

## NEWSLETTER



In the entire circle of the year there are no days so delightful as those of a fine October... – no days so calm, so tenderly solemn, and with such a reverent meekness in the air. – Alexander Smith

As October went from summer to fall and back to summer again we all dove into embracing our routine of league activities. Our Sustainers hosted a fabulous event at Oheka Castle with fun had by all. Our DIAD Committee has hosted three events this month as well that we're all attended well. We've also been gearing up for the annual Thanksgiving Baskets Drive which will break even more records this year!

In looking forward towards November we have a lot to be thankful for, not only for the impact we've made thus far in the year but as we turn to look at the impact we will be making. In the last two months we've not only to been increasing our impact to our community but will start to have trainings and other opportunities to impact each other, and our families but our community as well!

Remi Farnan, President 2023 - 2024

## OCTOBER REWIND

#### RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OCT. 14TH & 15TH 2023







This year after the overwhelming attendance of last year's event our DIAD committee planned not one but two opportunities for our members to volunteer at Ronald McDonald House! This event our members showed off their baking skills with Halloween themed decorations. In addition to handing out sweet treats with additional funding was able to provide books, both in Spanish and English to the children residents to enjoy with their families. A RMD House DIAD is not complete without taking time to reflect and remember in the Sunshine Room the legacy of our past member Alicia Aguilera. Do you know any member that has had a new baby or addition to their family? If so, let Nominating Placement Director Donna know so we can do a donation in honor of your new baby to the Ronald McDonald House!

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#### SUSTAINER DINNER

On Wednesday October 25th Sustainer Members of JLLI toured the gardens and rooms of the famed Oheka Castle in Huntington, NY. The 109,000 square foot estate was build in 1919 by the financier, Otto Kahn and holds a vibrant history for Long Island. The tour culminated with dinner on the premise at the OHK Bar and Restaurant. Did you know that Otto Kahn's likeness was used to create the man with the whiskers and top hat seen in the game of monopoly?



Pictured from Left to Right Back Row Dee Meleno, Cristine Bruno, Donna Mulligan, Liz Stewart Lisa Currie, Lestly Stackler, Laura Sweeney, Joel Blaney, Mellisa Beyer and Kate Murphy BottomRow - Laura Petras, Janice Rohlfing, Tyran Sullivan, Allison Johansen

#### **MEMBER UPDATES**

Congratulations to Kerry Haddock as she opens her own independent Practice for her psychotherapy work with teens and adults! For those who know Kerry, this has been a wonderful life long dream of her's finally becoming reality!

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 <a href="MominatingPlacement@jlli.org">NominatingPlacement@jlli.org</a> to keep us in the loop and be featured in our eNewsletter and maybe more!

#### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to our October babies! We wish you nothing but the best for this upcoming year!

Gillian Farnan, Laura Petras, Erin Dorin, Jessica Klein, Deidre Delay, Janet Closs, Betsy Casser, Katharine Tymico, Erica Vidal, Maggie Viklund, Johnna Lombardi, Christina Mangels, Patricia Gresio Peters

## **NOVEMBER EVENTS**

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#### **Events:**

11/1 New Member Meet and Greet

11/2 Garden Club Meeting

11/4 Kendra Scott Fundraiser

11/5 Book Fairies DIAD

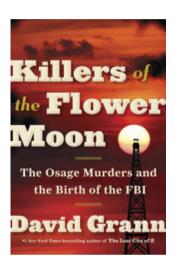
11/5 Board Meeting Meeting

11/8 Finance Council

11/15 General Membership Meeting

11/18 DIAD Opportunity Thanksgiving Baskets

11/27 Book Club







Every year, our league members gather and put together Thanksgiving Day baskets which provide a full Thanksgiving meal for families in need. This year's Thanksgiving Project is taking place on Saturday, November 18th 2023 and we are committed to providing 175 baskets of food for local families in need. 272,000 Long Islander experience domestic hunger and high food insecurity which is more than 1 in every 9 people. Of those 272,000 Long Islanders approximately 89,000 are children. Together we can help end food insecurity! Visit the website linked below for more information to share with friends and family



## THRIFT SHOP UPDATES







The Junior League of Long Island Thrift Shop has been nominated for the Best of Long Island contest! Voting will take place online from October 1st through December 15th. During this 75-day window everyone can vote for whatever local store, restaurant or person they feel should hold this title. You are allowed to one vote per day per each category! Click above image to be directed to vote.



Starting this month our hours will be Thursday - Friday 11 AM - 5 PM Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM Sunday 12 PM - 5 PM

#### **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 wonder stuff 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



# PARTNER NEWS & UPDATES



#### **OCTOBER 2023 MEMBERSHIP VOTE RESULTS**

With majority passing the Junior League of Long Island will be implementing the below changes to our 2023 - 2024 League Year:

- 1. Creation of the EMPOWER GIRLS Event Committee which represents the merging of Girl's Mic'd Up and Positively Me. This committee will be overseen by Jess Torraca, Project and Research Director
- 2. Creation of the Round Up Donation Campaign which will allow community partners to apply to receive the monthly Thrift Shop round up donation value. The WFBG committee will oversee the selection of these organizations to receive this honor.

#### LAUNCHING OUR ROUND UP CAMPAIGN

The Work Force Building and Grounds Committee has reviewed and accepted the below organizations to be our kick off Round Up Campaign Partners. Each organization will be encouraged to have an in store shopping event to serve as a networking opportunity for our respective memberships to meet and collaborate!

- Docs for Tots Dec. 2023
- Sangha Childrens Center January 2024
- NSDAR February 2024
- Long Island Builders Council March 2024

#### **COMMUNITY PARTNER NEWS**

Are you looking for more ways to give back to the Long Island Community? If so, check out some of the recent news from our Community Partners and some requests for volunteers. If interested please email <a href="mailto:info@jlli.org">info@jlli.org</a> to be connected with the right contact person!

#### **DOCS FOR TOTS**

Docs for Tots, an Allied Foundation community partner is hosting their 20th Anniversary celebration gala. To learn more information visit their website <a href="https://docsfortots.org/docs-for-tots-20th/">https://docsfortots.org/docs-for-tots-20th/</a>

#### SANGHA EDUCATION CENTER

Sangha Education Center is a non-profit offering heart-centered learning programs inspired by nature and history for young people with a range of abilities, families, school and community-at large. They're looking for volunteer teachers, administrative help and board positions.