tracy E. Pfaff, President 2018-2019

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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





CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL

In 2011, the United Nations declared October 11th as International Day of the Girl, a day to highlight and address the needs and challenges girls face, while promoting girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights. This year JLLI was invited to be a part of a Long Island area event. Projects & Research Director Cindy Dwyer had the pleasure of collaborating with the leadership of One World Girl, Domestic Harmony Foundation, Girl Scouts of Nassau County, and Girls, Inc. to plan "EmPower Girls – An International Day of the Girl Event".

The event was held at the "Yes We Can Community Center" in Westbury on the evening of October 11, 2018. It included networking opportunities, educational activities for the youngest girls in attendance, and a panel discussion with speakers from each of the partnering organizations.



The JLLI speaker was member Mary Crimmins, who discussed the importance of empowering women and girls in our community and the world. Mary has been involved in the Hance Family Foundation's female self-esteem program, "Beautiful Me" since 2014. Since then, she has worked with thousands of females throughout the country running empowerment/self-esteem workshops. Mary did an amazing job representing JLLI!

Attendees of the event were also asked to bring menstrual hygiene products for a service project. We were able to collect and ship 37.8



KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

The Kids in the Kitchen program brings together Junior League volunteers and youth to learn how to make healthier choices. On June 1, 2019 JLLI held our KITK event at the Boys & Girls Club of Oyster Bay during their Open House Family Fun Day. Coordinating our event during their Family Fun Day had two major benefits – it gave our volunteers access to more children and families to

share the message of healthier choices, and greater exposure for JLLI. Rather than children participating in a scheduled rotation through timed stations, as usually happens during KITK, Christina Ho & Feiona Churaman greeted families and encouraged them to join the activities we hosted in three different areas of the Boys & Girls Club.

In the gymnasium, Danielle Upward, KITK chair, and Kari Epstein kept everyone moving with DJ Mike from All Star Party. The DJ emceed hula hoop and dancing competitions, made balloon art, and brought with him some



costumed characters to dance and pose with the children for photos. As children exited the gym, Cindy Dwyer handed them a Nike drawstring bag filled with a water bottle, Frisbee, pedometer, and literature from ChooseMyPlate.gov about serving sizes and eating a balanced diet.

In the kitchen, Brittany Cleere and Kely Rall promoted better food choices by showing children how to make a yummy,

portable treat - a fruit kebab. They also had other healthy snacks, such as a veggie platter, pretzels, and Pirate Booty. Each family that participated received a Junior League Kids in the Kitchen cookbook where they could find healthy recipes to make at home.

Outdoors in the courtyard, Cristine Bruno & Morgan Rooney helped children as they decorated caddies to for planting mini-vegetable gardens. They were then able to take their starter gardens home to re-plant. The event was attended by approximately 160 children and parents.



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. This experience also helps us 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.

This year we added new Done In A Day opportunities, which included assisting at the Domestic Harmony Foundation’s 5k Walk/Run. Additionally, we purchased holiday gifts for children and dedicated time to wrap them with Project Toy.



The Done In A Day committee also continued the tradition of some of our favorite service projects, which include assembling and donating 125 Thanksgiving baskets, cooking and serving breakfast for the families at Ronald McDonald House, assembling 30 birthday-in-a-box kits for Birthday Wishes to be distributed to children experiencing homelessness, collecting and sorting prom dresses for Prom Boutique, volunteering to assist the day of Prom Boutique, reading and providing pajamas for Pajama Program, collecting and assembling school supplies in backpacks for Operation Backpack, and assisting or participating in Katie’s Run.





JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LONG ISLAND

An ORGANIZATION of WOMEN COMMITTED to PROMOTING VOLUNTARISM, DEVELOPING the POTENTIAL of WOMEN and to IMPROVING the COMMUNITY through the EFFECTIVE ACTION and LEADERSHIP of TRAINED VOLUNTEERS. Its purpose is EXCLUSIVELY EDUCATIONAL & CHARITABLE.

2018-2019 Year in Review



\$10,000



Awarded funds to several Non-profits across Long Island to support their projects.

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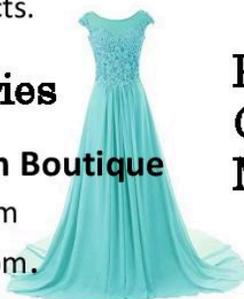


Hosted FIVE guest speakers to educate members on issues facing Long Island.

200+ DRESSES & Accessories



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



Packed & Donated **125** Complete Thanksgiving Meals



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Sponsored 6 attendees to take part in the 2018/19 ODI's, and 3 attendees for the Leadership and Annual Conferences.



Partnered with **One World Girl, Girls Inc., Domestic Harmony Foundation and Girl Scouts of Nassau County** to host an **International Day of the Girl** event attended by 120 women and girls.

We also implemented a brand new program called **Positively Me** where we welcomed **17 young girls** between the ages of 9 and 12 into our headquarters. This 2 day program provided a safe place where the girls were able to speak freely about some of the issues they are facing at home and school. Through various workshops, we equipped them with the tools and resources to help navigate through these issues, foster confidence and inner strength.



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Organized FUNDRAISERS

We held our **St. Patrick's** themed fundraiser at Finley's of Huntington, NY. We also continued our annual participation with **Champions of Charity** at The Americana Manhasset.



Done In A Days

We completed 11 days of service outside of our organization. From hosting a literacy fair, pajama party, collecting and wrapping toys for needy families, distributing backpacks filled with school supplies and cooking brunch for the residents at Ronald McDonald House.

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ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, March 9th the Long Island community came together to celebrate St. Patrick's Day as part of our annual fundraiser. This year's Fundraiser Committee decided to liven up a dreary March with uplifting music and fun. The event was held at Finley's of Green Street in Huntington. Guests enjoyed a delicious, traditional St. Patrick's dinner of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and Irish soda bread. Live music was provided by The O'McSki's Regulars, along with an Irish Step Dancing performance provided by dancers from Inishfree School of Irish Dance. There were more than fifty amazing raffle baskets, as well as a 50/50 drawing. The night was capped off with a fabulous candy bar donated by Artisan Building & Renovations, LLC.





JUNE DINNER

Every June, the Junior League of Long Island hosts their end of the year dinner. Our league year runs July-June, so this dinner is a time to recognize our members and officially transition the positions within the organization. Our president, Tracy Pfaff, facilitated the evening at the Harbor Links Golf Club in Port Washington.

We welcomed the following women into active membership after completing their provisional requirements: Margo Bayroff, Feiona Churaman, Marianna Dayre, Emilie Doleshel, Susan Ellis, Kari Epstein, Laura Glass, Leona Harper, Ciara Larkin, Elena Litescu, and Juliet Tenaglia.

Members who have continued to go above and beyond in their commitment to the Junior League of Long Island were recognized at this event. The 2018-2019 Award Recipients are: Jennifer Grasso

(Golden Hanger for the largest donation to our Thrift Shop), Graciela Hall (Daisy Award), Carol St. Jacques (Volunteer of the Year), Ashley Cohen (First Year Active Award), Nadine Agosta (Ibby Byrnes Founder's Award), and Diana O'Neill (Sustainer Award).



Certificates of appreciation were presented to Morgan Rooney, Janet Closs, Joan Yonke, Erica Vidal and Deirdre Barr.





PROJECT PLAYGROUND

On September 28th, we partnered with The Andy Foundation to build a playground for Pal-O-Mine Equestrian in Islandia. JLLI supported this project with a \$25,000 donation and had volunteers on site to help build it. Pal-O-Mine's mission is to provide a comprehensive therapeutic equine program using horses to facilitate growth, learning and healing for children and adults with disabilities, those who have been abused or neglected, the military and the economically challenged.





Are you looking for a way to meet new people while volunteering in your community?



The Junior League of Long Island (JLLI) is looking for women to join our organization who are interested in:

- **Becoming more involved in their community**
- **Networking with women who share common interests**
- **Helping others**
- **Developing new skills**
- **Community Impact**
- **Leadership Training**

For more information on the Junior League and how to get more involved in your community, please contact our Membership Development Team.

Email: MembershipDevelopment@JLLI.org

Phone: (516) 484-0485

JLLI is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and to improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, February 4th @7:30pm

Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, February 7th @6:00pm

Positively Me - Day One

Saturday, February 8th @10:00am

Positively Me - Day Two

Tuesday, February 11th @5:30pm

Pajama Party DIAD

Wednesday, February 12th @6:30pm

Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 12th @7:30 pm

General Membership Meeting

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