### JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LONG ISLAND

Only those with tenacity can march forward in March

March certainly came in like a Lion and out like a lamb this year!

I'd like to thank all members, sustainers and active for taking time out to attend our Emergency Town Hall meeting on March 25th. Our Nominating Director Donna has happily shared that from all the constructive conversations we had on that night and the days after we have quite a few people that have expressed their interest in taking on leadership positions or most importantly supporting those who are interested in stepping up to be in leadership. It truly takes a village or support to help propel our mission forward into the community. I'm happy to share that quite a few people have expressed interest in taking on a leadership role or supporting those who are taking on leadership roles through mentorship.

As a united front, the Board of Directors has been gathering feedback from members, in surveys and curated conversations as well as soliciting help from other leagues through the support of AJLI. I am confident that our April Board Meeting will solidify our place in the community for the next 73 years and beyond. The women of JLLI wear many hats in their lives but most importantly, we will always be here for each other and united by this organizational mission that unites even the most drastically different groups of women together.

Within the pages of this newsletter, you will learn more about the hard work of our DIAD ladies as well as Board Members and our staff who work tirelessly to get the mission of the JLLI out into the community. I am very fortunate to serve us all as President at this formative time. It's humbling to be able to bring my professional and academic experiences to help give back to an organization that's given me so much throughout my years of membership.

Remi Farnan President 2023 - 2024

## DIAD Committee

### Updates



### **BOOK FAIRIES**

Each month JLLI Volunteers can join our community partner Book Fairies. At the March book fair member Jess Klein was on hand to help with distributing over 17,000 books to 67 teachers across the tristate area!

### PAJAMA PROGRAM

Kicking off March with our DIAD Pajama Program we assembled over kits for 40 children in shelters and read to about 30 children while visiting the Shelters. Of course, you can always find Elizabeth and Joan leading the charge, ensuring the committee has everything they need and more for a successful project!



### EMPOWER GIRLS

Lead by Projects and Research Director Jess Torraca the Empower Girls committee as well as other members were on hand to provide an incredible experience for over 50 young girls at the Yes We Can Center. This event was a joint effort between One World Girl, Girls Inc. and JLLI. It's no surprise that the tables lead by JLLI were a crowd favorite with several girls leaving happily with their inspirational water bottles as well as friendship bracelets for themselves and their loved ones. Each child also got a JLLI care package filled with inspirational goodies to take home to remember all that was learned and shared at this event.



### DIAD COMMittee

### Updates

### 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PROM BOUTIQUE EVENT April 20, 2024 9am-3pm David S. Mack Center For Training & Intelligence 1 Law Enforcement Way, Garden City



DRESSES, SUITS AND ALL THE ACCESSORIES FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO MAKE YOUR PROM & GRADUATION A DREAM COME TRUE!



### PROM BOUTIQUE

This year the Prom Boutique at the Nassau Police Department Center in Garden City. The set up will be Friday, April 19th from 12 PM to 8 PM and the event will be Saturday, April 20th. Be sure to check Digital Cheetah for more information!

Do you have any prom gowns, suits, shoes or accessories to donate? This year in conjunction with The Long Island Volunteer Center we are asking all donations go to support Long Island Hispanic Bar Association.



### WOMEN'S DIVERSITY NETWORK DIVERSITY SUMMIT

The Women's Diversity Network will hold its Seventh annual Summit. This day-long event will include workshops, panels, and presentations on a variety of diversity-related topics. Throughout the day, there will also be multicultural performances as well as a luncheon that reflects the diversity of the day.

Volunteers are needed to assist with all event activities including set-up, registration, assisting guests/speakers, breakdown, etc. There are also tabling opportunities.

Please make sure to register for a FREE volunteer ticket if you register for this slot. All information is on Digital Cheetah!

All Active and Provisional Members must attend a minimum of two DIADs to fulfill your membership requirements for 2023– 2024. If you have any questions reach out to your advisor, Nominating Placement Director Donna Fiore or our DIAD Chairs, Joan and Elizabeth.

2024 Election: Impact on Women's Lives and Choices



### April 20th, 2024 Nassau Community College

Powerful workshops, diverse entertainment, networking, cultural food, and more! See our website for sponsorship opportunities.



### MARCH IN REVIEW

#### **MARCH 14TH SIP AND SHOP**

Our Sip and Shop social combined all of the best parts about being a JLLI member, a good spread of food and drink, great company, and even better sales! With over 30 members attending and about 20-25 potential new members, community partners, and friends a good time was had by all! With just over an hour and a half of business sales, over \$1,200 in sales were generated along with wonderful good connections and conversations.





#### MARCH GMM AND LIPSTICK SOCIAL

Before our Sip and Shop the rescheduled Lip Stick Social took place at the Beauty Tailor in Carle Place. Nothing could be better than a great group of ladies enjoying the evening together. Special thank you to our Membership Activities Director Cindy and our arrangements team in setting up for a great event!

### MEMBER NEWS

#### **VOLUNTEERING AND DONATION INFORMATION**

The Thrift Shop is our biggest fundraiser throughout the year! We are always looking for help in the shop with donation sorting, organization and cleanliness of the sales floor, fitting room help, and helping our wonderful staff spread great customer service around to all our customers. Without great donations from members, we would not be able to fuel our mission.

To schedule your hours or donation please reach out to Graciela and Zina at ThriftShopChair@jlli.org.

**MEMBER UPDATES** 

**GOLDEN HANGER** 

COMPETITION UPDATE

IST PLACE - PAMELA WEEKES 2ND PLACE - GILLIAN

FARNAN <u>3RD PLACE - CINDY DWY</u>ER

Promoted or changed jobs? Recently married? Started a family? Fulfilled a lifelong dream?

If you have some exciting news you would like to share with your fellow members email and <u>NominatingPlacement@jlli.org</u> to keep us in the loop and be featured in our

eNewsletter and maybe more!

Congratulations

Best wishes to Kerry Haddock for fully launching her independent practice! Join us in welcoming Peyton Jules to the world on 3/16/24 making member Margo Bayroff a grandmother for the second time!

Happy Buthday

Happy Birthday to our April babies! We wish you nothing but the best for this upcoming year. Be on the lookout for a special present from the JLLI to you!

Carol Ann Lemkau, Becky Miller, Nicole Mittelstadt, Anne Fink, Graciela Hall, Elizabeth Menges, Barbara Ann Pellettieri, Alice Krupa, Michelle Mitchell, Lisa Currie, Emilie Doleshel, Mimi Howard, Esther Gabrielides

### COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT Nominating and Placement

#### WHAT DOES THIS COMMITTEE DO?

The Nominating Committee is made up of 5 advisors who have either served on the committee for 1 year or 2 years and the Nominating Placement Director who is the unvoting chair. This committee is responsible for not only preparing the Board of Directors Slate but also recommending a slate for all committee chairs. In addition to helping with the nominating process advisors serve as the personal link between a member and the league as a whole for all things related to the JLL!

#### WHAT IS THE NOMINATING PROCESS LIKE?

Nominations are accepted for a period of time where individuals can self-nominate or nominate another member who they feel would make a great leader. Nominations can be made for Board of Director positions, as well as all Committee Chair positions. As our current Board of Directors positions are currently laid out, the Nominating Placement Director and Member-at-Large position are the only 2 roles not a part of the nominating process. Those two positions are selected by the incoming president and invited to fill those roles on the board during her year as president. All active members in good standing are eligible for a leadership role. Provisionals are not eligible but can step into a position after they have achieved active status.

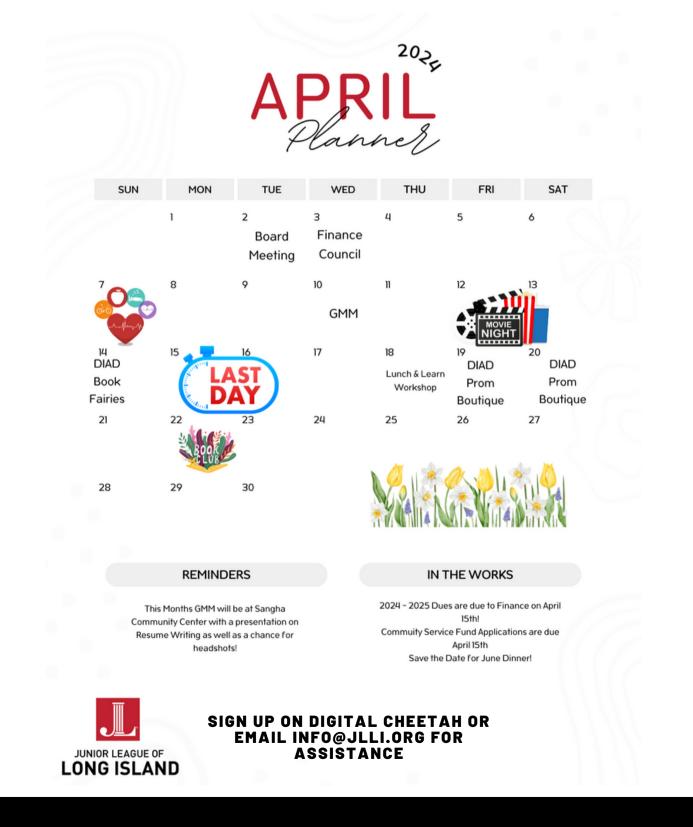
The Nominating Committee meets to review all nominations. The committee is responsible for filling these positions based on criteria of demonstrated past leadership, skill set, as well as other leadership experience outside of our league. As AJLI states, "Matching organizational needs and individual strengths to a balanced leadership team that supports the whole organization and demonstrates those particular leadership skills, qualities, experiences and behaviors that are critical to ensure The Junior League's advancement."

Have you slated yourself or someone else for Leadership 2024-2025 yet?

#### **MENTORSHIP DATABASE**

For any sustainers or active members that can lend further support to fellow league members in leadership please send an email Sustainers@jlli.org indicating what areas you can mentor in. If possible it can be job skills or league position past experiences. This will allow us to fully immerse ourselves in the mission!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**





Join us in June for our annual year-end events! Event information and ticket sales will be posted on Digital Cheetah this week. We have so much to celebrate as we end one year and look forward to the next.



### GMM UPDATE

Our next GMM will take place on April 10th at 7 PM at Sangha Community Center. Our Featured speaker will be Joely Leidner. Joely specializes in career searching, resume preparation, and interview tips as well as how members can best represent JLLI on their resumes!

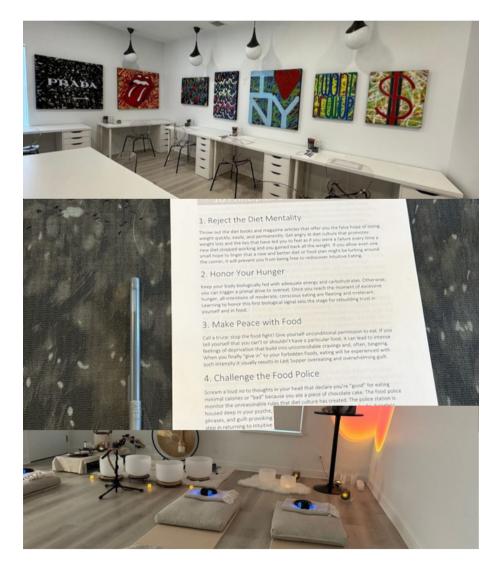
All members who attend in person will be able to get a professional headshot taken as well.

Sign up on Digital Cheetah so we can ensure we have time for all to participate!



### WELLNESS WEEKEND Workshops

Thank you to all who attended the wellness weekend workshops! These workshops were designed with members in mind. We can only do so much without taking care of ourselves first. A special thank you to New Member Hailey for hosting us at ArtPad on March 2nd where we dove into a meditation, art, and journalling activity. Also, a special thank you to Sylvia and Caroline at Samudra Yoga for leading a 2-hour workshop where members were led through the basics of intuitive eating and an hour-long yoga class covering all the basics from sun salutations to breathwork and balancing poses!



# PARTNER NEWS & UPDATES

### LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES

Visit Digital Cheetah for an invite for a Lunch and Learn series sponsored by the Grenville Baker Boys and Girls Club! This event will take place on Thursday April 18th.





#### 2023 - 2024 COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

The JLLI is pleased to announce that our 2024 Community Service Fund Application is live! This year, due to the overwhelming success of our Thrift Shop we can offer over \$22,000 in potential awards to community partners. Applications are available online at our website as well as can be emailed out. Are you apart of another organization across Long Island? Let us know so we can reach out for a fund application!

#### 2024 - 2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues for your 2024 – 2024 Membership are due on April 15th! You may pay through Digital Cheetah or mail a check to Headquarters. Do you need a payment plan or want to change your membership status? You have until March 1st to do so by emailing NominatingPlacement@jlli.org and Treasurer@jlli.org