



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
RHODE ISLAND

The Anchor

Winter Sparkle 2019

*Submitted by Katie Nardolillo,
Fund Development Council Director*

JLRI members, guests, and friends dined and danced the night away at our **7th Annual Winter Sparkle**, our largest annual fundraiser and culinary event. We thank all those who made the event possible and worked together with the Fund Development Council to make an unforgettable evening!

Featured Restaurants

Blount Fine Foods
Chapel Grille
The Coffee Guy
Crazy Burger
Knead Doughnuts
Legal Sea Bar
Par and Tackle
PVD Donuts
Tom's Bao Bao



Featured Entertainment

Joe Godfrey, Jazz Pianist
Joseph Anthony Weddings & Events,
DJ & Lighting

Featured Sponsors

MIKEL
Alissa Stuckey
DiPietro Family

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Mission

The Junior League of Rhode Island, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Reaching Out

The Junior League of Rhode Island, Inc. reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins, who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

Vision

The Junior League: Women Around the World as Catalysts for Lasting Community Change.

WOMEN BUILDING
BETTER COMMUNITIES



SUSTAINER NEWS

Women Authors Luncheon

Submitted by Joan McMaster, Chair, Women Authors Luncheons

Ladies, please plan to join us for our **JLRI Annual Women Authors Luncheon** on Saturday, April 27, 11:30 AM - 2 PM at the Brown Faculty Club, 1, Bannister St, Providence. We will enjoy a sumptuous buffet luncheon including Broiled Salmon, Chicken Marsala, Caesar Salad, Spring Pasta Primavera, Quiche, Fresh Fruit, Gourmet French Pastries, and Coffee/Tea. Make your reservation today; \$35 check or charge. See the Volunteer Calendar to RSVP and purchase your ticket on the eStore.

Our Guest Authors are both Brown graduates. Emily Arnold McCully earned a Bachelor's degree from Brown. She also earned a Masters degree from Columbia University. She received an Honorary Doctorate from Brown. Emily is an award-winning children's book author and illustrator. She has won the Caldecott Medal twice and has published more than 30 children's books, fiction and non-fiction! Her latest book is *She Did It*, a compendium of success stories of more than 20 women.

Mary-Kim Arnold earned both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree from Brown. She also earned a Master's degree from Vermont College of Fine Arts. Mary-Kim is a writer, poet and a visual artist. She was born in Seoul, Korea and adopted and raised in New York. Her book, *Litany for the Long Moment*, is an experimental essay. She has served as the Executive Director of the Women's Fund of RI as well as the Chair of the RI Commission for the Humanities. Presently, she is a Visiting Lecturer in English at Brown.

A book-signing will follow the authors' presentations. I look forward to welcoming you to this wonderful event! For questions, contact **Joan McMaster** at jcaryl1@hotmail.com



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Women Authors Luncheon

April 27, 2019 11:30 AM

The Brown Faculty Club

1, Bannister St, Providence, RI 02912



Purchase your ticket on
the **eStore** now!



SUSTAINER NEWS (continued)

Sustainer Community Service Project

Submitted by Cynthia Affronti, Sustainer Director

During the months of May, June, July, August, and September there will be volunteer opportunities for weeding, mulching, and cleaning the small garden at St. Mary's Home for Children in North Providence. There will be 4 shifts available, once a month, for 1.5 - 2 hours on a weekday morning. For members who prefer not to garden, there will be opportunities available to donate supplies such as mulch, flower containers, soil, flowers and possibly some vegetables.

Volunteer will be working outside of the home and not with any of the children. We will be working with the groundskeeper, maintaining and beautifying the entrance and create a warm, welcoming environment.

Sustainer Summer Luncheon

Submitted by Cynthia Affronti, Sustainer Director

Cynthia Affronti is hosting an informal Open House event at her home this summer; please drop by between 1:00 - 4:00PM on **Saturday, June 8, 2019** at 22 Knapton St, Barrington, RI. Come celebrate the end of the 2018-2019 League Year while reminiscing with your fellow JLRI Sustainers about the days of past and present, sharing your stories with others. The 100th Anniversary Archives Committee plans to have pictures and archives present at this event, and we encourage all our Sustainers to share their favorite stories about the rich history of our League.

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MAY

Sustainer Coffee Gathering

May 4, 2019 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Crepelicious

60 Maple Ave, Barrington, RI 02806

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JUNE

Sustainer Luncheon

June 8, 2019 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Open House)

The Affronti Home

22 Knapton St, Barrington, RI 02806





COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Touch-a-Truck

Submitted by Kelsey MacKinnon, Touch-a-Truck Co-Chair

Come out and join us for this fun, **free** family event! In addition to the displaying of fire, rescue, transit, and construction vehicles, there will be activities like face-painting for kids to enjoy. It is sure to be an enjoyable day for all who attend! This event will be centered around children, with the aim of fostering in them a strong sense of community by tapping into their natural fascination with our neighborhood helpers and the machines they use to perform their jobs.

We have multiple volunteer shift opportunities available on the Volunteer Calendar, including donations for supplies, pre-event set-up, event volunteers, and clean-up. We hope to see you there and encourage you to share this event in your communities! Can't help the day-of Touch-a-Truck? We also are requesting volunteers to donate supplies and assist in posting flyers. Sign up if you would like to provide face-painting kits, a pop-up tent for the event, or if you can help post flyers.

Here is the sign-up list: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A44AEA722A6FC1-touchatruck>

Contact Erin Herzog at 239-687-8819 and Erin.herzog@hotmail.com or Kelsey MacKinnon 401-536-0091 and kelseymack521@gmail.com to coordinate pickup details.



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Touch-a-Truck

April 13, 2019 12:00 - 4:00 PM

Warwick Mall (The location is to the left of Firestone)

400 Bald Hill Rd, Warwick, RI 02886



Click & share our
Facebook event!

Foster Forward Storefront Shift

Submitted by Erin Herzog, Community Outreach Council Director

The JLRI has an opportunity to work with Foster Forward at their Storefront Location in Pawtucket. Please expect to assist in various tasks from setting up clothing racks, sorting/cleaning clothes donations, organizing storefront, etc. This will be a trial shift as we explore the opportunity to work on ongoing projects with the Foster Forward storefront on a regular monthly basis. Your feedback is welcome post shift.

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April 15, 2019 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Ocean State Job Lot Plaza (located opposite Planet Fitness)

50 Ann Mary Street, Pawtucket RI 02860



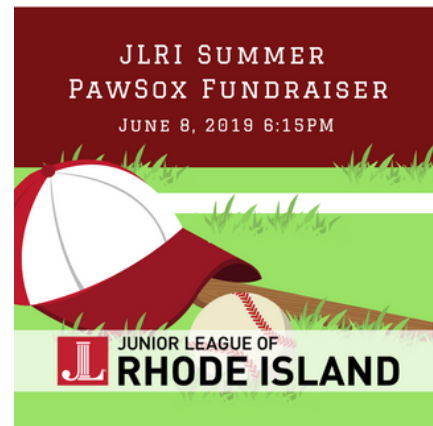
FUND DEVELOPMENT

Family-Friendly Night at the PawSox Game!

Submitted by Chappell Kettleman, Fund Development Council Director-Elect

Join the JLRI for a family night at the Pawtucket PawSox! This event is open to the public and all ages.

The game is Saturday, June 8 at 6:15 PM vs. Rochester Red Wings. Tickets are \$10 per person and includes \$2 Stadium Bucks that can be used at the concession stand or souvenir shop. Order through our **special link posted on the JLRI website** to have a portion of the proceeds support the Junior League of Rhode Island!



Picnic & Ponies

In partnership with the Newport International Polo Series, we are pleased to announce we are participating in **All Charity Day** on Sunday July 14, 2019. This event will include a fun afternoon of family tailgating fun with fast-paced polo action to benefit many local charitable and civic organizations including the Junior League! The classic 6-chukker match will begin at 4PM, featuring local teams competing. Entry gates will open at 2PM where you can enjoy a tailgate social prior to the match. You are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating.

Ticket price includes admission to polo grounds, food, beverages, alcohol and access to JLRI reserved "Picnic & Ponies" tailgating and chalet seating area. Dress comfortably for a coastal New England evening. Tickets are \$30 per person and children under 15 are free. **Purchase your tickets on our eStore!**

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JUN

PawSox Fundraiser

June 8, 2019

McCoy Stadium

1 Columbus Ave, Pawtucket, RI 02860



Purchase your ticket online now!

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Picnic & Ponies Fundraiser

July 14, 2019

Newport International Polo Grounds

250 Linden Lane, Portsmouth, RI 02871



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MEMBERSHIP

April GMM & Placement Fair

Submitted by Brittany Donahue, Membership Council Director

Our April GMM will include the opportunity to explore the various council placements available within the Junior League of Rhode Island, including Communications, Community Outreach, Fund Development, and Membership. We encourage all members to learn about different placements as our membership council will seek to match members with their placement of choice.



Drag Queen Easter Bingo

Submitted by Brittany Donahue, Membership Council Director

Forget everything you think you know about bingo because this ain't your Grandma's Bingo! Every month, AIDS Care Ocean State, RI's largest HIV/AIDS services organization, hosts the most fabulous, outlandish and wildly popular fundraising event for the agency, Drag Bingo!

Admission is \$20. All attendees 18+ are welcome! Bring along your favorite Easter Bonnet as there will be a contest. Best Bonnet can win up to \$100!

An Evening at Newport Vineyards

Submitted by Brittany Donahue, Membership Council Director

The Membership Committee will host a social at Newport Vineyards on April 24 from 6 to 8 PM. Tickets include the opportunity to try 6 different wines and a take-home glass. Additionally, a tour will be available.

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April 9, 2019 6:30 PM

Providence Preservation Society Schoolhouse
24 Meeting St Providence, RI 02903

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Drag Queen Bingo

April 18, 2019

Doors at 6:00 PM, Bingo at 7:00 PM
The Riviera Bingo Palace
1612 Elmwood Ave Cranston, RI 02910

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Member Social at Newport Vineyards

April 24, 2019 6:00 PM

Newport Vineyards
909 E Main Rd, Middletown, RI 02842



Purchase your ticket
on the **eStore** now!



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



100th Anniversary Logo & Website

Submitted by Nancy Serpa

A special thank you to Alissa Stuckey who engaged with Studio IDOL and sponsored the design of our JLRI 100th Anniversary logo. The logo creatively embraces our Power of the Pearls theme and tagline: **Honor our Past, Celebrate the Present and Secure our Future. We also now have a 100th Anniversary page on the JLRI Website at www.jlri.org (click on About Us/100th Anniversary drop down). This will continue to evolve over time as we curate our archives and can showcase some of our member testimonials.**

100th Anniversary Survey - We need YOUR input!

Submitted by Nancy Serpa

The 100th Anniversary Steering Committee has developed a survey to help with our overall event planning and historical research. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Kindly provide your feedback by **April 30th** on how we can make our 100th anniversary impactful and enjoyable for all members. If you are willing to be interviewed to provide a testimonial of your League experience, please indicate so in the survey. Also, if you know of any former members who would be interested in reconnecting with the League and partaking in our 100th anniversary celebration, please forward the survey to them so we can capture their input. An executive summary of the results will be shared with the membership in the upcoming months. **Survey Link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/H9R838X**

100th Anniversary Cornerstone Events

Submitted by Carolyn Killian

Save the date for our four cornerstone 100th Anniversary events from June 2021 - June 2022:

Happy Birthday - We are 100! June 9, 2021

Cake and Launch event in the Shakespeare's Head garden.

Regional Training September / October 2021

All Leagues from Maine to DC and west to Chicago will be invited. This would be a training in place of AJLI's Fall Conference.

Community Round Table - March 2022

In conjunction with International Women's Month.

Celebration Event - June 11, 2022

We have not yet determined what the event will be - to be decided upon by the event committee.

We are currently working on chairs / co-chairs for each of the above events. If you would like to chair / co-chair or serve on any of these committees, please let us know. The year is about celebrating and honoring the past 100 years and securing the next 100 years, don't you want to be a part of it? Power of the Pearls!

Please contact **Kim Bigonette** at kimbgonette@yahoo.com and/or **Carolyn Killian** at killianpallacarolyn@gmail.com, Events & Celebrations Sub-Committee Chairs of 100th Anniversary Steering Committee to volunteer for any of the events. A big thank you to those who have already enthusiastically raised their hands!!



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION (continued)

Centennial Campaign at \$34K in pledge support!

Submitted by Polly Talbott

The JLRI's Centennial Campaign is off to a great start and we would like to thank everyone for their support and their commitment to the League. Our League goal is to raise \$100,000 by May 2022 and achieve 100% participation from all JLRI members. Currently, we have raised \$34,071 in gifts and pledges in just two months' time! Member pledges can either be made in one lump sum or in increments over a multi-year period. Company / foundation matches are welcome. No pledge amount is too small. We want to encourage all members to participate in any way they can!

Our Centennial Campaign is the foundation of the JLRI's future and will support our Mission of training women and improving our community. The gifts raised will be held in a restricted fund by the Rhode Island Foundation. Only the income generated from this fund will be used to support training and our community impact. It will not be used for administrative or operating activities. The fund will enhance the work that we are able to do within the community and ensure our women achieve their highest potential. It will also help secure the future of our League for another 100 years!

The first 100 women who make a minimum \$1,000 commitment to the Centennial Campaign will receive special recognition as members of the Century Club. It is easy to pledge your support. Complete the online JLRI Pledge-Intention Form on the JLRI website (www.jlri.org, click on Support Us/Centennial Anniversary Campaign dropdown) or contact **Polly Talbott** at pttalbott@gmail.com.

If you are interested in being a part of the Centennial Campaign subcommittee, there is a role to fit your skills and availability. Please contact Polly Talbott to discuss opportunities. **Committee Members:** Polly Talbott (Chair), Kimberly DiPietro, Sue Ogle, and Stephanie Van Patten.

100th Anniversary Leadership Structure

Now is the time to get involved from the ground up to help shape our 100th anniversary celebration! As we get closer to June 2021, we will need all hands-on deck to help execute the year of activities we have planned. Please reach out to any of the following members if you are interested in serving on these subcommittees.

JLRI 100th Anniversary Co-Chairs:

Petra Jenkins at petra.jenkins@genmills.com

Mary Catharine Miller at mc@reagan.com

Subcommittee Name

Archives, History & Narrative

Campaign & Fund Development

Mission, Community Outreach & Training

Events & Celebrations

Communications

Steering Committee

Petra Jenkins &

Mary Catharine Miller

Jacquelyn Tracy

Tracy Baran

Kim Bigonette & Carolyn Killian

Nancy Serpa

Subcommittee Chair(s)

Elizabeth Noren &

Colleen Sullivan

Polly Talbott

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MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

League Announcements

The JLRI Governance Board & Management Team are planning some great things for the 2019-2020 League Year. Because of that, the Board is re-evaluating the Membership Compact to ensure we can adequately cover these plans. Please be aware the general member requirements for Active Members may be changed for the coming year. We are extending the payment date for dues until **May 31** so that the membership is informed of all requirements before they pay their dues.

Hats Off!

Congratulations to sustaining member **Joan McMaster**, who has reached **Emerita status** with the JLRI. Joan currently serves on the Sustainer Committee and as our Women Authors Luncheon Chair.



In Loving Memory



JLRI Emeritus member **Patricia O'Neil Cottrill**, formerly of Edgewood, died on December 22, 2018 at the home of her daughter Sara, in Wakefield, RI, where she resided for the past 9 years. Patty was a woman of integrity, strength and dignity. She was a devoted wife and mother, a trusted and compassionate friend and a wonderful listener. She will be greatly missed.

Past JLRI board member **Sandra Wu Cheng** passed away on Thursday, December 6, 2018 from head injuries she sustained in a fall on April 5, 2018. She was 65. Sandra is remembered for her vigorous health and energy, her unfailing cheer, her kindness, her dedication to friends and family, and her larger-than-life personality.



Amy Maria (Bernardo) Marino, of Bristol, RI, passed away February 13, 2019 at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence. In Bristol, she was an active communicant and volunteer for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and a member of the Bristol Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, the Junior League of RI and served on the Town of Bristol Personnel Board.



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