



Pearls of the JLRI: Cultural Enrichment

Cultural Enrichment:

- 1923: Produced show "En Casserole" at the Hotel Biltmore
- 1924: Produced "Vanity Fair"
- 1925: Produced "Talk of the Town" and raised funds for the Irrepressible Society (League members served on its Board)
- 1927: Produced "You'd Be Surprised" with funds to benefit the Lying-In Hospital and the Irrepressible Society
- 1927: The Junior League of Providence begins a children's theater initiative. In addition to raising funds through ticket sales, the League presents performances without admission fees to settlement houses and the children's ward at Rhode Island Hospital
- 1929: Produced "Hits and Misses," featuring a professional song and dance man to sing with the lead in the show
- A children's play "Racketty Packetty House" met with great success in 1930-31
- The Junior League Glee Club together with the Art Club Singers gave a concert of "Patience."
- In 1931-1932: The busy year culminated with five hundred guests including Governor Francis Green attending a cabaret.
- In 1933-1934: The Glee Club gave a Christmas concert. The League also presented Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Gondoliers" in the spring, and the revue "Step Along with 40 gorgeous girls."
- The Glee Club performed with the Providence Symphony Orchestra during 1934-1935.
- During 1935-1936: The League's ball at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet featured Guy Lombardo and helped swell the Project Fund.
- During a year which began with a hurricane in 1938 and ended with war declared in Europe in 1939, the gala performance of a Toscanini concert took place during a blizzard.
- 1941: Collected books, magazines & phonographs for military camps and service clubs
- 1942: Sold tickets to Bundles for Bluejackets concerts
- 1943: With the Girls City Club and Brown University, the League presented Circus Cabaret to benefit the Armed Forces
- 1944: League sponsored the AJL transcriptions for a radio series entitled 'Books Bring Adventure'
- 1944: Christmas Dance featured raffle of liquor and butter
- 1948: Idea of a thrift or salvage shop was considered
- 1949: League Follies raised \$7,000
- 1957: First of many annual Antiques Shows
- 1958: "Hi-Neighbor" Carnival



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- 1962: (Approved by Vote) Museum Project
- 1964: Museum forum boasted six units and presented a permanent exhibit for school children on Near Eastern, Greek, Roman, Byzantine and Medieval Civilizations
- 1965: Puppet Theater
- 1965: Singing Group (48 concerts to 10,000 students around the state).
- 1975: Adopted an arts enrichment program for 5th graders entitled "The Arts in America"
- 1975: Sponsored a String Instrument Concert for the RI Youth Orchestra
- 1980: RISD Docent Program is completed
- Classroom Theater continues
- 1980 1982: New play "Ticklybumptyboo" performed for 3,500 youngsters in more than 11 schools
- 1983: Children's theater presented a new production "Marathon"
- 1991: League members vote to change the name of the organization to the Junior League of Rhode Island, to better reflect the makeup of our membership and the community served
- 1992: JLRI celebrates 70 years of community service
- "The Anchor" becomes the organization's new internal newsletter
- 1993: JLRI joins the Chamber of Commerce
- 1996: JLRI Members are taped for an appearance on the national morning news program "Good Morning America" highlighting our 75 years of community service.
- 2007: The JLRI established the Rhode Island 85 Community Service Award which honored 85 women throughout the community for their volunteer commitment and advocacy.
- 2016: JLRI Sustainers introduced the Women Authors Luncheon series