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Junior League of Long Island

Happy New Year!

The Junior League of Long Island is only growing every year and this year has been no exception...

Our members have been working hard to make our events & meetings mean something.

We want to thank all our members who take time out of their day to enhance & educate others. We continue to grow awareness and better the lives of the folks we help. With our First Step Program, Kids In the Kitchen and our Done-In-A-Day projects, our membership is something to be proud of!

Thank you for starting and making 2015 a great one!



Our Thanksgiving Baskets Done-In-A-Day!

On November 22, we had a huge turn out at headquarters with members putting together 100 baskets! Our members assembled, packed and decorated these baskets filled with food, goodies and everything Thanksgiving.... We also had our "littlest volunteers" come and join us for this special afternoon. These baskets were donated to the Long Island Council of Churches, FEGS Health & Human Services, Family League Services, St. Aiden's Church, Powells Lane Elementary and Yes We Can Community Center.

Save the Date!

January DIAD

January 29

Winthrop
Children's Center,
Mineola, NY

GMM

February 11

Our monthly
membership
meeting to be held
at HQ.

Winter Fundraiser

March 7

The Founder's
Room at
Paramount in
Huntington, NY





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It's hard to believe 2015 is upon us! We have kicked off this year in a big way and I'm very excited! On January 14th, we held our annual January Dinner/GMM at Milleridge Inn. We were fortunate enough to host the inspiring Vicki Clark as our guest speaker. This year we invited our sustaining members to the dinner and I was thrilled to see so many of you attend. I truly enjoyed looking around the room and seeing such a nice representation of our membership- provisionals, actives and sustainers all together. It was wonderful to see the woman who have dedicated their time and passion to make the Junior League of Long Island what it is today, the woman who continue that passion and our newest members, already full of passion for our community and who we are so fortunate to have joining us.

The following morning, we hosted our first Non-Profit Liaison Networking Breakfast. The morning was a success with representatives from five different Long Island non-profit organizations. Vicki presented the Life Cycle of the Non-Profit, which shed some new light on the ways in which we can prepare for the future within our organization. There was additional time given for attendees to network and socialize. It was a great opportunity for our members to meet members of other organizations and discuss ways in which we can work together, as well as sharing ideas on best practices.

Looking forward, we have a packed few months ahead of us! Our Done-In-A-Day calendar is filling up with a party for children at Winthrop Hospital and our annual Ronald McDonald event, where we prepare brunch for the residents. Our annual fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 7th at the Paramount in Huntington. The fundraiser committee is working hard to make this a fabulous event! With a cigar roller, a photo booth, silent auction, amazing raffle prizes, delicious food and yummy drinks, this will be one event not to be missed! By now you should have received your invitation in the mail, so don't hesitate to RSVP! We look forward to seeing you there!

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As always, thank you for the gift of your time!

ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR LEAGUES INTERNATIONAL

Who are we? What is our Mission Statement? Did you know that every member has a unique AJLI ID and you can log in and explore so many resources available to you!

www.ajli.org

Get Connected

AJLI's Online Learning initiative consists of self-paced courses, web workshops, webinars and on-demand recordings. With this new learning initiative, members will be able to access the tools and information they need to support their development as community and civic leaders at the time, place and pace that works for their schedule.

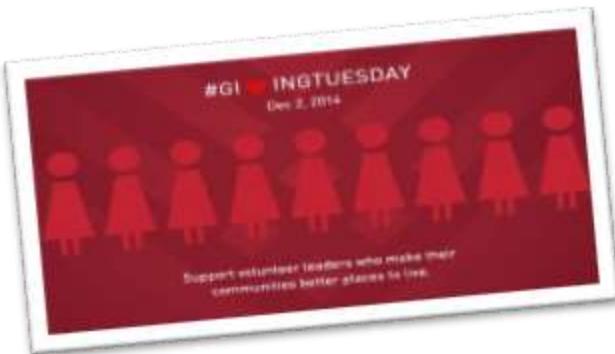
Coming soon, members will be able to track what online courses they have taken through their profile on this website.



#GivingTuesday

On Tuesday, December 2, 2014, charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world came together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give.

AJLI was a part of this global celebration of a new tradition of generosity.





New Year Membership Dinner

Milleridge Inn, Jericho, NY By Jennifer Livingston

What a special and inspirational night! First, many thanks to Deborah Scanlon for getting our guest speaker, Vicki Clark, to our New Year Membership Dinner! Not only was this dinner a kick off of the New Year, but also it was quite reflective. Donna started the evening acknowledging some folks that went above and beyond these past couple of months, then we discussed on all the latest happenings within our committees and what's to come! The true highlight of this evening was Vicki Clark. Vicki comes to us from Memphis, TN and has over 25 years experience in speaking to and about Nonprofit Organizations. Vicki is a member of the Junior League of DeKalb County & The Junior League of Hamilton-Burlington. What spoke to me the most – quite frankly – a “game changer” if you will, was to focus on yourself, while being true to why you love to be a part of JLLI and how it speaks to you as a woman, mother, friend, volunteer and most of all, a person who dedicates their time to help others. The JLLI is so much more than projects and fundraising. It’s learning about the other women in the organization and how like-minded they are with you. It’s how you learn to grow yourself as a human being, while truly enjoying the comradery. Also, that it’s OK to have your life AND volunteer at the same time. It’s all about balance, leaning on one another, and being a part of something greater. The energy in the room was apparent. What a great way to start the new year with such inspiration and motivation to continue to work hard as a group, to continue to deliver our “message” to the community, while soaking in the relationships and friendships we have all cultivated over time!







IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LISETTE BARCHI



My name is **Lisette Barchi**. I live in Oceanside; Long Island but grew up in Richmond Hill, Queens. Since 2007, I have worked for N.Y. Presbyterian Hospital as a Project Leader within the Managed Care Department. I received a Masters of Public Health from Brooklyn College.

My weekends mostly consist of plans involving my daughter, my boyfriend, and his son. In my spare time I enjoy yoga, reading, outdoor activities, and cultural events. A future goal is to work for a public health organization where I can help make a difference in underserved communities.

Why is volunteering important to you?

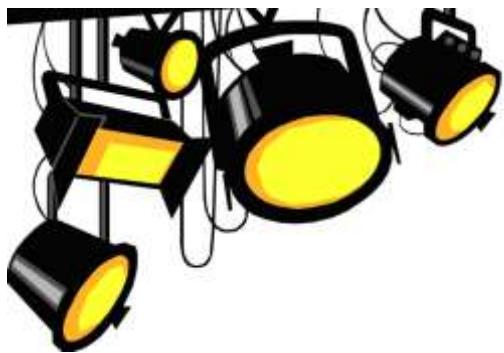
When I was in graduate school, I was fortunate enough to visit the Comprehensive Rural Health Project (CRHP), a public health program in India. CRHP empowered and trained women to become Village Health Workers, which drastically improved community health. This experience resonated with me. It made me realize the importance of improving the well-being of underserved communities as well as helping women realize their full potential.

What made you choose JLLI to donate your time to volunteer?

As a member of a moms group, I was lucky enough to meet Donna Fiore. One of the moms wanted to donate some clothing and Donna mentioned JLLI. I went on the JLLI website and just knew I needed to be a part of this organization! I had wanted to volunteer for quite some time and I felt it was a sign that JLLI came into my life.

What makes JLLI special to you?

I love the fact that JLLI is run by women with the mission of helping other women and their communities. The feelings I had when I visited CRHP resurfaced when I went to the JLLI Meet and Greet. Learning about past and future JLLI projects made me excited to know that my personal goals were going to be met. Also, in the short time I've been a part of the JLLI, I've already felt camaraderie between the women. I am proud to be a part of such a great organization that does such wonderful work.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

MELISSA BEYER



Melissa Beyer is a native Long Islander who is currently living in Farmingdale with her husband James and daughter Madeline. For the past eight years she has worked with Clopay Building Products as their Long Island Distribution Manager. Previous to this position she worked at JFK International Airport as a Terminal Manager for JFKIAT, LLC. She holds a Bachelor of Science from Dowling College and an Associate Degree from SUNY Farmingdale with a concentration in Aviation.

Her hobbies include golf, quilting/sewing and travel with her family. She will be completing her Deaconship with the Sweet Hollow Presbyterian Church this year and will be serving on Session as an Elder for the next three years; she is also active on the Christian Education Board.

Why is volunteering important to you?

Volunteering is important to me because I have been so blessed in my life, giving back to our Long Island community is an excellent way to pay it forward to those that have less. It is also important for me to set a positive example for my young daughter; I believe volunteering will help her grow emotionally and spiritually as an individual, just like I have.

What makes JLLI special to you and why did you choose to donate your time?

I have only been with the Junior League of Long Island for a short time, but I amazed on how welcoming and accepting the members are, especially to the new members like myself. I love the history of the League and I am in admiration of those before us with their hindsight for securing the future for us today. I am looking forward in preserving the traditions of the League, so that it continues on for my daughter's generation and those after hers.



Our December General Membership Meeting

By Lisa Bisagni

Member turnout at the coffee was excellent and spirits were high and festive - thanks in part to the hot toddies, Grinch punch (later renamed snowman punch by a clever Junior Leaguer due to the omitted green food dye) and holiday munchies. We truly felt blessed to have everyone over to our new home, which bustled with energy and good will. My sincere gratitude and appreciation is extended to Veronica and Danny for their help before and after the event, which was instrumental to its success.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended...you rocked!

Non-Profit Liaison Breakfast

With special guest speaker, Vicki Clark By Deborah Scanlon

On Thursday, January 15th, we had the privilege of having Vicki Clark be our guest speaker for our non-profit liaison breakfast. We had 8 guests from non-profits join us, including The INN, EOC Nassau County, Long Island Volunteer Center, Eager-to-Serve and USA Ambassador Project. The breakfast enabled us to strengthen our relationships with organizations we currently partner with and develop new partnerships. Vicki spoke on the topic of the Life Cycle of Non-Profits. Her candid demeanor, real life examples and witty personality, made for a great morning. We look forward to making this an annual event and growing it each year. Thank you to the JL members who came to meet our non-profits and learn from Vicki.



Our Holiday Done-In-A-Day

Another Done-In-A-Day success! On December 18, members and provisionals gathered at headquarters for the final DIAD of 2014. Armed with holiday wish lists from four Long Island families, committee members shopped for 18 family members of all ages. Volunteers put their gift-wrapping skills on display and prepared the gifts for delivery. This DIAD was possible thanks to the generosity of Sierra Mittleman who, along with her husband, showed true holiday and JLLI spirit in sponsoring this event.

A huge thank you to all who volunteered! We hope to see you at the January DIAD, as we host a party at Winthrop Children's hospital. Details to follow.



Champions for Charity

JLLI and Americana Manhasset

This annual holiday shopping benefit has been embraced by the community, growing to support over 100 not-for-profit organizations with the participation of over 70 Americana Manhasset and select Wheatley

Plaza stores. Much happens during the shopping benefit: charity receptions, complimentary gift-wrapping, personal shopper and concierge services abound. We had a great afternoon at Dior and very excited to be a part of this great cause!



Long Island Volunteer Center – Celebrates 20 Years!

Donna Fiore, our current President and Joel Blainey, our President-Elect joined the celebration of the LIVC 20th Anniversary Celebration at the Cradle of Aviation on October 23, 2014. LIVC for 20 years has promoted volunteerism to improve the quality of life in Nassau & Suffolk Counties. The ladies were proud to support LIVC's current Executive Director & JLLI's past president, Diana O'Neill.

Morning Coffee's GMM

What a wonderful turn out on the morning of December 18th at Stacey Parks' home in Huntington, NY. Stacey was a gracious hostess and had a beautiful spread of quiches, bagels, and baked sweet goodies and of course...Coffee! It was certainly a morning of fun, yet all business was discussed!





NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF
THE JUNIOR LEAGUE

TVPJA PASSES IN NYS SENATE

Bill receives unanimous "aye" vote, 62-0

The New York State Senate today took historic and early action on several bills, including the Trafficking Victims' Protection and Justice Act (S7-2015). We are pleased to announce that the **TVPJA passed unanimously** in the NYS Senate, with a vote of 62-0.

The NYS Senate also passed several other important pieces of women's legislation today, including provisions related to pregnancy discrimination, housing protections for victims of domestic violence, and equal pay. In total, 8 pieces of legislation (S1-S8) were passed. Full bill texts and their descriptions can be found [here](#).

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE! BY LISA BISAGNI

On January 7, 2015, Kids in the Kitchen (KITK) Co-chair Melissa Beyer and I provided an overview of the history of the Junior League of Long Island, our Junior League projects and the Kids in the Kitchen Event to the executive directors of five Boys & Girls Clubs on Long Island in Hicksville. That same day, we were notified by the executive director of the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club, Melissa Rhodes, that it will be the site of [the 2015 KITK on Saturday, April 25, 2015](#). Each of the five Boys & Girls Clubs (Oyster Bay, Locust Valley, Glen Cove, Hicksville and Hempstead) will be bringing children to the event for a max of 100-125, excluding parents. The clubs will provide support staff and goody bags to accommodate the increased number of children, if necessary. The facility has a gym and plenty of space and we'll be visiting the site shortly. The Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club has its own LIU Post *Cooking Up Energy* program to teach about healthy cooking and may also provide a personal trainer. [Actives and sustainers, we need your help.](#) Donations of sporting/fitness goods and gear for raffle prizes (gift cards to Nike, Modell's, Sports Authority, etc. clothes, bikes, soccer balls, baseball and footballs, Frisbees, jump ropes, hoola hoops, anything to get children exercising, etc....); tickets to Rangers, Islanders, Jets, Giants, Ducks, Yankees or Mets, etc.; children's gym memberships; healthy food, drinks, snacks and goody bag items (water bottles, etc.) for the children; and breakfast and lunch donations for the volunteers would help to make this event a success. Fitness professionals, physicians, face painters and a DJ are also needed.



Winter Fundraiser Is Coming!

This fabulous event will be March 7, 2015 at the Founder's Room at Paramount in Huntington, NY. Start your search for a flapper or gangster costume to make this event extra special! Invitations have been mailed and everyone should have received theirs! PLEASE RSVP as there is LIMITED space for the ultra special event!

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