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End of Year Awards!

Submitted by Tory Trainer

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.



It's.... Erin Herzog and Kate Murphy.

Erin is from Lake Parisppany, New Jersey. She studied Hospitality Administration at Widener University. Erin is the Managing Director at HB Associates.

Kate is the vice president at Regan Communications group. She studied at Cathedral High School. Kate is from Springfield, MA.

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



It's Nettie Riley. She is from Rochester, NY studied corporate communications at Dominican University and is a former National

Marketing Coordinator at WTTW – Chicago PPS. Nettie is the Vice President of RI USA Dance chapter 3010 (non-profit dedicated to improving the quality and quantity of ballroom dancing in the U.S.)

President's 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 League's purpose, a member who has demonstrated the effectiveness of the trained volunteer through her continued involvement in the League and community.



It's Betsy Smith the Sustainer Member Director to the Board of Directors for 2016-2018. Betsy has been an active member of The Junior League of Rhode Island since 1994. Previously, she was a member of the Junior Leagues' of Indianapolis, New York, Long Island, and Boston. Betsy served as President of JLRI 2002-03. In addition to her position for JLRI, Betsy is co-chair of the Wheeler Upper School Parents' association, co-chair of the Warwick women's nine-hole golf league and a member of the social outreach committee for Central Congregational Church in Providence.

2017-2018 Placement Junior League of Rhode Island, Inc.

Governance Board

President	Tracy Baran
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Secretary	Sarah Brenneman
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Sustainer Council Director	Cynthia Affronti
Nominating Chair	Polly Talbott

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Community Service Council Director	Erin Herzog
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Membership Council Director	Krystal Kazi

Councils

Communications Council Members

Gwen Tarbox	Whitney Anderson
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Virginia Doppke	Lisa McCurdy
Lida Cooper	Christine Pellegrino-Celio
Kathy Chapski	

Community Outreach Members

Kate Murphy	Liz Cirella
Sarah Klump	Florine LeCompte
Sara Martin	Debra Parziale
Tiffany Scheffler	Taylor Gillette
Janessa LeCompte-Daquay	

Fun Development Council Members

Felicia Pandola	Jenn Peters
Ali Novak	Laura Nicholson
Chappell Kettleman	

Membership Council

Mentor Coordinator	Catherine Catucci
Transfer Liaison	Kristine Higgins
New Member Chair	Allison Rubin
Members	
Brittany McHale	Heidi Tripp
Mallory Kuno	Ashley Kuzmanko
Amanda McCafferty	

Nominating Committee Members

Nancy Serpa	Sabrina Paradis
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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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2016-2017

Valerie A. Endress
Associate Professor of Communication
Director, American Democracy Project
Rhode Island College

Lisa Guillette
Executive Director
Foster Forward

President's Message

I am thrilled to be serving as your President for this coming year! Although it's summertime, the wheels of the JLRI bus still go round and round! Your Governance Board has spent the retreat, and two additional sessions updating and finalizing the strategic plan, which we will roll out in September. Your Management Team has developed its annual plan, and is hard at work planning volunteer opportunities, fundraisers, recruitment events and social events. Both groups continue to work through transition issues around both the new Member Compact and the Governance/Management transition.

We kicked off the summer with a great June Social GMM at the Rooftop at Providence G. About 15 members attended, including a new transfer, who brought a friend as a prospective new member, along with two former members who are interested in rejoining. At our July Social GMM, held at Blu in East Greenwich, we had a similar group of about 15 members, including a prospective new member. Please **make some time to join us for our last one in August at The Viking Hotel in Newport! It's a great chance to stay connected to your fellow JLRI members over the summer.** There is NO AGENDA, just networking, sun and fun!

Our book club also remains active. In June, I had the pleasure of meeting the author of *The Fool's Truth*, at MC Miller's house and had an engaging discussion with other JLRI members of not only the book, but how this Bristol resident became a writer and the process of writing a novel. It was an interesting insight into the literary and publishing world! In July, held on Nancy Serpa's boat we dove into the elite world of Truman Capote and his "swan's" with *The Swans of Fifth Avenue*. We also got to meet our newest JLRI "friend"—Lida Cooper's baby girl!

And we still have a packed summer of events remaining! At the time of writing this, I am looking forward to our annual Picnic & Ponies event and stomping some divets with my fellow JLRI-ers. Our summer book club will focus on Harmony and will be held on Sabrina's boat. Lastly, but certainly not least, please join us for our 25th, and final, Pizzuti Open, and celebrate League member Grace Dugan's, and her husband, Greg Pizzuti's, amazing contributions to the League and to the American Cancer Society. It is a day not to be missed! Grace & Greg have given so much to ACS and to the JLRI over the years—it is an honor be a small part of all that they do.

Before we know it, and I'm certainly not wishing the summer away, September will be here. I am excited for our September GMM, at which we will have a foster care mom tell us about her experiences with her foster children—ones she kept and others she had to return to their parents. Bring your tissues—it will drive home to each of us why we are tackling the issue of Youth Aging out of Foster Care. You will also be hearing about some of our changes to the GMM structure that we are implementing in response to comments from all of you and will be unveiling some new Community Service shifts designed to give you more options.

Also in September, we will also have a visitor from the Junior League of Evansville, Lisa Vaughn, who will join us for an informative night over dinner and cocktails about how her league rolled out and benefited from the Member Compact and the Governance/Management roll-out. This event is open to all JLRI members.

This upcoming year will surely be a year of transition and change, but your Board and Management Team is dedicated to also making it a year of fun and bonding. **Join us for one event, join us for them all, but please don't be a stranger!**



Tracy Baran, President
2017-2018 League Years

Sustainer Spotlight

Submitted by Cynthia Affronti

For those of you I haven't had a chance to meet yet, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Sustainer Director for the 2017-2018 League year. I look forward to an exciting year ahead of us and welcome all suggestions about how we can keep our Sustainers engaged with the Junior League of Rhode Island.

When I met with Betsy (Elizabeth) Smith to learn further about my new role, she explained to me the Sustainer Spotlight series that was started by Nancy Dorsey in 2015. I am honored to write my first article and find it quite fitting to feature one of the very first people I spoke to when I transferred to the JLRI from the New York City League - Putney Pyles. From the initial phone conversation I had with Putney, to meeting her at the first GMM I attended, Putney has been extremely welcoming, informative and kind. Exactly what you would expect from a Junior League member!



Putney is originally from the suburbs of Connecticut where she lived until she was 12 when her parents decided to leave the hustle and bustle of city life behind and move to rural New Hampshire. She spent her high school and college years there before moving to Boston then onto San Francisco in 2003. Putney began with the Junior League of San Francisco in 2004, looking for a social outlet and an opportunity to volunteer. She was an Active with them until 2009 when she relocated back to the East Coast and lived in Boston. She then transferred to the Junior League of Rhode Island from the Boston League when she moved here in 2012. **The Junior League has always been a part of Putney's life with her Grandmother and Mom belonging to the Connecticut League and her sister and sister-in-law both involved in the New York City League.**

During her time with the JLRI, Putney has served in various capacities such as the Training Committee, Placement Committee and Placement Committee Chair. She became a Sustainer in 2015 and subsequently participated on the Governance Management Ad Hoc Committee that year. This past League year she served as the Nominating Chair-Elect assisting the Chair with active membership along with the selection of current and future leaders of the JLRI. Putney has enjoyed all of her roles and the sense of commitment and follow through that comes along with taking on each of these responsibilities. **She feels it's important to convey that to her fellow members and she tries her best to model it in how she interacts within the League as a whole.**

Like most of us, Putney was looking for an opportunity to meet other women and develop a connection to her new community when she started with the Junior League. In addition to meeting new people, Putney has felt the League has provided her the platform to grow as a leader in a supported environment. Through the Junior League, her leadership skills have grown in the various roles she has held which has benefitted her with improved communication, greater comfort with public speaking and more ease in sharing thoughts and opinions in open forums because of the support she has received from her League members. Putney utilizes these skills in her professional career working for Healthcentric Advisors, a nonprofit healthcare quality improvement organization. As Putney expressed to me **"speaking up and speaking out can be intimidating but I think we do a good job, as a League, of allowing our members to do so in a way that allows us to grow and evolve in a supportive and encouraging environment".**

I think Putney is the perfect example of how the Junior League can grow with each of us during the various chapters of our lives. Putney recently was married to her husband, Kevin Wendell, this past **New Year's Eve. They live on the East Side in Providence with her step daughter Kate and are expecting their first child together this September. Let's congratulate Putney for all her years of volunteering and wish her and her beautiful family all the best on their new adventures ahead. We look forward to having Putney with the Junior League of Rhode Island for many more years to come!**

3rd Annual Women Authors Luncheon

Submitted by Joan H. McMaster

Our 3rd Annual Women Authors Luncheon was held on Saturday, April 22nd at the 1149 Restaurant in Warwick. Our capacity crowd of JLRI members and their guests enjoyed a delightful and delicious luncheon of Sliced Roasted Turkey with Gravy, Caesar Salad, Pasta Primavera, Swedish Meatballs, Chicken Salad and Egg Salad Rolls, Gourmet Pastries and Coffee/Tea. Fabulous!



Our Guest Authors were Gail Gilkey, "The Flame Flickers", and Hank Phillipi Ryan, "Say No More".

Our theme for the day was full-time professionals who are also authors; Gail is an experienced physical therapist and Hank is an award-winning investigative reporter for Boston's Channel 7. Gail spoke of "The Flame Flickers" as a tribute to her late mother. Also as a chronicle of changes during the 20th century and how they impacted women's lives. Hank's heroine, Jane Ryland, a Boston TV reporter, encounters a series of sexual assault victims on Boston college campuses in "Say No More". She works with them to bring offenders to justice with the help of her fiance, Homicide Detective, Jake Brogan. All very fast-paced and surprising!

Following their presentations and a Q & A, our Guest Authors conducted a book-signing. Each had copies of their other books as well as the featured ones so JLRI members and their guests had a full selection from which to choose. Everyone had a great time! I am very grateful for our JLRI support for this event and I look forward to seeing you at our 4th Women Authors Luncheon next April. Suggestions are always welcome: jcaryll1@hotmail.com; thanks so much!

AJLI 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE Minneapolis, Minnesota

Submitted by Tracy Baran

This year's Annual Conference, themed Disrupt Convention, was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and as usual, was a three-day conference filled with workshops, inspirational speakers, and perhaps most importantly, networking with other leagues of all sizes.

The Conference started with its opening session at which we welcomed a new Junior League to the Association—The Junior League of Greenville, North Carolina. In the governance dialogue, the Association presented its three major focuses for the upcoming few years—diversity and inclusion, branding and membership categories. The Association reported that it would be hiring a consultant to work on its branding efforts, but the Association enjoyed a strong financial position could absorb such an expense.

As incoming President of the JLRI, I focused my workshop attendance on panels regarding the governance and management roll-out and the membership compact roll-out, gathering advice from other leagues who had previously implemented these strategies, and collecting ideas to **use in the JLRI's implementation**.

Other highlights included Keynote Speaker Cheryl Strayed, author of *Wild*, her memoir which was made into a major motion picture starring Reese Witherspoon, the closing Annual Banquet featuring a Price impersonator, and attending the Small Leagues Affinity Group, at which we discussed challenges and successes that leagues our size face.

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Ad Hoc Committees

100th Anniversary

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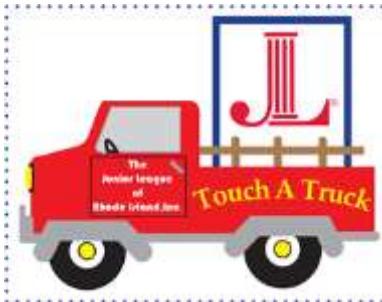
Carolyn Killian

Kim Bigonette

Jackie Tracy

Nancy Serpa

Community Service Update



The 2017 Touch-A-Truck event has been scheduled for Sunday September 17th from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Crescent Park Carousel in Riverside RI. Come out and join us for this fun, family event. In addition to the display of vehicles, families will enjoy carousel rides, and face painting. It is sure to be an enjoyable day for all who attend! The Junior League of Rhode Island has a strong historic focus on the well-being of children and families, holding a Touch-A-Truck event is a natural fit for our organization. This event will be centered around children, with the aim of fostering in them a strong sense of community by tapping into their natural fascination with our neighborhood helpers and the machines they use to perform their jobs. We hope kids will leave with an appreciation of and fondness for the folks who make the world we live in work, as well as an awareness of the possibilities for their own futures.

We will also take this opportunity to highlight our new community focus—youth aging out of foster care. **We plan to invite foster families with whom we've worked or hope to work so that they can have** a fun family day while getting to know us and what kind of support we can offer. Children placed in foster care represent some of the most vulnerable and insecure members of our society, and are the ones in greatest need of a strong sense of community and trust in communal and authority figures.

2017 Pizzuti Open

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Preps



Spring & Summer Fun



Picnic & Ponies



Drag Queen Bingo

Hats Off to ...



Mary Catharine Miller and Alison Croke for spending a sunny day facilitating the Board Retreat on June 10th!

Erin Herzog for providing written testimony on behalf of the JLRI in support of The Extension of Care Act!

Krystal Kazi and the membership team for planning a great June Social GMM and inviting past members to rejoin!

Chappell Kettleman, our new transfer from Pensacola, FL for bringing a potential new member to the June GMM!

Alissa Stuckey for planning yet another great Picnic & Ponies!

Member Announcements

Births:

Patricia "Dare" Cooper was born to proud parents Lida (A) and Charles Cooper on March 31, 2017.



Congratulations to Putney Pyles (S) and Kevin Wendell, who are expecting a new addition to their family in September.

Congratulations to Jenn (A) and Daniel Peters, who are expecting a new addition to their family in September.

A warm welcome to our new transfers:

Taylor Gillette (A) who transferred from Wichita, KS. She lives in Providence, RI.

Abigail Miller (A) who transferred from Boston, MA. She lives in Ledyard, CT.

Katharine Firestone (A) who transferred from Greenwich, CT. She lives in Providence, RI.

Upcoming Events

JLRI Roundtable Discussion with Another Small Junior League and its Transformation Rollout Challenges

Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Time: 4:00-9:00 pm (come for all or part of the session)

Location: Spiritos Restaurant, 477 Broadway, Providence, RI 02909

Open to ALL members!

Please RSVP on the Volunteer Calendar or contact Nancy Serpa at nancytserpa@gmail.com



Come participate in a fun and interactive discussion with Lisa Ryland-Vaughan, Past President from the JL of Evansville IN. Lisa has led the Governance & Management, Community Impact and Member Compact roll-outs for her league. She has presented at AJLI conferences and consulted with many leagues on these topics and more. Lisa has a vibrant personality and understands the many challenges that small Leagues like ours can go through. Unable to

make the full session? Not to worry - simply come for the times you can join us!

JLRI 100th Anniversary Focus Groups

It is hard to believe that JLRI's 100th Anniversary is approaching in four years! The 100th Anniversary Steering Committee has been very busy with the planning process and would like to share with you our high-level road map. We will be conducting focus groups on October 23, 2017 and April 30, 2018 to receive input from ALL members as to how *YOU* would like to celebrate our 100 years of "women building better communities". We look forward to your suggestions and overall support!

Note: JLRI 100th Anniversary Committees have not been formally established at this time. If you are interested in participating in one of these committees down the road, please feel free to reach out to the JLRI 100th Anniversary Steering Committee Chairs: Mary Catharine

JLRI CALENDAR AUGUST 2017 - OCTOBER 2017

AUGUST

- 2 Recruitment Social
- 8 Social GMM
- 9 JLRI Book Club
- 11 Recruitment Social & Movie
- 15 Membership Council Meeting
- 16 Community Outreach Council Meeting
- 22 3rd Annual Women Authors Luncheon

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Roundtable Discussion
- 7 Recruitment Social
- 12 GMM Dinner
- 17 Touch-A-Truck
- 19 Membership Council Meeting
- 21 JLRI Book Club
- 26 Community Outreach Council Meeting

OCTOBER

- 10 October GMM
- 17 Membership Council Meeting
- 18 JLRI Book Club
- 23 JLRI 100th Anniversary Focus Group
- 24 Community Outreach Council Meeting

Miller at mc@reagan.com or Petra Jenkins at petra.jenkins@genmills.com.

Please sign up for one of the following focus groups:

1. Monday, October 23, 2017 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Nancy Serpa's house, 2 Canonicus Ave, Newport RI 02840

RSVP by October 20th on the Volunteer Calendar and email Nancy at nancytserpa@gmail.com

2. Monday, April 30, 2018 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Hostess: Petra Jenkins, 1 Wayland Ave #305N, Providence RI 02906

Please RSVP by April 27th on the Volunteer Calendar and email Petra at petra.jenkins@genmills.com

Upcoming Events (continued)



Upcoming Book Club Dates

August Book: "Harmony" by Carolyn Parkhurst. Date: Thursday, August 9th at 6.30pm - 8.30pm Location: Sabrina's boat, Newport Marina, 26 Lees Wharf, Newport RI 02840 Hostess: Sabrina Paradis, please RSVP at sparadis4301@yahoo.com and sign up on Volunteer Calendar.

September Book: "Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk" by Kathleen Rooney Date: Thursday, September 21st at 6.30pm - 8.30pm (people can come as early as 6:00pm for food & drinks) Location: Katie's house, 43 A Street, Cranston, RI 02920 (Park on street) Hostess: Katie Nardolillo, please RSVP at katie.nardolillo.jlri@gmail.com and sign up on Volunteer Calendar.

October Book: "Mademoiselle Chanel" by C. W. Gortner Date: Wednesday, October 18th at 6.30pm - 8.30pm Location: Warwick Country Club, 394 Narragansett Bay Ave, Warwick RI 02889 Hostess: Nancy Dorsey at ndorsey330@gmail.com and sign up on the Volunteer Calendar.

November Book: "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon Date: Wednesday, November 29th at 6.30pm - 8.30pm Location: Carolyn's house, 40 Web Avenue ~ Unit 214, North Kingstown, RI 02852 Hostess: Carolyn Killian, please RSVP at Killianpallacarolyn@gmail.com and sign up on the Volunteer Calendar.

December Book: "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline Date: Thursday, December 7th at 6.30pm - 8.30pm Location: Tree House Tavern Restaurant, 1094 Centerville Rd, Warwick, RI 02886 Hostess: Alissa Stuckey, please RSVP at astuckey.jlri@gmail.com and sign up on Volunteer Calendar.