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JLRI Foster Forum

On November 3, 2016, the JLRI held a Forum titled "The Power of Supportive Adults for Foster Youth: The challenges of youth who experience foster care and how you can make a differ-

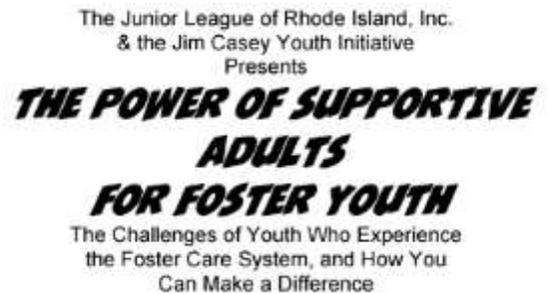
ence". This forum was attended by approximately eighty (80) people, including JLRI members, Foster Forward staff and board members, students of social work programs, practicing social workers, staff from the Child Advocate and The Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF).

This forum was sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island, and the American Democracy Project at Rhode Island College (RIC). The JLRI was assisted in its' planning efforts by our Community Advisory Board member Valerie Endress, and several of her students. The forum was held in the RIC Student Union Ballroom. The speaking program was moderated by JLRI Past President Tracy Baran, and consisted of the following national and local experts:

- **Sixto Cancel** - Former foster youth and current **Founder & CEO of "Think of Us"**. Think of Us is a non-profit dedicated to innovating with data, technology and multi-media to help foster youth heal, develop and thrive.
- **Sandra Wilkie**, Consultant with the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative at the Annie E. Casey Foundation,
- **Lisa Guillette**, Executive Director of Foster Forward RI will participate in the panel.

The goal of the panel and the forum was to accomplish the following for the participants:

- Hear about the experiences of young people in the foster care system



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Sustaining Members

Activities Committee Chair	<i>Not slated</i>
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Governance & Management Roll Out Chair	Nancy Serpa
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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

It is hard to believe it is winter, already. I hope you enjoyed the beautiful fall colors, and relaxed and enjoyed the outdoors with family and friends.

I recently read "I Don't Know How She Does It" by Allison Pearson. It was a great story about life from a working mom's perspective. There is a never-ending "to-do list" (laundry, food shopping, lose 5 pounds, clean the house...) How do we have time to volunteer? Everyone has the same 24 hours in the day. How will you use those hours? If you want to do something, you will "make time" to do it.

I'd like to thank the Community Service committee for another wonderful Touch – a – Truck, home make-over, and our inaugural Foster Care Forum. These ladies did a lot of "work" and the events were successful!



The communications committee did an amazing job with the Foster Forum program and PR for the event. The members of this committee go "above and beyond" their job descriptions.

I'm excited about Sparkle 2017. It is going to be one of the best! Get your tickets soon and start looking for a dress... The Fund Development committee has been planning this event all summer. You will be impressed with the details.

Membership did a great job recruiting this summer and we have a great New Member class. We have held several socials and members seem engaged and involved.

I look forward to sharing this year with you, and I thank all of you for doing what you can this year. Let's make new friends, within the JLRI, and strengthen old friendships. And remember through the efforts of everyone we can truly be an organization of "Women Around the World as Catalysts for Lasting Community Change."



*Tory Trainor, President
2015-2017 League Years*

JLRI Foster Forum (Continued)

- Understand the positive impact of supportive adults on youth in and transitioning from foster care nationally and in Rhode Island
- Learn how to get involved and make a difference in their communities

The audience learned several important things related to youth in foster care, including:

- **One in four** young people formerly in foster care will experience homelessness within four years of exiting.
- Only **58%** of young people leaving foster care will graduate high school by age 19 (compared to 87% of all 19-year-olds).
- Only **half** of young people leaving foster care will be employed by age 24.
- **One in four** young people leaving foster care will have contact with the justice system within two years of leaving the child welfare system. By age 26, more than 50% of young women and fully 80% of young men report they have been arrested.
- **71%** of women who experienced foster care became pregnant before age 21 (62% more than once) (compared to 34% of all 21-year-old women). By age 26, 2/3 of young men who experienced foster care report getting partner pregnant vs. 39% in general population.

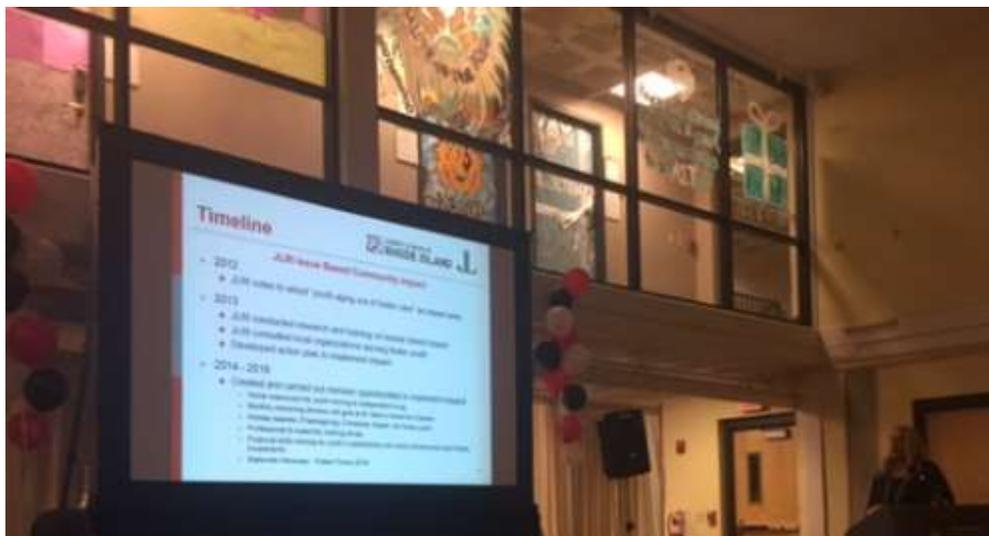
Foster Forward is the Rhode Island site for the national program called the Jim Casey Youth Initiative. This goal of the Initiative is to improve well-being for all youth transitioning out of foster care, and they have created a framework to accomplish this. The domains of the framework are:

1. **SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING** - Having true fulfillment in life means having strong social and emotional well-being. To achieve this we must make sure that there's a solid and permanent connection to adults, and that young people have the ability to build healthy social networks of support.

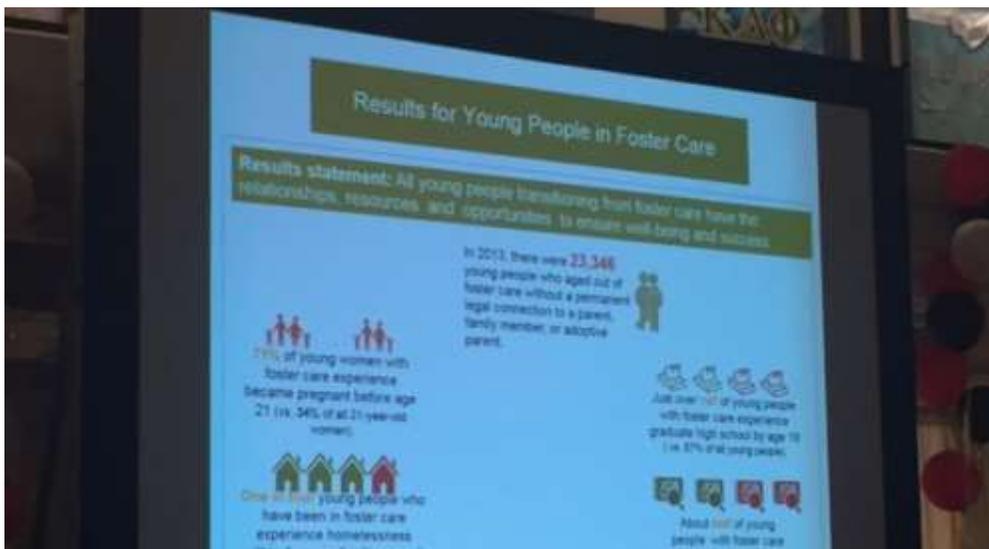
2. **ECONOMIC WELL-BEING**- Economic well-being is at the crux of strong functioning in life. To build a strong foundation the goal must be for young people to earn a living wage, have a solid career path, and have access to housing that is safe, stable, and affordable. All of these are components of building healthy financial capability.
3. **INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT** - The reference to intellectual development here means that all young people should be able to take full advantage of their individual growth and development. Young people need opportunities to heal from past traumas in a way that strengthens brain development and executive functioning. Authentic youth engagement is critical here, as it helps them enter adulthood with key skill sets, such as critical thinking, problem-solving, goal setting, planning, and decision-making.
4. **HEALTH & SAFETY** - Pivotal to the quality of the journey are how health and safety are supported in a young person's life. This is about ensuring all young people's mental health and physical health strengths are enhanced. It also means young people are free from violence, abuse, and neglect.

The JLRI supports this national effort at the local level in several different ways. These efforts were highlighted through an introductory presentation by President Tory Trainor, as well as through information located on tent cards at the tables during the reception. This information emphasized the many "Home Makers" that JLRI members sponsored for youth that transition from foster care to permanency. Audience members left the forum energized and enthusiastic to make a difference and be a supportive adult in the life of a youth in foster care.

JLRI Foster Forum (Continued)



JLRI President Tory Trainor shares information about the League and its support of Foster Youth.



The panelists shared important statistics about the state of foster care youth, including sobering data about the future that awaits most former foster kids after they age out of the program.



Panelists (l-r) Lisa Guillette, Sandra Wilkie and Sixto Cancel share their experiences and insights about the foster care system.

JLRI Home Makeover

Submitted by Erin Herzog

On October 29, 2016, the Junior League of Rhode Island participated in our first home makeover of the 2016 League year. We had the pleasure of working with Paula and her young son Giovanni through our affiliation with Foster Forward. Paula is an active member of the Youth Establishing Self-Sufficiency (YESS) Aftercare Program – a Foster Forward initiative that provides individualized, youth-driven services and support to young adults, ages 18-21, who have been closed to the state's Family Court and DCYF.



Paula's request for help was modest – she asked for a toddler bed for her son who was quickly outgrowing his crib, storage solutions to help keep their new apartment organized and kitchen supplies as she loves to cook.

When we arrived at Paula's apartment in Providence, our team of volunteers got quick to work, deep cleaning the kitchen and bathroom, folding and sorting clothing donations, identifying what additional supplies and donations were needed and moving furniture to make for a more organized floorplan.

Once the morning crew was finished cleaning and organizing, the afternoon team arrived with Giovanni's new bed, chairs for the kitchen table, a bed frame for Paula's mattress and additional supplies. They finished the final details of hanging curtains and pictures, vacuuming and putting together furniture. By mid-afternoon, Paula's case worker Tahisha Washington from Foster Forward arrived and we put her to work as well. It was an "all hands on deck, make it work" moment.

When Paula and Giovanni arrived home, they were overjoyed and overwhelmed. We thanked Paula for the opportunity to be part of her home makeover and wished her family much success. The following day, we received an email from Paula's case worker:

"Thank you so much for the pictures and Paula's home makeover. She was ready to cry after everyone left, she was so overjoyed. I spoke with her on Monday and she said her son doesn't want to leave his bed and he's always in it. Again thank you so much - everyone did such a good job!"

It's events like this that make us JLRI Proud! We hope you will join us for our next makeover event in Winter 2017 so you can see first-hand how we are making an impact in our local community.

Special thanks to the following volunteers and contributors who helped make this day a success:

Onsite Volunteers

Kim Bigonette
Liz Cirella
Erin Herzog
Brittany McHale
Katie Nardolillo
Jen Peters
Betsy Smith
Everett Smith
Tory Trainor
Heidi Tripp
Rachel Weiss

Contributors

Kim Bigonette
Liz Cirella
Deb Cusack
Nancy Dorsey
Jenna Howard **
Sarah Klump
Sara Martin
Brittany McHale
Mary Catherine Miller

Kate Murphy
Felicia Pandola
Jen Peters
Melissa Riley **
Tory Trainor
Betsy Smith
Colleen Sullivan
Rachel Weiss

*** Friend/Neighbors of a JLRI Member*

JLRI Home Makeover (Continued)

Home Makeover Planning Tips and Ideas

Often times, don't know the actual level of need until we arrive at a client's home. While we ask the young person what they need or want ahead of time, we sometimes arrive to find essentials – like safety locks, clean shower curtains, cleaning supplies, etc. missing. We have a small budget for each of our makeovers and through the generous donations of our membership and community, we use these monies to buy what last minute supplies are needed to make their new apartment a home. We also try to use any leftover monies to purchase gift cards for a local grocery or big box store in their community.

How can you help?

General Cleaning Supply Donations – We find that at every home makeover we need basic cleaning supplies like dish soap, disinfectant spray, cleaning wipes, room deodorizers, sponges, disposable rubber gloves, etc. Donations can be dropped off at the JLRI office or at a GMM

Transportation – If you have access to a truck or large SUV, we would greatly appreciate your help during the week before and on the day of the makeover. Contact Erin Herzog or Kate Murphy at erin.herzog@hotmail.com and ktbarba1@gmail.com and we'll add your contact information to our "transportation needs" list.

Storage – We receive generous donation requests throughout the year but unfortunately, we have limited storage for big items like couches, dressers and beds. If you have garage, attic or basement space where we can store items throughout the year, please let us know. As a committee, we are working on long term storage options but may need assistance in the interim.

Furniture Donations – Often times we receive calls/emails from members that have full rooms of furniture to donate. We genuinely appreciate your thinking of our makeovers, but keep in mind, we only do 3-4 makeovers a year and are generally working with small, efficiency apartments so large furniture donations may be better suited for another organization. We also find that the population of young people we work with move often so smaller furniture items that can be broken down and/or transported easily are ideal.

Don't Donate Alone! – When we announce our next makeover date, share the news and wish list with your friends and neighbors. Our goal is to not only help create a home for this young person but to also educate our community about how we all can help youth aging out of foster care. This is an ideal way to get your friends and family involved!

Questions, comments and ideas regarding Community Outreach can be directed to Co-Chairs, Erin Herzog and Kate Murphy at erin.herzog@hotmail.com and ktbarba1@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!



JLRI Mentor Program Kick Off

Thirteen JLRI New Members and Transfers met their respective mentors at Mills Tavern on October 19th. JLRI Sustainers and seasoned Actives will serve as mentors for the 2016-2017 LY to help members navigate the JLRI organization and improve their overall JLRI experience.



2016-17 JLRI New Members



Lida Cooper

Born and raised in Cary, North Carolina, Lida attended Tulane University and graduated with a BA in Political Science. Upon graduation she commissioned in the United States Navy as a Surface Warfare Officer and completed multiple tours. Currently; she is the Director, Surface Warfare Officers School International Program, instructing U.S. and foreign students in all things Surface Warships. Lida is excited to be back ashore and have time to pursue her professional interests and dive into volunteerism and non-profit activities. She and her husband are expecting their first child in April 2017.



Brittany McHale

Brittany is a New Member to the Junior League of Rhode Island this year. Originally from Winston-Salem, NC, Brittany moved to Providence, RI in 2007 to attend Providence College. Following graduation Brittany moved to Washington, DC and spent four years working for the United States Senate. Brittany relocated to Providence in August 2015 and returned to Providence College to work as Assistant Director of Alumni Relations. Brittany and her fiancé, Andrew, live on the East side of Providence.



Emily Olson

Emily was born and raised in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. She earned her Business degree from The University of Vermont, where she became involved with the Make a Wish Foundation and the Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center. Today, Emily is a Project Analyst for Peregrine Group, LLC, a commercial real estate development, investment, financing, advisory, and property management firm located in Rumford. Emily enjoys spending time with her family, sailing competitively, skiing and golfing.



Liz Cirella

Liz Cirella is originally from New Jersey and lived most recently in New York City for the last 8+ years. Liz relocated to Providence this past April with her husband, PJ. She graduated in 2008 from Penn State University with a B.S. in Accounting and obtained her M.S. in Human Resources Management at Fordham University in 2015. Liz works as a Human Resources Business Partner for the Financial Services Consulting practice at Ernst & Young, LLP, one of the “Big Four” Public Accounting firms. In her spare time, Liz enjoys traveling, cooking, golfing and spending time with her Golden Retriever puppy, Sully.



Alexandra (Sasha) Jostrom

Alexandra has a lifelong commitment to social issues and community service. Originally from the Boston area, Alexandra attended St. Paul’s School in Concord, New Hampshire, the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, UK, and recently graduated from Cornell University’s business school with a MBA degree. Professionally, Alexandra has experience in venture capital, private equity and impact investing, where her positions include investment management, strategic planning and global marketing roles. In addition to volunteering, Alexandra is an avid sportswoman, active with cycling, skiing, hiking, tennis, running, etc. She is also passionate about travel and cultures.

Sustainer Spotlight: Cora Lee Gibbs

Submitted by Betsy Smith

Cora Lee Gibbs was a Sustainer Emerita with the Junior League of Rhode Island. She passed away in September at the age of 92. Nancy Dorsey featured Cora in a Sustainer spotlight last year along with two other Sustainers who resided together at Laurelmead in Providence. I wanted to honor Cora in this issue because I had a personal connection to her that started when I was a college student. She had a fascinating life and I wanted to share it with you.



Cora Lee was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1924. Cora's parents were Americans serving with the YMCA. She lived in France and Switzerland until she was 15 when her father died and she and her mother returned to the US. That was 1939, right before the Second World War. Cora attended the Northfield School for girls and then Smith College, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1946. Cora and I had Smith College in common and it would come up a couple of times in our lives.

Cora Lee married her college sweetheart, Julian Gibbs (who was an Amherst man like my husband!!), and joined the Junior League of Schenectady, NY. Over the next decade they lived in Princeton, NJ, Cambridge, England, St. Paul, MN and Philadelphia, PA. They settled in Barrington, RI in 1960 where Cora transferred into the JLRI. Cora was raising 4 children, volunteering for our League, and she joined the RISD Museum of Art and held many positions including the Curator of Education. She received her Master's Degree in the History of Art from Brown University in 1972. In 1979 Cora's husband was appointed President of Amherst College. They moved to Amherst, MA and Cora became very involved in the Arts community in the Pioneer Valley. I met her in the fall of 1980 when I was a freshman at Smith and studying art history. I also spent a lot of time on the Amherst campus since I was dating a young man there, so I had an opportunity to meet her there. I looked up to Cora because she encouragingly spoke about finding your passion, whatever it was, and then sharing it with others. She was a warm and welcoming presence on both the Amherst and Smith College campuses. She was one of my earliest influences in the importance and satisfaction of volunteer work through Junior Leagues. Like my mother, Cora had lived in many cities, and always found a "home" in the Leagues that she joined.

Cora generously shared her passion for art with the greater Amherst community and earned the Amherst College Medal for Eminent Service in 1984. Cora's husband tragically passed away in 1983, right before my husband graduated from Amherst. Cora returned to Rhode Island and was named Director of the Newport Art Museum. In 1991 she was awarded the RI Governor's Art Award for her service in arts education. Beside these accomplishments and her association with our League, Cora served the Newport Rotary, the Trinity Church, Friends of Touro Synagogue, the Bristol Art Museum, the Newport YMCA, the Colonial Dames, RI Historical Society, Alliance Francaise and the Northfield School. One of her contributions to our League Cora was a series of art lectures for Sustainers.

I feel so lucky that I had the chance to know Cora during my college years, and then as a member of this League. We are surrounded by some amazing women in this League. It is fun to get to know more about their lives outside of their League service.

Sustainer Spotlight: Emeritas (Reprint from 2015)

Submitted by Nancy Dorsey

Emerita members Helen Dietze, Cora Lee Gibbs, and Rosalind Kornegay reside at Laurelmead in Providence. Nancy Dorsey, Sustainer Board Representative, had the pleasure to meet with them there in mid-August. It was such a delightful experience to chat with a few of our valued members who have reached 80+ years of age! They were able to share many interesting stories about the former days of being JL provisional and active members. How times have changed... but the underlying mission of the Junior League remains the same. These women are wonderful examples of living out the mission of volunteerism, advocating for women's opportunities, and bettering their communities. Each of these women joined the Junior League when it was "the thing to do"-- either as a young woman just completing college, or to make a career out of volunteering. Cora Lee joined the JL of Schenectady, NY, as a new Smith College graduate. She went on to transfer later to the JL of Philadelphia, and finally to the (then) JL of Providence in 1960. Helen joined the JL of Greensboro, NC, and transferred to several different leagues as life took her in different directions. She has been a member of the JL of Philadelphia, the JL of Wilmington DE, the JL of NYC, and finally transferred to our league just a year ago. Rosalind joined our league and as a stay at home mom, made volunteering her career!



Cora Lee has been able to utilize her talents as an artist and art historian in many ways as a volunteer and as a career. In the Philadelphia league she illustrated their publications. Here, she organized and delivered series of art lectures for sustainers. She started the docent training program at the RISD Museum, then became Director of Education there. She went on to become the Director of the Newport Art Museum, and also developed a devoted following for her guided art tours around the world including France, and Turkey. Cora Lee reiterated Helen's message that the benefit of transferring her JL membership "meant a lot" to her.

As a wrap up to our lovely conversation, these ladies were interested in the current issues in the JLRI today, particularly "what is the JL image?" with all that has changed for women over their decades of membership. As an involved sustainer, I assured them our mission remains strong, and that with such fastpaced and busy lives, our members still value the training, community opportunities and camaraderie our JLRI membership provides.

Pizzuti Open

Submitted by Ali Gainor

On August 26th, 2016, JLRI welcomed players to the 24th Annual Pizzuti Open Golf Tournament at Pawtucket Country Club. Founder Greg Pizzuti and his wife, our own Grace Dugan, joined many of the tournament's loyal past players and several new players for what turned out to be a beautiful day on the course. The day began with breakfast and a shotgun start, and games included raffles, closest to the pin and longest drive contests, along with the chance to score a hole-in-one and a new car courtesy of Anchor Subaru. Presenting Sponsor Merrimack Mortgage and the day's generous Masters, PGA, Corporate and Personal Sponsors, along with several in-kind and silent auction donors, contributed to a festive event to raise funds for the American Cancer Society and the JLRI.



The day concluded with a lunch and awards ceremony in which prizes were given for Best Dressed, Winning Ladies' & Men's Teams, Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive. In all, the 2016 Pizzuti Open raised \$12,881, and we were pleased to donate \$5000 to the American Cancer Society.



Knit-A-Thon

Submitted by Beth Newberry

The 2nd Annual JLRI Knit-A-Thon was held on Saturday October 22nd from 8 am to 8 pm at Central Congregational Church in Providence. There were several Junior League members in attendance as well as non League members. Some people dropped in for an hour or two and some stayed for the entire 12 hour stretch! Many of the members brought snacks to share including a beautiful red yarn ball shaped cake made by Katie Nardolillo.

Pledges are still continuing to come in as are knit and crocheted donations. The donations will be given to children in foster care and auctioned by the Fundraising Committee. In addition to knitters and crocheters, there was a Done in a Day shift offered to make fleece blankets for Project Linus coordinated by the Kate Murphy and Erin Herzog. Pledges and registrations brought in close to \$1000 and several items to be used for future auctions.



Hats Off to ...



- Tracy Baran, Dana Berntsen, and Alison Croke Foster Forum co-chairs
- Lisa Museler, Katie Nardolillo, Gwen Tarbox, and Mallory Thomson for the power point, tent card and Forum program.
- Brittany McHale, Kim Bionette, Tory Trainor, Jen Peters, Katie Nardolillo, Heidi Tripp, Liz Cirella, Betsy Smith, Erin Herzog, and Everett Smith for helping with the Oct. Home Makeover in Providence.
- Betsy and Rory Smith for matching or \$95 club donations.
- Petra Jenkins, Nancy Serpa, Mary Catharine Miller, Jackie Tracy, Kim Bigonette, and Carolyn Killian for traveling to New York City and presenting a proposal to AJLI for our 100th anniversary.

Member Announcements

Marriages/Engagements:

Virginia (Ginger) Danaher (A) married PJ Doppke at the Rhode Island Country Club on September 3, 2016.



Brittany McHale (P) and Andrew Donahue became engaged on Friday, October 28th. The two plan to wed in Charleston, SC in the Spring of 2018.



Births:

Kensington Grace Carnes was born to proud parents **Krystal** (A) and Kevin Carnes on October 16, 2016. She measured 20 inches and weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces.



Our Condolences

Kim Bigonette (GA) lost her father, Frederick E. "Fred" Kudryk, on September 25

Grace Dugan (S), whose mother, Elizabeth Gertrude (Sheehan) Dugan, passed away on September 29



A warm welcome to our new transfers:

Lauren Rogers (A) who transferred from Spartanburg, NC. She moved in Woonsocket, RI.

Lindsey Catarino (A) who transferred from Nashville, TN. She lives in Newport, RI.

Goodbye to JLRI friends:

Amanda Whiteleather (SNR) who has transferred to Raleigh, NC.

Carrie Wosicki (S) who has transferred to Washington DC.

Upcoming Events

Winter Sparkle

Date: Saturday, February 11, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. VIP champagne reception

Location: 190 Hope Street Providence, RI 02906

Break out of the winter doldrums and join the Junior League of Rhode Island as we celebrate our 5th year of Winter Sparkle, our signature seasonal tasting event on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at the Governor Henry Lippitt House Museum in Providence.



For the fifth year, Winter Sparkle will showcase the culinary talents of top local restaurants and caterers by serving up their signature dish for a food sampling extravaganza. This event is open to the public, so be sure to invite your friends!

Tickets are \$65 per person or \$95 for VIP champagne reception and can be purchased online at jlri.org. Tickets include food and beverage tasting; an open wine bar will also be available. Complementary parking available at The Wheeler School. Cocktail party attire is warmly welcomed.

To become an event sponsor, please contact annualgiving.jlri@gmail.com

Third Annual Women Authors Luncheon

Date: Saturday, April 22

Time: 11:30 AM

Where: 1149 Restaurant, Division Street on the Warwick/EG line

Cost: \$35

Join us in April for our third annual Women Authors Luncheon. Ann Hood, renowned RI author, will be joining us to present her new book, "The Book that Matters Most," to us. Another local RI author will be our second guest. Reservations are \$35; it is not too early to make plans! This is a great mother-daughter event and/or an opportunity to include a close friend or relative in a wonderful afternoon of great food, good conversation and an opportunity to interact with two of RI's great women authors.

JLRI CALENDAR JANUARY 2017 - MARCH 2017

JANUARY

- 7 Board Meeting
- 10 January GMM
- 11 Fund Development Council Meeting
- 12 Book Club
- 17 Community Outreach Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 7 Board Meeting
- 8 Fund Development Council Meeting
- 11 5th Annual Winter Sparkle
- 15 New Member Meeting
- 21 Community Outreach Meeting

MARCH

- 7 Board Meeting
- 8 Fund Development Council Meeting
- 14 March GMM
- 15 New Member Meeting
- 21 Community Outreach Meeting