



Pizzuti Open **Golf Tournament** **Friday, July 25, 2014**

The Pizzuti Open Golf Tournament, supporting the American Cancer Society and the Junior League of Rhode Island, Inc. is **SOLD OUT!**

The Pawtucket Country Club will host the day's activities, which includes brunch, a round of golf, an awards luncheon and of course, a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and some surprises too! This event is made possible by the support of the Junior League of Rhode Island, Inc.

The Pizzuti Open was founded 22 years ago by Greg Pizzuti and Grace Dugan. Its success is due in part to its players, donors and sponsors.

We look **FOREward** to seeing you all on July 25th!

An Overview of the Day

- 7:00 a.m. - Registration and Brunch
- 8:30 a.m. - Shotgun Start
- 1:30 p.m. - Luncheon and Awards

Pawtucket Country Club
 900 Armstice Blvd.
 Pawtucket, RI 02861
 (401)-725-2918

Thank you to all our golfers, sponsors and volunteers
 for your generous support of the
JLRI and The American Cancer Society.

We would like to recognize Rob Bettencourt of Merrimack Mortgage,
 a **Master's Level Sponsor.**

For more information please visit www.jlri.org, call JLRI office at 401.331.9302 or email jlri@mail@verizon.net.

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2014-2015 Board of Directors Junior League of Rhode Island, Inc.

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2014-2015 Committees

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Chair	Kim Bigonette
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Fundraising Chair	Alissa Stuckey
Fundraising Chair-elect	Kristen DeSocio
Annual Giving Chair	Sara Martin

Sustaining Members

Activities Committee Chair	To Be Announced
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Ad Hoc Committees

ALT Chair	Tracy Baran & MC Miller
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100th Anniversary Coo-chairs	Petra Jenkins & MC Miller
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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.

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President's Message



*Nancy Serpa, President
2013-2015 League Years*

Game On!

Happy Summer! Summer is in full gear and I hope you are all enjoying our lovely RI coast and beaches and getting together with family and friends. Over our rainy 4th of July, I watched Disney's *Secretariat*, a heart-warming and inspiring film about the 1973 triple crown winning horse.

One of my favorite quotes from the movie was from Secretariat's owner, Penny Chenery Tweedy, played by Diane Lane. When faced with the option to sell Secretariat to pay off the family debts or to gamble on Secretariat's (at that time) unproven ability to win, Penny stated: "This is not about going back. This is about life being ahead of you and you run at it! Because you never know how far you can run unless you run. My father's legacy is not his money. My father's legacy is the will to win. I will not live the rest of my life in regret." Because of Penny's commitment and perseverance through some questionable times in Secretariat's early career, she trained him to be one of the greatest race horses of our time. To date, no other horse had beaten his records at the Kentucky Derby, The Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes.

This movie brought me back to the Junior League and the new theme AJLI rolled out at the Annual Conference: *Leadership Game On*. At the opening address, AJLI outgoing President Toni Freeman challenged us to get in the game and perform at our best. If we remain on the sidelines and not engaged, then the Junior League will no longer be relevant and able to achieve its mission and impact in the community. However, if we are on the field then we have the ability to at least move the ball forward, reach some first downs and even

score a touchdown. We may make some fumbles or throw an interception or be stopped short of a first down. But that does not mean we immediately throw in the towel and give up. **If you haven't had a chance, check out AJLI's Leadership Game On video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HyZAUONAwE&feature=youtu.be>**

I remember back when I started doing triathlons in 2000. During my first race, I had my first panic attack in the middle of the lake given all of the people splashing and swimming on top of me. It was very unnerving for me. Thankfully there was a Race Angel on a surfboard for me to hold onto and catch my breath. I ended up doing the backstroke through the rest of the race as I had difficulty putting my face back in the water. I had a couple of similar episodes at subsequent races and vowed to get over this anxiety. So I found a swim coach at the local YMCA to help me use that extra adrenaline rush to my advantage and overcome that fear. I did many triathlons over the next five years and through proper training and determination, swimming became my strongest element.

Similarly within the Junior League, we need to have that same winning and fighting spirit - whether it be for our new community focus, a fundraiser, a League meeting or day to day interaction with fellow members. We must give our members the training, tools and resources they need to effectively do their role. Next are some questions to consider for JLRI since we are a training organization. Do we have a playbook or manual for members to follow? Do we provide each other coaching and communication through the process? Do we allow our members to make mistakes and help them get back on their feet and try again so they can build up their confidence and excel? Are we recognizing and rewarding our members and celebrating our successes often enough?

As we embark upon our upcoming League year, I challenge all us to get your Leadership Game On. Think of what you need to tee yourself up for success and **don't be afraid to ask for help. Let's model that same behavior to help others.** I guarantee you will be wowed at the amazing things we can accomplish individually and for our League as a whole!

Warm regards,
Nancy



"The time is now. Our world needs leaders in this room, in every League, in every country and every city. They need us now. And we are here together to say 'Game On'.

But what does that really mean? In continuing the legacy of leadership, it means that we have to be ready for challenge, it means we have the confidence and the ability, and the agility to compete, and it means we **expect to win...An athlete can only be at the top of her game by being in shape and by being devoted to training.**

AJLI has been working and making **progress to meet the Junior League's** most basic needs. This includes developing broader knowledge and curriculum for all of our members, not **just our leaders...This is all about being** ready, about being fit, about stepping up to the challenge. We are making sure that you are ready as volunteers by providing you the best curriculum, the best resources, the best tools and governance anywhere.

The ultimate goal in leadership is **to win...For us to win is to win a place in a women's heart and mind as the** group within their community to go to, to belong to, to serve on, and to stay with. To win a place in our community as being the go to, to get it done, to get it right, to meet the need to make **a measurable difference...The playing field as we know it has changed forever.** The big questions are, do you want to win? Are you willing to take on change and are you willing to lead **transformation?"**

~ Immediate Past AJLI President, Toni Freeman in her Opening Session address at the 2014 AJLI Annual Conference

2014—2015 JLRI Board of Directors



Nancy Serpa
President 2013-2015

Nancy Serpa has been a member of the Junior League since 2001 – starting off at The Junior League of Boston and then transferring to The Junior League of Rhode Island in 2003. Nancy has served on a number of JLRI leadership positions such as Webmaster, Public Relations Chair, Communications Council Director, Cookbook/Merchandising Chair, Finance Council Director, Training Chair and President-Elect. In 2007 and 2010, Nancy received **the JLRI President's Award for her Public Relations and Financial Management contributions to the League.** Some of Nancy's most rewarding League experiences include: participating in a **weekly "Leader Within" mentoring program** for 6th and 7th grade girls from South Boston, organizing the Childhood Obesity Forum and coordinating interpersonal skills and leadership training. She is very excited about learning more and developing programs for the Aging Out of Foster Care issue in the upcoming year.

In addition to her League service, Nancy is an active Fidelity Cares volunteer and is part of the Fidelity Non-profit Board Networking Group. Just recently Nancy received the **"Woman of the Year" award by Fidelity** for all her community service work. Nancy also volunteers at The Saint Philomena School, supporting various fundraising and classroom events.

Professionally, Nancy is a Director of Program Management at Fidelity Investments in Smithfield RI and is a Certified Project Management Professional. Prior to Fidelity, Nancy was a Management Consultant at PRTM and at A.T. Kearney Inc. and in various financial management / auditing positions at Oracle Corporation and Digital Equipment Corporation. Nancy holds a BS in Finance from Providence College and an MBA from Carnegie Mellon University.

During her much coveted "down-time", Nancy enjoys date nights with her husband Tom, playing with her daughter Avary, skiing at Okemo and chilling on the family boat. She resides in Newport RI.



Kimberly Moore
Treasurer 2014-2015

Kimberly became an Active member of JLRI in June, 2011. A graduate of Iona College, Kimberly is originally from Greenwich, CT, and moved to RI in 1996 to attend Roger Williams University School of Law, where she earned her Juris Doctorate.

Kimberly is a Financial Specialist and is passionate about empowering women and families to take control of their financial lives. She is co-director of Sweet Vernon Rescue of Rhode Island, a Rhode Island non-profit whose mission is to match homeless dogs with their perfect forever families.

She resides in Scituate with her husband Robert. For fun Kimberly enjoys scrapbooking, the beach, exploring historic sites with her husband, and just hanging out with their three dogs.



Mary Catharine Miller
Recording Secretary 2013-2015

Mary Catharine ("MC") H. Miller is the Secretary for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 League years. MC has been a member of The Junior League since 1996, first in the San Francisco League where she held various leadership positions, and since 2004 in the Rhode Island League where she has served as Chair of Provisional Education, Chair of the 85th Anniversary Gala Committee and Nominating Chair. MC has held previous positions on the JLRI Board of Directors as Treasurer, President-Elect, President, 2008-2009, and Community Service Council Director. MC has also served at

the Association level as a member of the AJLI Nominating Committee (*newly named AJLI Governance Committee*) from 2010–2012, and on the 2012–2013 AJLI Governance Ad Hoc Committee.

While The Junior League is MC's passion, she has been an active volunteer for numerous other non-profit organizations for the past 27 years. MC has been very involved with Blithewold Mansion, Gardens & Arboretum in Bristol since 2007, and briefly served on the Amos House Board of Directors, 2011–2012. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Niagara University and a Master of Arts degree in Government and Politics from St. John's University.

MC is a Business Development Manager for Fisher/Unitech (a Troy, Michigan based company) selling IT and Business Solutions to the manufacturing community. Her territory covers Rhode Island, Eastern, Connecticut and Southeastern, Massachusetts. MC resides in Bristol with her husband Paul and their dog Jessie.



Kate Barba
Communications Council Director
2014-2016

Kate graduated from Providence College with a degree in Business Management in 2002. She manages a variety of Regan Communications hospitality and corporate accounts, including **Dunkin' Donuts; Feld Entertainment**, producers of Disney on Ice, Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Circus, and Monster Jam; the Providence Bruins; and Chow Fun Food Group, focusing on event coordination, community relations, consumer outreach, and media relations.

She is an active member of the Junior League of Rhode Island and serves on the planning committee for the annual Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island spring gala.

A native of Springfield, MA, Kate currently resides on the East Side of Providence.

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Tracy Baran
Community Service
Council Director 2014-2015

Tracy has been an active member of The Junior League of Rhode Island, Inc. since 2000. Within the League she has served as President, Meetings Co-Chair, Placement Nominating Chair, House Tour Co-Chair, Fundraising Co-Chair, and Training Chair and received the Junior League Community Service Award in 2003 and **2013 and the President's Award in 2009.**

Tracy, a native of New Jersey and a Rhode Island resident since 1999, resides in Providence with her husband Jeffrey Baran, a manager at Wakefield Liquors in Wakefield, Rhode Island. They have two children, Jonathan and Christopher, ages ten and eight.

Tracy is General Counsel for Ocean State Job Lot, a regional retailer with 112 stores in the New England area.

Tracy currently serves on the Board of **Directors of Amos House, one of the JLRI's** current project partners. She is on the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Conference, United Church of Christ, and is an active member of Central Congregational Church, where she chairs the Mission & Action Committee and serves on the Religious Education Committee. Tracy also serves on the School Board of St. Thomas Regional School.

She is a past President of the Rhode **Island Women's Bar Association, which** advocates for and supports women in the law, and the 2010 recipient of the Rhode **Island Women's Bar Association Aida Sawyer Award**, which recognizes women who promote women in the practice of law. Tracy also volunteers for **St. Mary's Home** for Children.



Beth Newberry
Fundraising Council Director
2014-2016

Beth joined the Junior League of Rhode Island in 1998. Since she joined she has been a member of the Ways and Means Committee and the Project Committee. She also has chaired the Project Committee, Holiday House Tour Committee, Nominating Committee and served on the board as President Elect and President.

Beth has also served on The Common Cause of Rhode Island Board and was recognized for her service to them for revamping their telephone fundraising efforts and vastly increasing their donations raised through their annual phone-a-thon. She has also served on the Woonsocket YMCA Board and ran several successful event fundraisers with the organization and was named Volunteer of the Year and received a service award from the organization.

She is also on the Board of the Tourette Syndrome Association of Rhode Island and ran several successful event fundraisers for the organization. In addition, she is co-chair **of her church's Stewardship Committee** and serves on the North Smithfield PTO Board.

Beth lives in North Smithfield with her husband, Brian, and their three children. She is a Bronze Executive Team Leader with Ava Anderson Non Toxic. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Philadelphia University.

In addition to her volunteer activities, Beth enjoys spending time with her family, travel, reading, knitting and has just started a quilting class.



Erin Herzog
Membership Council Director
2014-2016

Erin is pleased to have the opportunity **to serve as this year's Membership Council** Director. An Active member since 2007, Erin has served in membership, placement and cookbook committee roles during her tenure with the Junior League of Rhode Island and the Junior League of Fort Myers.

Outside of the JLRI, Erin serves as the Managing Director of HB Associates, an association management company that provides membership and organizational development to the hospitality and non-profit industries. Erin has a BS in Hospitality Management from Widener University. She is a current member of the American Society of Association Executives and serves on the Advisory Board of Dress for Success, SW Florida. Erin looks forward to bringing her professional and personal board experience skill set to our current and future league members.

Originally from Parsippany, New Jersey, Erin first settled in Providence in 2005 after living in Philadelphia and Washington, DC. A professional opportunity brought Erin and her husband to Naples, Florida but after 5 years, they were ready to leave the Sunshine State behind and relocate back to Rhode Island. Erin, her husband Armando and pup Guinness currently make their home in West Warwick. Follow Erin on Twitter for the latest updates @erin_hb.

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Nancy Dorsey
Sustainer Council Director
2014-2015

Nancy Dorsey is joining the board as the Sustainer Council Director and will serve from 2014-2016. She has been a member of the JLRI since 1983, when she joined as a Provisional transfer from the JL of New Haven. Since then, she has chaired Public Affairs, Future Planning, Project Development, Provisional, Community Advisory Board, and Sustainer Activities committees. She also served as Community Service Council Director, President-elect, and President (1993-1994), and has participated in various fundraisers and direct service projects over the years.

In addition to JLRI involvement, she has served in leadership roles for the Rhode Island Occupational Therapy Association, the Elizabeth Buffum Chace House, the Buttonwood Beach Chapel, and Trinity Church in Cranston. She has also served in various capacities within the Episcopal Diocese of RI where she is currently President of the Episcopal Charities Fund of RI board of trustees.

Nancy lives in Warwick with her husband Peter. She has one son, Anson, who works and lives in Boston. She retired from her full time position as a school occupational therapist in 2011, and now works part time as an occupational therapy consultant. She enjoys tennis, golf, knitting, yoga and pilates, as well as reading for two book clubs.

JANUARY - MAY BOARD MEETING BRIEFS

JLRI members may access the Board Meeting Notes by visiting the **Members' home page** at www.jlri.org and scrolling down to the list

Hats Off to ...



- Allison Bowman for delivering such an informative and engaging Advocacy Training at the April GMM
- Kimberly Moore, Tara Ransom and Lisa Museler for all of their support with the 2014-2015 JLRI Budget
- Carrie Humphreys for packing in a full house of prospective new members at our JLRI Information Night at the Silver Spoon Bakery in East Greenwich
- Tory Trainor for spear-heading such a fun Touch a Truck event at the Warwick Mall
- Alissa Stuckey for leading the charge on the Inns of Distinction tour in Newport and to Kate Barba and Larisa Kupris for the wealth of PR coverage for the event
- Kimberly Moore, Kara Butler and Nancy Serpa for their collective input towards a Governance Fund application where JLRI received monies to cover AJLI Annual conference registration and hotel expenses
- Sustainers Susan Neupauer, Sue Petrocelli, Grace Dugan, Lori Elias and Deb Cusack for delivering a wonderful Karla Harry Event at the Veazie St. Elementary School in N. Providence
- Sue Ogle for expertly facilitating our 2014-2015 Board Retreat and to Polly Talbott for documenting all of our output
- Vanessa Kiley for donating and installing the Wi-Fi in the League Office
- Nancy Dorsey for organizing a Silpada jewelry party at her home and donating the proceeds to JLRI
- Jeanine Barry for coordinating the May GMM dinner and A/V with the Pawtucket Country Club
- PR gals Kate Barba and Larisa Kupris for ensuring fabulous coverage in the Projo for the Inns of Distinction tour and also in the June RI Monthly issue for Winter Sparkle
- Kat Keenan, Deputy Director from Foster Forward for presenting an eye-opening overview of the foster care system
- **Erin Herzog, Nancy Serpa and Alissa Stuckey for meeting with the St. Rocco's ladies church group**



Congratulations to Our New Actives: Alissa Berman, Kathy Chapski, Emily Cooper, Caitlin Green, Jenny Mellit, Phillipa Rackliffe, Jenica Reed, Megan St. Ledger and Kate Wilkie pictured here with Provisional Committee Chair Sharon Currier and Membership Council Director Erin Herzog.

2013-2014 League Year Awards



Kate Barba
President's Award



Jenn Peters
Community Service Award



Lisa Museler
Natalie Henderson Award



(l. to r.) Alissa Stuckey, Tweety Bird Award recipient, Polly Talbott, League Psychiatrist award recipient and President Nancy Serpa



Outgoing BOD (l. to r.) Liz Noren, Alyssa Stuckey, Kimberly Moore, Kara Butler, Tori McNally, Erin Lambie, MC Miller and Nancy Serpa.

Excerpts from May Dinner Meeting Presentations by Nancy Serpa

Kate Barba - **President's Award**

The President's Award is given to a League member who has made significant contributions to the community over the years through the League, someone whose volunteer career shows continued and exemplary demonstration of the League's purpose, a member who has demonstrated the effectiveness of the trained volunteer through her continued involvement in the League and community.

Through Kate Barba's leadership, her PR committee was an unstoppable force this past year. Our JLRI brand awareness and media coverage was never ending at both the local and state level.

Kate's team also took on eAnchor management this year and made it run like clockwork. She implemented innovative leadership training in her committee structuring, rotating roles, so that each member took the lead in a communications function. She has a wonderful leadership style, very forward thinking, highly professional and very effective at anything she sets her mind to. Congratulations, Kate!!!

Jenn Peters - Community Service Award

The Community Service Award is given to the member or members who have demonstrated effective leadership in the community, a member who is aware of a community need, and who has established programs and/or projects to meet those needs.

Jenn Peters has shown great leadership on the Project Development committee throughout the year, from coordinating many of the aging out of foster care opportunities, leading issues based discussions at our GMMs and writing articles for the Anchor. In addition to participating in virtually every type of event, she has shown leadership over the years in her community service. Jenn has been an amazing example to all our members of how to be engaged in community service.

Lisa Museler- Natalie Henderson Award

Mary Harriman's name is synonymous with the start of the Junior League movement in 1901. Very rarely do you hear of her friend, Natalie Henderson, who supported her friend, Mary, in the vision of working hands-on in their community.

The Natalie Henderson Award is given to the League member or members who have understood the need for support of their fellow League members by exhibiting compassion, hard work and dedication through positive actions and results.

Lisa Museler didn't shy away from accepting the call to duty: she accepted a double placement on GMM/Social and Website. She is extremely responsive for those who have any requests of her whether it be web or meeting related. She

trained her GMM/Social committees and delegated website tasks to balance the workload. She put her heart and soul into organizing socials that created JLRI spirit and boosted our brand awareness. Lisa is a pleasant person to work with and embodies the spirit of women helping others in the community.

To the 2013-2014 Board:

My deepest thanks to our outgoing Board of Directors who truly poured their heart and soul into the League and did yeoman's work...We experienced all the stages of team building process - from the forming / storming / norming and performing; we had some highs and also some bumps in the road. And that is okay - it is all part of the leadership journey...Thank you ladies for your leadership, dedication, your sense of humor along the way and your friendship.

Alissa Stuckey - Tweety Bird Award for the year. Since the beginning of the year. Alissa took it upon herself to be our official Twitter master. Because of her efforts, we have expanded our brand awareness dramatically as it relates to our community work, fundraising and leadership development. Since Alissa took on this role, the Twitter stats are amazing: 854 Tweets, 1114 Following, 772 Followers.

Polly Talbott - our League Psychiatrist award. Little did Polly know that when she took on the Placement Chair role that she would be spending the majority of her days and nights reaching to our membership. She found herself helping them through challenging situations, conducting outreach and interviews with our Provisionals and also providing JL career pathing advice. In addition, Polly was our scribe at our Board retreat, provided social media training and has been helping out on the website while our new webmaster is ramping up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check the eAnchor, Website and Volunteer Calendar regularly for updates to JLRI events.

Pizzuti Open Golf Tournament
Friday, July 25 7:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Pawtucket Country Club
900 Armistice Blvd., Pawtucket, RI 02861
Contact: Alissa Stuckey: astuckey.jlri@gmail.com

Concert Under the Elms
Thursdays July 24 & July 31
Social, 6:00 p.m. Concert, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
John Brown House Lawn, 52 Power Street, Providence, RI
Contact: Polly Talbott, pollyjlri@gmail.com.

Dine alfresco and enjoy the summer season to the soundtrack of Memphis style blues! The Rhode Island Historical Society is once again presenting Concert Under the Elms in July and August. This is a BYOF&B (Bring Your Own Food & Beverage) event that is fun for the whole family. Tickets are \$10 adults, kids and RIHS members free. Polly Talbott is organizing this JLRI social outing. If you plan to attend, please contact her at pollyjlri@gmail.com to coordinate saving space on the lawn. Bring a friend, family member, or whom-ever; this event is open to everyone.

Summer Information Night and Member Social
Thursday, July 31, 6:00 p.m.
Top of Newport Bar, Roof Deck of Hotel Viking
One Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI 02840
Valet parking is available. In case of inclement weather we will meet in the One Bellevue Restaurant lounge area on the first floor.
Contact: Carrie Humphreys: carrie.humphreys@hotmail.com

BOD Meeting
Tuesday, August 5
Home of MC Miller, Bristol
MC Miller: mc@reagan.com

BOD Meeting
Tuesday, September 2
Nancy Dorsey: ndorsey@gmail.com

Volunteer Recruiting Event
Tuesday, September 9, 12 noon - 1:30 p.m.
Fidelity Investments, 900 Salem St., Smithfield

September GMM
Tuesday, September 16, Social - 6:00 p.m.; Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Location TBD
Contact: Ginger Danaher Ginger.danaher@gmail.com

Run Walk Ride our Beautiful RI Bridges this Fall
Sunday, September 21 and Sunday, October 26
Come join the JLRI team on the 26-mile 4 Bridges Ride on Sunday, September 21st and the 4 mile Pell Bridge Walk/Run on Sunday, October 26th! Take advantage of the early bird registration rates now before they go up. For those who have never done these events, they are very well organized and you can't top the ocean vistas over the bridges. Go at your own pace on either the bike ride or walk/run. Don't forget to invite friends and family to join us! Please register under team "Junior League of Rhode Island" for each event. 100 % of the proceeds from these events support local non-profits. <http://4bridgesride.com>.

COMMITMENT CHANGES FOR 2014-2015

2014-2015 Commitment Requirements:

Active Requirements

- 3 GMMs
- 7 shifts-any combo of Community Service or Fundraising
- \$225 financial commitment

Gold Active Requirements

- 2 GMMs
- 3 shifts-any combo of Community Service or Fundraising
- \$225 financial commitment

Only 5 GMMs are scheduled this year!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend on:

Thursday, July 17
Tuesday, September 16
Tuesday, November 18
Tuesday, February 17
Annual meeting on Tuesday, May 19

JLRI CALENDAR JULY - OCTOBER 2014

JULY

24 Concert Under the Elms
25 Pizzuti Open at Pawtucket Country Club
31 Summer Information Night, Newport
Concert Under the Elms

AUGUST

5 BOD Meeting

SEPTEMBER

2 BOD Meeting
9 Recruiting at Fidelity Volunteer Event
First Provisional Class Meeting
16 September GMM
20 Super Saturday

OCTOBER

4 Cocktail Party at Vanity in Providence
7 BOD Meeting
21 Management Team Meeting
28 Provisional Class Meeting #2

ANNUAL AJLI CONFERENCE

Meet me in St. Louis
AJLI Annual Conference Update

On May 15-17th, I had the pleasure to attend the 2014 AJLI Annual Conference in St. Louis, MO. The Junior League of St. Louis is celebrating their 100th anniversary this year and they certainly gave us a hearty mid-western welcome. The warm cinnamon rolls at their hospitality table were just too tantalizing to pass up.

In addition to the outstanding leadership workshops, governance and awards receptions, and incredible networking opportunities - they had some fun excursions planned for us during our very minimal downtime. Some enjoyed a riverboat cruise along the Mississippi while others toured the St. Louis Arch or went to a St. Louis Cardinals game.

I participated in the Anheuser-Busch brewery tour - which folks touted as a 'must-see' in St. Louis so I took their advice. They had a wonderful museum filled with the brewing history of Budweiser beer and cultural history of St. Louis, a state of the art brewing and bottling facility, fun bier garden, not to mention their beautiful display of antique hitch wagons and Clydesdale horses. Here are some fun Anheuser-Busch tidbits: Did you know that Anheuser-Busch was the first American brewery to implement pasteurization (before milk was even pasteurized)? When Prohibition was finally lifted in 1933, the six-horse Clydesdale hitch traveled from St. Louis to New York, New England and then onto Washington D.C. to deliver some of the first cases of beer to President Roosevelt (FDR) and those who fought against Prohibition.

So onto the actual business portion of the Annual Conference. As always, we had an action packed agenda. Below are some of the highlights:

1. ALT Recognition Breakfast - JLRI was one of 79 Leagues who received an honorary plaque for our participation in the Membership ALT for Multiple Entry points over the last three years. We are now in implementation mode of our ALT work with our newly Active members and will continue on with the Provisional Class in the fall. For more questions, please reach out

to the Membership ALT Chair, MC Miller. As outgoing AJLI President **Toni Freeman stated, "the ALTs are the League's secret sauce that will pave the way for our future".**

2. Success Beyond 18 workshop - Lynne Tiede from the Jim Casey Initiative, presented on Youth Aging out of Foster Care, our new community focus area. She talked about how the youth's brain does not fully develop with full cognitive and judgmental reasoning



until the mid-late twenties. Those who age out do not have the luxury of living at home with the family's guidance as they go through college or enter the workforce. It is critical that we provide this population with the tools, resources and support systems to be successfully independent and functioning after they are 18. For those looking to learn more information, please reach out to Nancy Serpa for a copy of her notes from the workshop. You can also subscribe to a media feed that collects articles about Aging out of Foster Care across the country and pushes them to you in one summary email. Email Eileen Collins at eileen@cfoxcommunications.com to subscribe.

3. Strategic Transformation Rollout - As a result of the ALT work, AJLI is rolling out the Governance & Management and Community Impact model to those Leagues who wish to participate. The JLRI Board is currently evaluating if we want to pursue Community Impact rollout for the current League year, given we are in the midst of defining our new community focus.

4. Governance Dialogue- A couple of the more notable governance topics included:

a. Global Engagement Committee Update - This committee launched a quantitative survey where 40% of members said it was important to be a part of a global organization and even more important to newer and younger members. There were also quite a few who have travelled abroad or had participated in global service trips.

48% stated they would be interested in doing volunteer work internationally. This research led to a collaboration with Cross Cultural Solutions, a nonprofit working to provide meaningful volunteer service abroad. Through this organization, AJLI is offering a Volunteer Service Trip to Guatemala from 1/31/15-2/5/15. The Cost is \$2,480 less \$400 AJLI discount (Note: cost does not include travel to Guatemala City. Includes lodging, meals, transportation. Every 8th person is free). For more information, please go to the www.ajli.org website.

b. Diversity & Inclusion Committee Update - In May 2013, there was an Advisory Resolution to examine the reaching out statement to ensure it includes all aspects of diversity and inclusion. AJLI did research on what our member countries and corporations are doing in this topic and had created a task force to review our current values on diversity and inclusion. The Task Force convened in April 2014 and will meet monthly and report to the AJLI Board in the fall in Nashville TN. By Dec 2014, the AJLI board will determine what recommendations we should make to our reaching out statement.

Annual Meeting: Below is a summary of all the voting items and advisory resolutions that were presented for vote by League delegates:

- a. Two-term limits for Governance Committee At Large members (PASSED)
- b. AJLI Bylaws conform to NY State Non-Profit Revitalization Act of 2013 (PASSED)
- c. AJLI Secretary has the ability to make editorial corrections to Bylaws (PASSED)
- d. Advisory Resolution: Lifetime Membership Fee Research (PASSED) - Advises

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AJLI CONFERENCE

the AJLI board to research the development of a lifetime membership program by which a JL members (Active or Sustaining Member) may pay a lifetime membership fee.

e. Advisory Resolution: External Resolution Process Review (PASSED) - As a result of the recent kidnapping in Nigeria and the League's inability to make a public stance against such atrocities, this resolution would allow a review of the AJLI Bylaws and policies regarding calling special meetings, voting processes and the External Resolutions Process and propose modifications that would provide the ability for the leagues to adopt time sensitive External Resolution items. The current policy requires a presentation at Annual Conference and passing at 85% of the Association in order to make a public stance.

f. Advisory Resolution: Public Affirmation of how Junior Leagues Protect Vulnerable Women and Children (DID NOT PASS) - this resolution required more time for discussion and clarification on the resolution verbiage. More discussion will be had at future AJLI conferences.

g. Special recognition of Vicki Clark for her incredible leadership and capacity building of many Leagues. Vicki is not a member of the Junior League and is an outside consultant. She offers leadership workshops at AJLI conferences, leads the Community Impact track at ODI and consults with many Leagues and other non-profits across the country. Recently, Vicki had a concall with the JLRI in the spring to discuss our community impact issue and provided us some guidance on how we can best move forward. If you do not follow Vicki on Facebook or Twitter, I recommend you do so. She is such a positive force, is extremely witty and is a wealth of knowledge on various community impact topics.

6. 2014 Mary Harriman Award Winner – **This year's award was given to Samira Modad** from The Junior League of Mexico City for her humanitarian efforts over the past 30 years. Samira has tended to the health of indigent peasants, families in extreme poverty, and undernourished children, and served as her **neighborhood's governmental representative** to argue for an improved quality of life for those around her. **To read more about Samira's accomplishments**, please go to page 15.

7. AJLI President Transition from Toni Freeman to Ellen Rose – Toni is a member of the Junior League of Charlotte and has been a true inspiration to many across the Association, including myself. I had the pleasure to talk to Toni more personally at Winter Conference in Scottsdale AZ. Ellen is a member of the Junior League of New York and will serve a two-year term as AJLI President.

For those who are interested in accessing the AJLI Annual Conference videos including the Opening Ceremony, Governance Dialogues, Annual Meeting, Awards Banquet and access to all of the conference workshop materials, please log into www.ajli.org and go to Trainings and Meetings /Annual Conference for more details.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Serpa

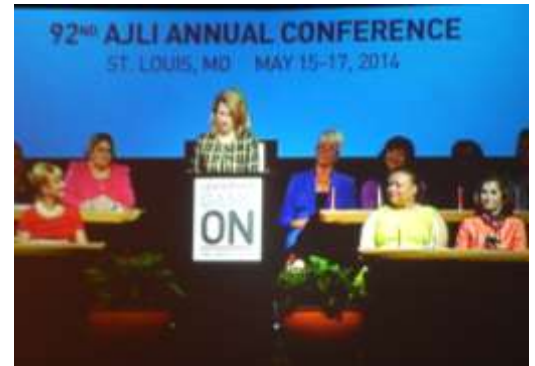
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

By Jenn Peters, Project Development Chair

If 2013 was the year of research and development for the Junior League, then 2014 will be the year of gradual implementation, learning and training. The Project Development Committee continues to work towards the **League's wide** goal of creating a program to assist those in the Rhode Island community that have aged out of the foster care system. With the help of community service shifts with Foster Forward and St. Mary's School for Girls, members are gaining exposure to the population we aim to assist and we continue to learn more with training, like the one offered at the April GMM.

Project Development has been hard at work to get the program moving. While hoping for a roundtable discussion with other foster care organizations in the near future, the committee plans additional trainings to be provided by experts in the field, along with different available shifts with Foster Forward, St. Mary's and others. We plan to share this progress with members through a blog, along with the traditional avenues.

The month of May was Foster care awareness month, which the League used to raise awareness on the issue. Two movie viewings of the film "Ask Us Who We Are", one on May 17th and one on May 21st, along with book club readings with books on the subject, made members more knowledgeable during the summer months while shifts and events are planned. We will also be working with PR for ways to promote the program and gain more publicity. We are excited for what is to come and look forward to making an impact.



SUSTAINER NEWS

By Nancy Dorsey, Sustainer Council Director

Greetings and Happy Summer to all JLRI SUSTAINERS! As the new Sustainer Council Director on the JLRI Board, I am happy to report this League remains SUSTAINER STRONG!!! Thanks to all of you who have renewed your support of this league. Of note is that AJLI is studying the concept of a LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP option which would relieve us of those annual dues reminders!

This year, we have a SMALL Sustainers Activities committee that has already been at work. Did you know the JLRI operates all year long now? No more summer break for the weary! They have at least four great opportunities in the works for us this year, so stay tuned for save the dates and further details.

Most of all, I want to share my continued enthusiasm and pride in remaining a SUSTAINING SUPPORTER of all the very energetic and accomplished women in our league. They are impressive! I hope you will follow carefully the work they do this year, and please do what you can to continue YOUR support of the JLRI in whatever way you can. Come to a social activity **(there's one on the Newport Viking rooftop on July 31st**- see what I mean about no summer off!!!), support the JLRI fundraisers, (for instance donate items to the Holiday Auction in December), and most of all, please come to the Sustainer events this year. Maybe even join the committee! Call me if you are interested.

In the meantime, enjoy your summer, **and I'd love to see you on July 31st!**

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AJLI TRAINING AND RESOURCES

Two resources covered here: ONLINE TRAINING and the KNOWLEDGE Center available at www.ajli.org.

AJLI's Online Learning: (found under the Training and Meetings tab) initiative consists of webinars, self-paced courses, web workshops, and a learning portal. 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.

Webinar Wednesdays: offered from 1-2 PM on the second and fourth Wednesdays from September through June. You can review the archives from previous webinars as well as their presentations.

Self-Paced Courses: Tap into the power of self-paced courses developed by AJLI at the time and place that works best for you! Each course consists of a number of 10-15 minute lessons that you can complete all at one time or individually as you find time. In addition, each lesson has its own learning objectives and many opportunities for you to interact with the material.

These scenario-based learning courses will place you in a situation where you are responsible for guiding a conversation at key points by answering questions. Whenever you need a little help finding the answer, there is a Knowledge Base that you can click on that will point you to a resource providing the information you need right when you need it most - at the teachable moment. This approach allows you to learn by doing and practice decision-making. It also seeks the level of the learner, which is to say that the same course will have different meaning but equal value to someone completely new to the topic and to someone who is more experienced. This approach is steeped in adult learning theory...but it's also just more fun!

Building Leaders and Blazing Trails: Changing the World with the Junior League
1 Hour Module - 4 Lessons

By completing this module, you will:

- Explore how League members make a difference within their communities,
- Identify how members connect with other members through League programs and activities that are directed at community issues,
- Understand how The Junior League empowers members to take advantage of opportunities for community leadership and personal growth and development, and
- Recognize how the League supports members making a difference in their communities and how the Association supports the continuous **transformation of The Junior League to meet the needs of women's lives today and remain a vital, relevant organization that serves** communities now and into the future.

e-Learning Portal: dedicated to continuous learning and development for the members of AJLI.

No matter where you are in your pursuit of community and civic leadership knowledge and skills, you will find learning paths and associated resources geared to meet your needs in Community Impact and Organizational Development. Numerous papers are available on each topic. A third area of Fund Development will be available later in the year.

- Community Impact: improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers is at the core of the work of AJLI. Learn how to engage in integrated and coordinated efforts to create sustainable community impact. AVAILABLE NOW.
- Organizational Management: strong internal systems and effective management are key ingredients to realizing sustained community impact and developing the leadership potential of women. Learn to create and sustain sound financial and operational systems within your League. AVAILABLE SOON.

Training and Meetings Resources: this section of the web site provides current and archived AJLI Training and Meeting speeches, presentations, and handouts.

- 2014 Winter and Annual Conference (with Fall Conference to follow.)
- 2013 Annual, Winter, and Fall Conferences.

Knowledge Center: This is located under the Resource Center tab. AJLI has developed a variety of League-specific resources that provide insight and ideas on making Leagues healthy, viable organizations. These resources are grouped into three primary categories: Improved Community, Organizational Capacity and Strong Membership Base.

TRAINING CONTINUED

Each document is categorized and associated with keywords.

- To search by keyword, type a word into the search box and find your search results/document(s).
- To search by category, select a primary category, then a Subcategory and Subject Area.

New items are added frequently, so please check back often for updates.

EXAMPLE: Category: Improved Community- some topics are listed here.

- Collaborating for Impact
- Developing Community Programs & Collaborative Guide
- Many others

AJLI FALL CONFERENCES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

In addition to online training resources, AJLI offers Leadership and Organizational Development Institute (ODI) conferences that are open to all members and cover topics ranging from strategic planning to community impact and member retention. The upcoming AJLI conferences are as follows.

2014 Fall Leadership Conference

Date: September 11-13, 2014, Nashville, TN

Fee: \$595 per person (\$650 per person after August 18, 2014)

Organizational Development Institute (ODI)

Date: October 24-26, 2014, Kansas City, MO

Fee: \$295 per person

If you are interested in attending any of these conferences, please reach out to Putney Pyles from the Placement Committee and/or Nancy Dorsey from the Sustaining Member Council. Sustainers are encouraged to attend these conferences and this trend is on the rise!

RI FOUNDATION TRAININGS: THE INITIATIVE FOR NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE

Location: One Union Station, Providence: www.rifoundation.org

The Foundation offers numerous programs throughout the year providing current information on best practices in organizational development for non-profits. The most recent published programs are listed here.

September 10, 2014: Art of the Schmooze

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM; Optional lunch from 12:00 - 1:00 PM; RI Foundation, 1 Union Station, Providence, RI.

Target audience: open to all! (\$15)

Back by popular demand, this workshop will benefit anyone looking to sharpen their in person networking and relationship-building skills, or share their own successful techniques. Join us after for a networking lunch!

September 10, 2014: Fundraising: getting past the fear of asking

Time: 2:00 - 5:00 PM, RI Foundation, 1 Union Station, Providence, RI.

Target audience: board members and senior staff (\$15)

This engaging, interactive workshop will benefit anyone who wants to become a more effective fundraiser. Join us at Art of the Schmooze and we'll refund your registration fee for this program!

September 16, 2014: Integrating events effectively into your fundraising Plan

Presenter: Sharon Danosky

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Rhode Island Foundation

Target audience: CEO's and executive directors, development directors, and board members with responsibility for development

Fee: \$25 per person, or \$15 per person for groups of 2 or more

Back by very popular demand, this workshop is designed to help organizations create a signature event where your organization is the star, and your event positions you to build a growing and sustainable philanthropy program. The training will provide a strong foundation for those relatively new to the field and will also address how to leverage a prominent fundraising tool to build a strong development program. Don't delay - this will sell out!

CONGRATULATIONS!



Dylan and Jenica



Kevin and Kate



Michael David Noren



(l to r.) Crossroads Rhode Island President Anne Nolan , JLRI President Nancy Serpa and Sue Gordona, SVP of PI Solution Delivery, Fidelity Investments, who presented the award.

Congratulations to:

- ◆ Liz Noren whose little son Michael David Noren was born March 3, 2014.
- ◆ Kate Barba who was recently engaged to Kevin Murphy. They will wed this September.
- ◆ Jenica Reed who was engaged to Dylan Conley. The couple plan to marry in May of 2015 in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida.
- ◆ Nancy Serpa who received the 2014 Woman of **the Year Award at Crossroads' 12th Annual** Women Helping Women event at the Biltmore in April.

THANK YOU!

To Sheila Salvo for 50 years of service to the Junior League

To Susan Hawkins, Pamela Grossman and Nancy Dorsey for 30 years of service

To Joan Khattab and Karen Flynn for 25 years of service

To Beth Newberry and Alyce Wright for 15 years of service

To Kara Butler, Amy Gerhard, Wendi Metters and Stephanie Van Patten for 10 years of service

To Sarah Brenneman, Carrie Humphreys, Lisa Museler, Jenn Peters and Alissa Stuckey for 5 years of service

WELCOME

A warm welcome to our members who have recently transferred to JLRI .

Active member Joanne Change from the Sioux Falls, SD League

Active member Krista Dieckamp from the Stamford-Norwalk, CT League

Active member Alison Novak from the Boston, MA League

Emeritus member Helen Dietz from the City of New York League



SPRING RETROSPECTIVE

Remembering JLRI Member Karla Harry

On April 14th, several JLRI Sustainers participated in a wonderful event in honor of our beloved Junior League Member, Karla Harry. Since Karla was a well respected and much beloved librarian, we decided to reach out to an organization that has a great track record working with urban schools and reading programs. We were thrilled to be able to work alongside the terrific non profit, *Books Are Wings* at the Veazie Street Elementary School in Providence. It was an amazing morning to say the least!!! 625 students from grades K thru 5 were led into the cafeteria in an orderly & quiet fashion by teachers, sat down, and listened to stories told by **Gordon School librarian, and Karla's friend, Ms. Martindale.**



After the story the children created a book train to view all the books donated to *Books Are Wings*. Each child was allowed to select a book to bring home & keep! Each faculty member was given the special book mark created by Gordon School in Karla's name, and the Veazie kids each received his or her own book mark as well.

Those of us in attendance could feel Karla smiling down at us, doing what she loved best....spending time with children and books!

A wonderful event was enjoyed by all!

Your JLRI Sustainer Committee-

Grace Dugan, Lori Elias, Susan Petrocelli and Susan Neupauer



Trucking for the community

On April 19th JLRI hosted its third annual Touch A Truck Community Event at Warwick Mall. Kids of all ages enjoyed exploring fire trucks, police vehicles, construction equipment, buses, and the ever popular Roaming Railroad.

More than 150 children and their families attended the event. Warwick Mayor Scott Avedesian was kind enough to pay us a visit and had a great time interacting with the kids and their families.



League members had fun as well, lending a hand with face painting and greeting the families who were enjoying the event with us on a beautiful April vacation day. The community Service Committee would like to thank all who attended and volunteered to make this a successful event.



Going Green for St. Paddy's Day Parade

The JLRI contingent—members, friends and family dressed in festive emerald attire—marched in the 8th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Newport on Saturday, March 15th and paused for a photo op with Providence Mayor Angel Tavares.



Recruitment at Bryant Women's Summit

Recruitment Chair Carrie Humphreys and Treasurer Kimberly Moore staffed our Information Table at Bryant Women's Summit in March.

JLRI visits Johnston Church Group

On June 8th, Erin Herzog, Alissa Stuckey and Nancy Serpa presented to the St. Rocco's ladies church group in Johnston, who invited us to their monthly breakfast. We had a lovely time sharing our League's history, our new community focus, our upcoming fundraising events and the benefits of being a JLRI member. Be sure to attend their big Italian feast in August!



Samira Modad, 2014 Mary Harriman Award Winner

2014 Mary Harriman Leadership Award Winner Samira Modad's Acceptance Speech

The Junior League of Mexico City
Causes/Issue Area(s): Education, Child Welfare

For more than 30 years, The Junior League of Mexico City's Samira Modad has embodied Mary Harriman's vision. Upon graduating from the Faculty of Medicine of the National Autonomous University of Mexico with the highest honors in her class, Sami, as she's known, focused on the public sector and completed a 10-month assignment to a poor rural community in the state of Tlaxcala. While on that assignment, not only did she tend to the needs of population that lacked medical services, but she also contributed her own resources to the purchase of medicines her patients could not afford.

She had found her passion and she did not stray. She has tended to the health of indigent peasants, families in extreme poverty, and undernourished children, and served as her neighborhood's governmental representative to argue for an improved quality of life for those around her. When she lived in an upscale community, she learned that outside her walls lived families that made bricks with mud, branches and manure. They were ostracized because of the foul odor; their children could not go to school and they were starving and lacking sanitary services. With official authorization, Sami delivered daily rations for 200 culled together from contributions made by 500 school students. Later, to combat the dusty conditions and resulting health problems caused by a deforested school campus, she led a student-run effort to plant trees and hire water trucks.

To view Samira's Award Acceptance speech, please click on the following link and play the video:

<http://www.ajli.org/?nd=p-do-civldr-mh-bio-samira-modad>

In Memoriam

Former JLRI member Harriet "Bunny" Chafee passed away on June 22. Bunny was a member of JLRI for 52 years. Her memorial service will be Friday, July 25 at 11:30 a.m. in Redwood Chapel at Swan Point Cemetery in Providence.

Jenica Reed's brother, Jaren Reed, passed away on July 10 in Panama City, Florida. He was laid to rest on July 19. Our sincere sympathies to Jenica and her family.

Heartfelt condolences to Sustainer Elaine Colarusso whose mother, Gloria Torres, passed away this week.

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The 2014-2014 Leadership Team gathered for an evening training session at the PPS schoolhouse on June 10th.

INNS OF DISTINCTION



Guests fuel up at the Broadway Brunch before starting off on the Inn tour.

The Inn Crowd

By Alissa Stuckey

The 2013-2014 Fundraising Committee successfully completed their fourth and final fundraiser in the beautiful seaside city of Newport where they hosted "Inns of Distinction" a tour of some of the most beautiful and architecturally diverse inns in the city.

The event began with a hearty brunch at One Eight on Broadway followed by tours of the inns. Throughout the day, guests were greeted warmly by our members at each of the Inns, many of which served delicious treats.

Most notable along the tour were the scenic viewpoints from the Sanford-Covell Villa Marina and the delicious cupcakes at the Chart House Inn. Some of the Innkeepers were **also generous as to pour a crisp glass of wine...or two.**

Overall, the day was filled with beautiful décor and delicious merriment and the Fundraising Committee, along with several other ambitious members, made the day a resounding success.

We would like to thank our innkeepers at Chart House Inn, Pearls Boutique Hotels of Newport, Inn at Newport Beach, Vanderbilt Grace, Francis Malbone House, 41 North, Sanford-Covell Villa Marina and Ivy Lodge for opening their doors to our guests and treating us like family. There have already been requests to host this event again next year!

We would also like to recognize Erin Herzog and Nancy Serpa who joined the planning committee and were instrumental in creating the program book and booking the inns. In addition, we would like to thank the Communications Council for their tremendous press coverage. On behalf of the committee I would like to personally thank everyone for their coordination, support and participation in such a successful event. This has been one heck of a year for us, pulling off major events and we did it all successfully because of our supporters! We look forward to seeing you at our next major fundraiser, coming this fall!



Kathy Chapski welcomes tour goers to one of the inns.

Tara Ransom and Krystal Carnes display the Providence Journal article featuring the JLRI Inns of Distinction April tour.



Help A Foster Forward Youth Go to Johnson & Wales!

Tess is a foster care youth who has worked hard and gained early entrance to Johnson & Wales, where she will finish out her senior year of high school and earn college credit at the same time! Despite receiving some financial aid, Tess is still \$6,000 short. If she cannot raise the money by September 1, she will not be able to attend J&W. Please help Tess go to college and donate on her "Go Fund Me" page. The link to her page is <http://www.gofundme.com/9oz6vs> or go to GoFundMe and search for Tess Elise! A \$50 contribution or more counts as one community service shift!

Professional Clothing and Maternity Clothing Donations - Ongoing

Clean your closets! Foster Forward is looking for new or gently used professional clothing and maternity clothing. Items needed include professional clothing for women (all sizes), professional and casual clothing for men (all sizes), shoes, professional bags for women, and maternity clothes (all sizes). Items can be dropped off directly to Foster Forward, 55 South Brow St., Providence or to Tracy Baran's home in Providence. Please contact her at tmoorf@gmail.com to make arrangements.

JLRI Members who donate items with a value of \$50 or more and submit a completed donation form (downloadable from JLRI.org) will receive one community service shift credit.