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AJLI 2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE Atlanta, GA

The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI) Annual Conference is a three-day event that brings Junior League women together to celebrate, learn, network and govern – quite a lot to pack into a short space of time. It truly can be said that the Annual Conference has something for everyone – and the 94th Annual Conference held in Atlanta on May 12-14 was no exception for the over 600 delegates from 291 Junior Leagues in four countries. This year’s theme “All In” was the perfect lens through which to understand the power of the Junior League.

Delegates chose from over 25 workshops that addressed topics such as “Leading an Organization,” which was led by some of Atlanta’s most accomplished nonprofit CEOs; “Facilitated Networking”; “Navigating Difficult Conversations”; “Sustaining Diversity & Inclusion to Realize Organizational Excellence”; and “Rewarding Corporate Partnership,” to name just a few. Each session was designed to provide Leagues and League members with ideas, strategies and approaches to support their work locally.

A significant highlight of the conference was a moving speech by Carlotta Walls LaNier, who was the youngest of the nine African-American

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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

Welcome to a new League year. We are celebrating our 95th birthday!

I'm sure that, by now, all of you know that the purpose of the Junior League of Rhode Island, Inc. is promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. All that we do is designed to meet these organizational goals.

It was in 1901 that the first Junior League was organized in New York City. Gradually, Leagues began to spring up all over the country. In 1921, Providence women decided to start their own Junior League, and, for 95 years, the Junior League of R.I., Inc. members have served Rhode Island communities as volunteers.

I'd like to thank all of you for the honor and privilege of serving as your President for the coming year. It is, indeed, a humbling experience. I am especially thankful for the support of the women who have come before me who have held this position. They are a group of tenacious, smart, gracious, capable, talented women.

To prepare for my Presidency I read several books. One was *Everything I need to Know I learned from a Little Golden Book* by Diane Muldrow. Some things it lists are:

- If your life starts to feel like a circus...
- Don't panic
- Get dressed first thing in the morning
- Get some exercise every day
- Daydream
- Stargaze
- Bird-watch
- The simplest things are often the most fun!
- Be a hugger
- Use your imagination
- Learn something new
- Express yourself
- Start planning your dream trip
- Keep in touch
- Make a big deal over your birthday!
- Dress up and go dancing
- Take a mental health day now and then
- Go fly a kite
- Work hard and play hard
- Think big
- Give thanks!

I think we all need to remember these things. Life isn't always smooth and doesn't stick to the way we plan it. We need to "go with the flow" and make our lives the best that they can be.

The Past Presidents also put together a notebook entitled "JLRI Presidential Pearls of Wisdom." It is full of inspiration, comfort and laughter. It lists things that the women are most proud of accomplishing during their presidency: things like working with the Ronald McDonald House, transitioning from old fundraisers to the first Fashion Show, holding the Obesity Forum, and simply surviving!... I look to this group of women as mentors. They can truly say, "I've been there, I know how it feels."

If you don't know me, I'll give a brief summary. (If you do know me, you can skip this part!) I started as a Provisional in 2001. I was a flight attendant and worked in Boston. This organization introduced me to wonderful women and connected me to the community. I have been on the placement/nominating committee, House Tour committee, and the meetings committee, and have served as provisional chair, Membership Council Director, Treasurer and Community Service Chair. I'm not sure which has been my favorite placement, but I encourage everyone to recruit new members (I have three daughters...they have been in provisional education since they were in the womb!). When asked to describe the Junior League, I say it is "Girl Scouts for grownups." I have been married for 15 years and have a 13 year old daughter, an 11 year old son, a 9 year old daughter, and a 5 year old daughter. My husband is a RI State Trooper based in Scituate.

I am looking forward to an exciting year with all of you. Thank you again for this opportunity.



Tory Trainor, President

Annual Conference(continued)

children who desegregated Little Rock's Central High School in 1957. She spoke of her strong belief in the power of education that propelled her to want to go to Central. She highlighted the role her parents played in preparing her for a life of accomplishment. And she reminded everyone of the achievements we have made as a society as well as the work that lies ahead in our pursuit of justice for all.

Her speech was followed by an evening reception at the Center for Civil and Human Rights that afforded a unique setting for delegates to reflect on LaNier's experiences and to deepen their understanding of and insight into the history of this country's path to social justice.

In addition to numerous learning opportunities, the Annual Conference also was an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of individual Junior League members as well as the efforts of Junior Leagues in pursuit of AJLI's commitment to being a network of women empowered to create community change. The Mary Harriman Community Leadership Award, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual Junior League member, and the Rising Star Award, which recognizes emerging leaders, serve to remind each Junior League member of the powerful impact of women as trained volunteers committed to improving their communities. Awards given to Junior Leagues recognize their best efforts in a wide range of areas like Vision, Leadership Development and Community Impact. For participants and recipients alike, the atmosphere was overflowing with cheers and applause for all winners.

The Annual Conference also includes the Annual Business Meeting of the Association. Delegates were provided in-depth updates on the achievements of AJLI over the past year and had the opportunity to talk together about the future of the Junior League as it heads into its second century of service and leadership.

Each activity – whether it's a powerful workshop, a moving keynote speech or a dazzling award – is wonderful in its own right, however, it is difficult to characterize the Annual Conference as a sum of its parts. What transforms the three days is the energy of the women themselves. The Junior League balances the power of distinct and individual communities with the collective energy and focus of its members and its leaders bound together by a common mission. Being together for three days is an incredible opportunity for the leadership of all Junior Leagues to reenergize and reconnect and to be reminded in multiple ways of the power to lead and to change communities. It also is an extraordinary picture of the deep meaning of friendships across states, regional boundaries, and countries. Social media may have exploded the ways in which we can now stay connected, yet Annual Conference reminds us that there is nothing to take the place of actually being together in person. It truly can be said that the Junior League was ALL IN.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tory Trainor, President 2015-2017

Annual Conference (continued)



Celebrating the 95th Anniversary of the Junior League of Rhode Island.



Anne Dalton, Chief Officer for Strategic Initiatives for the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc.



Following the Sustaining Diversity & Inclusion to Realize Organizational Differences panel. Monica Pearson, broadcaster and JLA sustaining member, was the moderator and panelists included Derreck Kayongo, CEO of the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, and Andrea Young, lawyer and scholar with Andrew Young School of Policy at Georgia State University.

Sustainer News

Sustainer Spotlight: Lori Elias

Submitted by Betsy Smith

When I met with Nancy Dorsey to learn about my responsibilities as the new Sustainer Member director for our League she told me about the Sustainer Spotlight series that she had started last year. I have enjoyed reading the stories of fellow sustainers and I know this series has been well received by the board and the membership, and I wanted to continue it. And I knew immediately who I wanted to highlight first!!

Lori Elias was the first person I met when I moved to Rhode Island. Her house was next door to ours and I met her on the day we moved in. She was so kind and welcoming to me and to my family and so it came as no surprise when I learned that she was a member of the Junior League!! We have been friends and fellow League members ever since. We had a fun time with this interview and tried our best with our 50 (something) year old minds to be accurate in our recollections!!



Lori Elias joined the Junior League of Rhode Island's Provisional Class in the fall of 1989. She was hoping to meet people and make friends who shared her interest in making a positive difference in her newly adopted state of Rhode Island. Lori had grown up in Fall River, Massachusetts. She attended UMASS Amherst and began pursuing a career in banking before she and her husband Jay moved to Rhode Island. They have raised four children here.

Lori attended a one-year provisional course with trainings at Shakespeare's Head. She remembers that as one of the first years that AJLI instituted a nation-wide Provisional project where immunization charts were created and handed out to families so that they had something to bring into the hospitals to help keep track of childhood immunizations. Remember: this was before any type of electronic medical record keeping!! And Lori also remembers a big problem with that project was that the charts and instructions were only in English which did not work for the community that the JLRI was serving at the time. As Lori recalls, that was a valuable experience in learning what people need and how they need it delivered.

As you can imagine, Lori has held many positions in the JLRI. Her contributions have been across all League areas including training, projects, fundraisers, and governance. And she is a wiz when it comes to Roberts Rules!!

Lori's volunteer contributions have been vast outside of the League as well with organizations like the Tomorrow Fund, Hasbro Children's Hospital, the East Greenwich Schools Parent Associations, Hendricken, and the RI State House Restoration Gala.

When I asked her what the most challenging position she held in the League had been, she immediately recalled when we co-chaired a Speaker Series which was never able to come together. So many people in the League wanted it to happen and it would have been great exposure and outreach for our League. But in the end, it was beyond what a League our size was able to do. Our finances and human resources were not enough to accomplish what we wanted. This was a valuable lesson for both of us.

Lori remembers the first year our League did a house tour as her favorite committee. She enjoyed being a part of something that had never been done before and felt it was a lot of fun. She also feels that her time in the League exposed her to a lot of different organizations and people that she would not have met otherwise.

Now that Lori has been a member of our League for over 25 years, I asked how her experience is different from what she expected when she joined. She said that she has been amazed by how many dynamic women she has met over the years. She feels that our members have so much to offer and that we continue to make a big contribution to our community. She has made many friends in our League, and I feel very grateful to be one of them.

2016 Award Winners

The Junior League of RI was pleased to recognize its 2015-2016 League Award Recipients at the May GMM. The following members were recognized for their outstanding contributions over the past League Year. Congratulations, ladies!

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. To honor the support and friendship that Natalie showed her friend, The Junior League of Rhode, Inc. has established **The Natalie Henderson Award**. 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.



This year's Natalie Henderson Award goes to **Sue Ogle**. Sue's name and training techniques are synonymous with Junior League. There is hardly a meeting where we don't identify the 3 P's or use sticky dots to track our decisions. This member has lead all types of training's from board retreats, monthly GMM's, leadership and delegation training's and Provisional retreats. She has hosted the Junior League in her home for meetings and training sessions and has been a mentor for many members as they develop their Junior League career path. She takes a personal approach to our success both as individuals and as a League. She is always available to answer calls or emails the Strategic Plan, Annual Plan, Leadership Training, etc. Sue is very supportive of the League and generous of her time.

Community Service Award

This award 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. This award may or may not be given annually.

This year's **Community Service Award** goes to **Krystal Carnes**. Although Krystal has not on the Community Outreach Council, this year, she hosted a 'Fosterware' Party where representatives from Boys Town spoke with League members, friends and neighbors to create awareness and help us identify ways that we could help support the foster care community. Krystal has also been very helpful when we have had printing needs: huge check for American Cancer Society, Instagram picture frame, etc. She worked during our Winter Sparkle event representing her company, Chapel Grille to help support this annual fundraiser.



President's Award

This award is given to a member who has made significant contributions to the community over the years through the League, whose career shows continued and exemplary demonstration of the Leagues purpose, a member who has demonstrated the effectiveness of the trained volunteer through her continued involvement in the League and community.

This year's **President Award** goes to **Erin Herzog Bisceglia**. She was been a very active participant with the JLRI. She is consistency working with her team of volunteers and committee members. As a Board member, she takes a strategic approach to the future of the League and is proactive with regards to providing support to JLRI and community members. She is well respected by her League colleagues and is a pleasure to work with. Outside of the league, is an active participant in different community groups. Erin is always there to help with the many "technology issues" from computer issues at General Member Meetings, Board Retreats to wifi problems at the League office. She is a leader, as well as a good follower.



Women Author's Luncheon

Submitted by Joan McMaster

Twenty JLRI members and guests gathered at the 1147 Restaurant on Saturday, May 14, for a delicious luncheon and book presentations by our two guest authors: Lee DiPietro, author of *Against the Wind*, and Dawn Tripp, author of *Georgia*. The topic for the day was "Hope, Resilience."

Joan McMaster, chair for the event, introduced the two authors by quoting Emily Dickinson's poem, "Hope":

"Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all."

Lee DiPietro, author of *Against the Wind*, spoke of the recent health challenges facing her family during one calendar year: a sister's suicide, a husband's cancer diagnosis, and a son's horrific accident involving the possible loss of his leg!. Lee is a champion marathoner and Ironwoman winner; she has the endurance and determination to meet challenges head-on and beat them. Still, this particular episode of her life took all of her courage. Luckily, Lee had an excellent support system in her mother and her mother's husband, who literally nursed Lee's son, Tim, back to health while Lee was assisting her husband with his cancer treatment and recovery. This is an very inspiring book; you will wonder why you are not constantly in motion as Lee seems to be!

Dawn Tripp, author of *Georgia*, reveals the life story of Georgia O'Keefe in this lush, historical novel. Dawn did extensive research to portray Georgia's life as realistically as possible. Coming from an impoverished background, Georgia, a promising abstract artist, was swept away by the photographer, Stieglitz. He took charge of her life and her art as he encouraged her to pursue representational art—the famous flowers – rather than her abstract works. Moreover, he photographed her extensively and exhaustively. When he betrayed her, this action gave her the courage, the resilience, to break free of him and his controlling ways. Late in the novel, Georgia muses that she is finally her own person, not controlled by nor beholden to anyone. It is a very inspiring and detailed book.

Following their presentations, the authors took questions and conducted a book-signing; they sold many books! Thank you to all the JLRI members and their guests who attended this event! Suggestions are welcome for future events: jcaryl1@hotmail.com



Financial Literacy Training for At-Risk Foster Youth

Submitted by Nancy Serpa

As April was financial literacy month, Fidelity Investments volunteers partnered with The Junior League of Rhode Island on April 23rd at Boystown New England in Portsmouth, RI. Emily Cooper served as the JLRI event chair and Nancy Serpa served as the Fidelity Your Community Grant and volunteer liaison. JLRI conducted a Personal Finance training workshop to seven foster boys ranging from 14-17 years old. All are currently living in a group home on the Boystown NE campus, many of whom had spent time at the RI Training School (Juvenile Detention Center). The JLRI's community focus is to help youth aging out of the foster care system achieve the life skills they need to live independently.

The Your Community Grant monies provided by Fidelity enabled the JLRI to purchase the "Personal Finance Program In A Box" curriculum, designed by Junior Achievement. The program covered important financial topics such as short and long term planning, making financial trade-off decisions, and budgeting and credit management basics, as well as additional credit topics (e.g., credit reports, pawn shops, pay day/installment loans).

The JLRI and Fidelity volunteers conducted fun, interactive games, participated in group and one-on-one discussions, and even shared their own personal finance stories to help drive the concepts home. At the end of the session, the boys came up with some creative Public Service Announcements to relay all that they had learned. JLRI plans to offer additional financial literacy trainings to foster youth later this year.

A special thank you to our JLRI volunteers who supported this event: Emily Cooper, Amy Gerhard, Sarah Klump, Ashley Kuzmanko, Lisa Museler, Sabrina Paradis, Debbie Parziale, Kelsey Sarcone, Nancy Serpa and Tory Trainor.



Kids In The Kitchen

On April 24 and May 1, the provisional class hosted two successful Kids in the Kitchen events at Boys Town New England in Portsmouth. Now in its second year, Kids in the Kitchen is an annual community service project run entirely by JLRI's provisional class. Although the national program is focused on educating younger children about nutrition and healthy eating, we re-tooled the event to focus on youth aging out of foster care to align with our league's mission: giving them skills to cook and eat healthily as they make the transition to living on their own.



The Boys Town houses include a set of foster parents and 4-5 foster children (mostly young men), so the event was set up to function like a “family dinner” on a Sunday night: after working together to prepare the meal, the whole group sat down and ate together. We designed the evening to show how making healthy food can be fun and easy. The menu included appetizers, a main course and dessert, and included lots of fruits and vegetables. We set up stations to prepare each course, and the provisionals, the foster parents and the foster kids all worked together to make dishes like veggies and dip, roll-up burrito bites with ground turkey, and baked apples. Everyone agreed that the best part of the evening was sitting down to enjoy our hard work!

Through the generosity of local stores and several Junior League members, we were able to use donations to purchase healthy ingredients for the meal, and to leave each foster house with a grocery store gift card and a toaster oven. Congratulations, provisionals, on a successful event!

Bristol Fourth of July Parade

Several members (and their children) marched in the 231st Bristol Parade. It was a very hot day, but great PR for our league. Thank you to Liz Tanner (past member) for forwarding the parade application and making it possible to participate!



Picnic and Ponies

The sun shone bright on Glen Farm as the JLRI participated in All Charity Day at Newport International Polo in Portsmouth on July 17th. Over 50 members, friends and families from both the JLRI and the Boston League took to the chalets on the north side of the field, accompanied by over 1,500 gleeful attendees present, to support the nine nonprofit organizations that the match funded, including Boys Town New England, Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island; Bruno United FC; Community String Project; Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center; Junior League of Rhode Island; Portsmouth Dog Park; Newport County YMCA Adapted Physical Activity and Special Olympics, and the San Isidro Stolen Polo Horse Fund.



Guests of the JLRI laid out their blankets, chairs and bountiful picnics to accompany towers of sandwiches, snacks, cupcakes and of course champagne to toast to the champs but also to a great summer! Not to be outdone, the Portsmouth Animal Park even hosted a half time pet parade where Krecji (Susan Moussali's JL Boston maltese) and Chuie (my shih tzu) strutted around the field to "Who Let The Dogs Out." Over two thousand dollars were raised for the JLRI and we are already looking to partner up with the Boston gals for next year to make this summer social an annual success!

A special thanks to Krystal Carnes, Ginger Danaher, Sara Martin and Tory Trainor for their support and planning of this successful social fundraising event. To Mickey Cagley, PJ Doppke, Kevin Carnes, Mike Laprey and Will Museler thank you for doing the heavy lifting of tables and boxes during set up and break down. To the Museler family, thank you for taking our leftovers to Boystown. And last but not least, thank you to the JL Boston gals for coming out in droves in support of our event. This year is going to be full of so many great events and I encourage everyone to make sure you don't miss out on the fun! Happy Summer!



Community Service Update

With the help of generous league members, and the community service committee, we finished our first year with issued based shifts only! Although slow and not as full as hoped, we were able to offer enough shift opportunities for members to complete their requirements, while helping the community.

The new committee recently met and had some great ideas on how to make it a successful year. We will continue with the current aspects of the program (home makeovers, financial literacy, donation collection, holiday baskets, etc.), while hopefully beginning the monthly dinners, as well as Done In a Days (DIAD), which have been requested by many members. These DIADs will be similar to previous ones, but will benefit the aging out of foster care population (making sandwiches/dinners for groups homes for example).

We will also begin collecting donations on a monthly basis at GMMs. We will specifically be asking for gift certificates to grocery stores and feminine products, but will be happy to collect cleaning supplies and kitchen items. These are main-stay donations that can be used at every makeover, and are always necessary. With your help, we hope to be able to continually assist the population of youth becoming independent.

We hope to have a makeover scheduled at some point this summer, and will keep you posted as to the details. Feel free to hold onto any older items you plan to donate, in the event they are needed. Also, going forward, if you have childcare issues and would like to help but feel you cannot due to not having a babysitter, we will open a shift to assist with that, as necessary. Please contact the captain of the event with questions.

Touch a Truck is scheduled for September 11th at Crescent Park in East Providence. It will be similar to last year, and we hope to have more people attend. Please tell your friends and family, and it will be grandparents day that day as well.

As always, please feel free to contact the committee and its new leadership, Kate Murphy and Erin Herzog, with any questions or suggestions. Thank you to all our members for all you do, and we look forward to the coming year being a success!

Fund Development Update

\$95 for 95 years of Voluntarism

Please consider becoming part of our "95 Club" by pledging \$95 to the JLRI in honor of our 95th Anniversary. All members who complete their \$95 pledge by Dec. 31, 2016 will be entered to win a special raffle (details to come!).



JLRI 2nd Annual Knit-A- Thon

Calling all knitters or crocheters (or those who want to be knitters and crocheters)! The second annual Junior League of Rhode Island Knit-A- Thon will take place on Saturday October 22, 2016, from 8 am to 8 pm at Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell St., Providence, RI. Come knit the entire time or just stop by and knit or crochet with us when you're available. We ask that all participants donate or get pledges equaling \$25 or more. Beginners are welcome! We will have people on hand to teach. In addition, we will be collecting hand knit and crocheted items. Items will be used for a silent auction after the event and to donate to children in foster care. Please see the website for forms and registration information.



Fifth Annual Winter Sparkle

We are preparing for our fifth Winter Sparkle—a spirited culinary event! - where guests will enjoy an array of delectable foods and spirited drinks, provided by some of Rhode Island's premier restaurant, caterers and spirit connoisseurs. Stay tune for more information...!



Hats Off to ...



- MC and Petra for leading the Spring board retreat
- MC and Dana for facilitating June Leadership training
- Dana for leading the July GMM
- Philipa and Krystal K for holding 2 information nights for potential members
- Membership committee for planning and leading placement fair
- Tory and Nancy S for hosting Past President's Soirée

Member Announcements

Marriages/Engagements:

Mallory Thompson (A) married Malcolm Kuno on April 16th .



Putney Pyles (S) announced her engagement to Kevin Wendell. The couple is planning a wedding for December 31, 2016.

Virginia (Ginger) Danaher (A) and PJ Doppke are planning a September 3, 2016 wedding at the Rhode Island Country Club.



Births:

Kennedy Olivia Medeiros was born to proud parents **Ashley Kuzmanko** (A) and Scott Medeiros on June 24, 2016

Life Achievements:

Good luck to former member **Lisa Gabrielson** as she heads to the Olympics.

Goodbye to JLRI friends:

Anna Hart-Wilkins (LOA) who has transferred to Boston, MA.

A warm welcome to our new transfers:

Nadia Pontif (A) who transferred from Indianapolis, IN. She lives in Newport, RI.



Heidi Tripp (A) who transferred from Boston, MA. She lives in Providence, RI.

Katie Nardolillo (A) who transferred from Ft Myers, FL. She lives in North Scituate, RI.



Our Condolences

Robert and Debra Cusack (S) lost their son, Trevor, on June 25th.

Nancy Serpa (S) lost her sister, Sue Infante-Despo, on July 28.



Upcoming Events

24th Annual Pizzuti Open Golf Tournament

Due to inclement weather, the 24th Annual Pizzuti Open Golf Tournament is rescheduled for **Friday, August 26!**

Spend a day on the links and support the American Cancer Society and the JLRI at the Pawtucket Country Club.

Founded 24 years ago by Greg Pizzuti and JLRI Sustainer Grace Dugan, the day will begin with registration and brunch at 7:00 a.m. and an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start followed by an awards luncheon with silent auction and 50/50 raffle. All proceeds will benefit JLRI and the American Cancer Society.

For more information and to register, please visit www.jlri.org.



JLRI Touch-a-Truck Event

Date: Sunday, September 11

Time: 12pm-4pm

Where: Crescent Park, 700 Bullocks Point Ave, Riverside.

Cost: FREE

Trucks and vehicles from a vast array of professions and services are on display for the up-close enjoyment of children of all ages. In addition to the display of vehicles, families will enjoy carousel rides, "roaming railroad" train rides, and face painting, while JLRI members give the adults a quick lesson on the JLRI and its current focus on the issue of aging out of foster care. It is sure to be an enjoyable day for all who attend!

JLRI CALENDAR AUGUST 2016 - OCTOBER 2016

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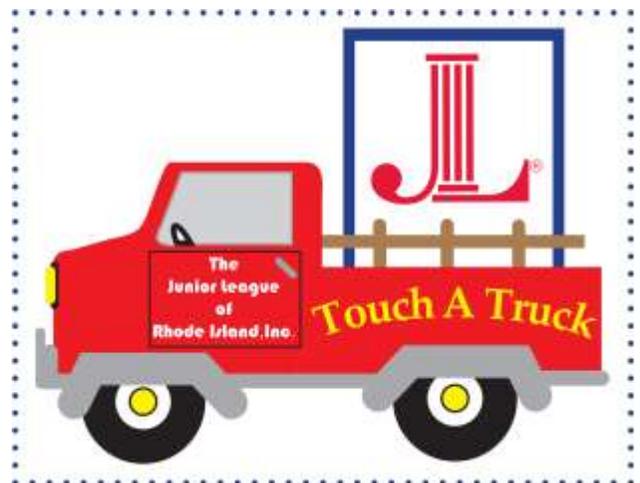
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- 26 Pizzuti Open
- 30 Book Club

SEPTEMBER

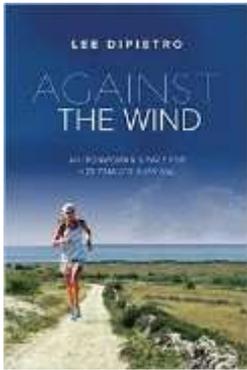
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- 22 Book Club

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- 11 October GMM
- 16 Provisional Retreat



Upcoming Book Clubs



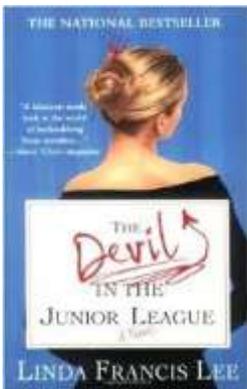
August: *Against the Wind* by Lee DiPietro

Date: Tuesday, August 30

Time: 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Hostess: Kate Houston

Location: Kate's house: 45 Powel Avenue, Newport



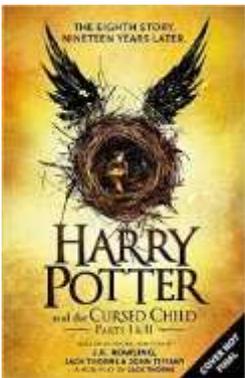
September: *The Devil in the Junior League* by Linda Francis Lee

Date: Thursday, September 22

Time: 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Hostess: Katie Nardolillo

Location: Katie's House: 142 Battery Meeting House Road, North Scituate



October: *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* by JK Rowling

Date: Thursday, October 20

Time: 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Hostess: Sarah Brenneman

Location: Blackie's Bull Dog Tavern: 181 George Washington Highway, Smithfield



November: *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

Date: Thursday, November 10

Time: 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Hostess: Tracy Baran

Location: Tracy's house: 24 Wardlaw Court, Providence