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JLI Trivia Night

By: Rachel Conner, JLI Leadership Academy

he Junior League of Indianapolis hosted its first Trivia Night on September 12, 2018 at The District Tap. The event was a group project organized by members of the second class of JLI Leadership Academy



and was a sold-out fundraiser! The event was open to the public and had fantastic participation not only from JLI members, but also from friends and spouses of members. A total of twenty-one teams of four signed up to test their trivia knowledge. The teams came up with some creative and fun names, including "Junior League of their Own," "The Leslie Knopes," "We Thought This Was Speed Dating," "Mart-y All Night," "The Sweet Carolines," and "Bazinga."

Guests of the event were given a free drink ticket for a beer from sponsorship partner Sun King Brewery and were able to order food and drinks throughout the event, which lasted from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. In addition to the trivia contest, there were also prize bags available for purchase. Every bag contained fun goodies, but five bags also contained a winner's card matching a fantastic large prize. Prize bag winners took home gifts from Vineyard Vines, Cake Bake, Athleta, and Kendra Scott.

The competition was fierce, and the scores were often close, but at the end of the night "Doctors & Wives" was declared the winning team! Trivia Night was a great success and the Leadership Academy students thank everyone who helped put on the event and purchased tickets. The funds raised by the event will go to JLI's general fund.





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Dear Members

e are half-way into our League year, the holidays are right around the corner and Holiday Mart is still in the air! Thank you to all who supported us this year as the Holiday Mart committee worked tirelessly to bring you a fabulous shopping extravaganza and new special events to enjoy. Thank you to the HM Chairs Catherine Seat and Karla Gosche-Williams, Financial Resources VP Marissa Frizzell, and the entire HM Committee for all their hard work and countless hours they spent to make this year's HM a retail experience to remember.

In September, President-Elect Patrice Dawson and I traveled to Sugar Land, Texas to attend the Fall A]LI Conference. We participated in service plenaries



Stacy Payne Miller 2017-2019 President

to understand AJLI's priority goals and strategic framework guiding our work, discussed best practices among Leagues across the country, attended workshops to better prepare our Leagues for the future and heard from keynote speaker New York Times - bestselling author Beth Macy. She discussed her journey as a journalist and author and the inspirational stories that have influenced her work along the way including the inspiration for her latest book "DOPESICK: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Company that Addicted America," a look at the national opioid epidemic. As I reflect on her inspirations and my takeaways from the conference, I share them below in hopes they might inspire you.

Focus not on rewards, but on Just. Doing. Good. Work.

Whenever someone does the opposite of everyone else (and wins), pay attention.

Leaders give, they don't always get.

Stay true to your theme- just be you.

Find mentors, people who inspire you, and people you can go to for help.

Take time to breathe, lean in and listen.

Sometimes you just get lucky—but also, chance favors the prepared mind.

Get outside of you zip code. Make friends there, too!

Best, **Stacy**



AJLI Conference with JL Presidents pictured from Los Angeles, Boston, Phoenix, Orange County, Tuscan, Long Beach, Pasadena, Seattle, San Diego, Boca Raton, Minneapolis



AJLI Conference: Stacy & Patrice

President Elect Announcement

By: Sarah Holsapple, Holsapple Communications

n September, The Junior League of Indianapolis (JLI) announced its president-elect for 2019–2021, Patrice Dawson. Dawson joined JLI in 2014 after transferring from North Carolina where she had been a member of the Junior League of Greensboro since 2008.

In her four years as a JLI member, Dawson has played an active role in leadership, serving as a Placement Chair, Partners Advancing Students Success (PASS) Chair, Director at Large and a delegate for the Association of Junior Leagues International's bi-annual conference, the Organizational Development Institute (ODI). Through her work on the JLI's Community Council, Dawson has been an integral part of League partnerships with Indianapolis non-profits and grant programming.

"Many of Patrice's placements in the League have centered around creating strategy for how our organization can make a greater community impact," said Stacy Payne Miller, JLI President. "I am confident that her focus and dedication to serving Indianapolis will translate into an impactful tenure as JLI president."

Dawson's heart for the community spans further than her

responsibilities with the JLI, she also serves as the PTO president of West Clay Elementary.

"John F. Kennedy once said, 'One person can make a difference, and everyone should try," said Dawson. "I view my service to the JLI that way. Hundreds of women work together to achieve a common goal. Without the effort of each



Patrice Dawson 2019-2021 President-Elect

woman, our organization would not excel at things like awarding grants, training volunteers and providing personal growth opportunities for our members."

Dawson holds a bachelor's degree from Greensboro College in business administration and economics. She lives in Carmel with her husband and two children. Dawson's term as president will begin in June of 2019. ■



Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) Organizational Development Institute

By: Elizabeth Kinder; Arts for Learning Co-Chair

rom October 19-21, Christina Davis and I were lucky to attend the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) Organizational Development Institute held in Little Rock, Arkansas.

I was joined at this event by 259 other JLI women, representing 99 different leagues. While nearly 40% of these women represented general membership, nearly 60% held chair through board positions.

Over the course of my three days, I dove into training on the structure and purpose of impact-based community model, which can help League's target better ways to serve their communities, while also bettering its members. To this end, we focused heavily on the goal of the AJLI to train future civic leaders through dedication to community service. This made me think, what are the opportunities we can provide in the Community Council to grow effective volunteers and service leaders? How can we help our community to make real and lasting change? How can we better tell our "story" to the Indianapolis community through meaningful volunteer service? I don't know all of the answers yet, but I am eager to think more about the topic to enhance the JLI volunteer experience.

In between sessions, I rejoined the other women in attendance to take a deeper dive into diversity and inclusion - a topic that is a focus for all Leagues at this time. Of all the concepts I took away from the keynote speaker, a professor of D&I, his statement that "diversity

is being asked to the party, while inclusion is being asked to dance" stuck with me the most. Consider what activities and projects bring you out of your comfort zone into a "learning" zone. What "safe" challenges can you face that will help you grow as a person and member? I think this is an apt time to consider this statement as we head into election season. What's holding you back from putting your name in the hat for a leadership position? I bet you there is more to gain than to lose.

Finally, I was thrilled to tour the Junior League of Little Rock's building during its Friday night opening reception. The women of the League were tremendously inviting, taking us on tours of their grand, historic building. (The League rents out its space for parties, including weddings!) What was most impressive to me was that the League rents out its top floor office space to around seven small not-for-profit organizations for market value. In this collaborative space, budding charities can use the assets of a physical address and insights from others making it work just like them to launch their passions for philanthropy into realities.

I found this experience deeply meaningful as a leader in the Junior League and as a general civic volunteer. I came across a banner that read "unrelenting voices for action, justice and change" and felt goosebumps. This is our purpose. This is our call to action. I've never been so proud to be a Junior League woman.







Photo captions?

The President's Roundtable

By: Stacy Payne Miller, JLI President

MISSION: To bring together leaders from diverse women's civic, social and service organizations throughout Indianapolis and Central Indiana. Its purpose is to share information, exchange ideas, enhance leadership skills by providing cutting edge training, and cultivate opportunities to build collaboration.

he Junior League of Indianapolis recognized an underlying urgency to address the increasing demands placed on women and how the future of volunteerism requires organizations to rapidly adapt to the ever-changing contemporary nonprofit environment and women's needs. As a result, JLI founded the Presidents Roundtable in January 2000. The Presidents Roundtable (PRT) was established to work collectively with the Presidents, President-Elects, and immediate Past Presidents of current women's organizations to strengthen and enhance their groups.

From the Presidents Roundtable's inception, it has been actively involved in the Indianapolis Community by providing networking and leadership opportunities for its members. Activities have included meetings with public officials, serving annually on the Mayor's Community Service Awards committee; hosting the Saks Fifth Avenue Grand opening; participating in public service activities; and various training opportunities on relevant topics that relate to our organization operations and community impact.

The Junior League of Indianapolis acts as the fiscal agent for PRT. The PRT is responsible for collecting dues form their member organizations annually and paying expenses associated with their activities. All cash receipts and disbursements are processed through the League's separately maintained PRT bank account. No funds from any League bank or investment account are used to support the operations of the PRT.

FUN FACT: In May 2006, the Presidents Roundtable won the Association of Junior Leagues International's (AJLI) Award for Collaboration, which is awarded by the AJLI. This award is given for innovative and effective collaborations and community partnerships. The Presidents Roundtable was recognized as a model program for collaborations. ■



Congresswoman Susan W. Brooks addressed the PRT on the topic of women leadership at their October General Meeting. Representing JLI: Michelle Study-Campbell, Past President; Stacy Payne Miller, President; Patrice Dawson, President-Elect

ORGANIZATIONS IN MEMBERSHIP

Alliance of the Indianapolis Museum of Art

Assistance League of Indianapolis

The Children's Museum Guild, Inc.

Christamore House Guild, Inc.

Conner Prairie Alliance

Crossroads Guild Inc.

Damar Guild, Inc.

Day Nursery Auxiliary

Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis

Indianapolis American Cancer Society Guild

Indianapolis Symphony
Orchestra Association

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North Group

Junior League of Indianapolis

Indianapolis Chapter of Links, Inc.

Methodist Hospital Task

Core

National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Indianapolis Chapter

St. Margaret's Hospital Guild, Inc.

Women for Riley

Office of the Mayor of Indianapolis

Provisional Committee Working Hard!

By: Anica Kellams & Alex Navarre, Provisional Chairs

he Provisional Committee has been busy in 2018! The Winter 2018 Provisional Class continues to work hard in their Placements on the Community Impact Committee and the Holiday Mart Committee. These women have coordinated the logistics,



Summer Provisionals mentors ready to welcome the new provisional class



Your 2018-2019 Provisional Chairs, Anica Kellams and Alex Navarre!

planning, and communication for these league-wide events. In January, we will celebrate their graduation to active membership! We look forward to seeing how they contribute to the league as active members!

In July, we welcomed our newest class of Summer Provisionals to the league. So far, this class of 48 women has learned JLI's history, the basics of the league and Digital Cheetah, and our governance and management. In the coming months, they will be working together to complete a Do In A Day volunteer project at the Athenaeum, participate in a training event based on setting goals, and be able to connect with some of our sustaining members to learn more about the history of the JLI and our past projects. In December, they will begin their placements serving on either the Community Impact

Project Committee or the Around the Community Around the Clock Committee. We can't wait to see what they can accomplish!

Stay tuned for more from the Provisional Committee as we have many exciting things planned for the rest of 2018 and 2019! ■



Summer Provisional members learned about the governance and management of the Junior League at the JLI 102 training



JLI sustainer Cece Gerdenich spoke to the Summer Provisional class about the history of the Junior League and some of our most important past projects at the JLI 101 training



Summer 2018 Provisionals kickoff their provisional year at Laurel hall in July

Good News

nica Kellams (Lesjak) was accepted to the IU Foundation Emerging Leaders program. Congratulations Anica! Sustainer Kit Werb got a new job as Communications

Melissa Schade van Westrum took a new position as Associate General Counsel with Zotec Partners, LLC in Carmel in August. Congratulations Melissa!

Director of the Glick Foundation. Congratulations Kit!

Alexandra Blackwell accepted a new role as Associate Attorney at Katz Korin Cunningham. Congratulations Alexandra!

Ali McNichols (Norman) started a new role as Social Media Manager at Matchbook Creative in August and was married at on September 29 to Patrick McNichols. Congratulations Ali!

Kait Schutz was married on September 2nd. Congratulations Kait! Janelle Gilbert and her husband, Jason, adopted their first child.

Valerie was born April 5th at a local Indianapolis hospital. Congratulations Janelle!

Stephanie Anderson welcomed a baby girl into the world this September. Congratulations Stephanie!

Membership **Outreach Committee** Announcement

The Membership Recruitment Committee encourages all members (provisional, active and sustaining) to consider the women in their lives (family, friends, neighbors, co-workers) as potential JLI members. Please notify them of our MR events and help them sign up on the Cheetah!

Abby Bean and her family welcomed a baby girl, Caroline Elizabeth, on August 27th. Congratulations Abby!

Winter Provisional Rachel Bogle of CBS 4 Indy was crowned Ms. USA Universal in August. Congratulations Rachel! ■

Save the Date

Sustainer Holiday Celebration

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Glossbrenner Mansion 3203 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN 46208 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. (317) 925-4600 or office@jlindy.org by December 4, 2018





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Spotlight: Anne Curosh



My job:

Associate Director of Advancement at the Alpha Chi Omega Foundation

Current Placement:

Provisional Mentor

My Family:

Husband Kevin

Pets:

We don't have any pets of our own right now, but we have a golden retriever "niece" named Kate we love to spoil!

Hometown:

Fort Wayne, IN

Favorite Indianapolis Restaurant:

Anything in the Patachou restaurant group

Favorite Placement:

Love being a provisional mentor this year!

Personal Reason for Joining JLI:

To learn more about and support the Indy community!

Favorite quote:

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

-Teddy Roosevelt

Spotlight:

Karla Gosche-Williams



My job:

Global Supply Chain Planner at Roche

My Family:

Husband Craig, stepsons Eli and Jonas

Pets:

Dag Sophie, Cat Oliver

Hometown:

Muncie, IN until my parents moved prior to my senior year of high school to Greenville, IN

Favorite Indianapolis Restaurant:

This is a hard question. I have so many "favorite" restaurants. Late Harvest Kitchen, BlueBeard, Salty Cowboy, so many choices!

Favorite Placement:

Holiday Mart, of course!

Personal Reason for Joining JLI:

To learn more about the Indianapolis community and how I could help to improve it. I also wanted to meet women/ friends with likeminded goals

Favorite quote:

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Spotlight: Catherine Seat



My job:

Communications Director, Indiana Treasurer of State

My Family:

Married for almost 3 years to Pete

Pets:

Paxson, mini golden doodle

Hometown:

Mooresville, IN

Favorite Indianapolis Restaurant:

La Piedad in Broad Ripple

Favorite Placement:

Holliday Mart!

Personal Reason for Joining JLI:

I wanted to engage in an environment of diverse women who work together to achieve a common goal. Junior League provides me with a tight-knit community outside of my work obligations to learn and grow - and I'm truly committed to the members and the organization!

Favorite quote:

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." (Walt Disney)

Community Council Open House

By: Madeleine Kellner, Community VP

n August 7, 2018 the JLI hosted the 1st Community
Council Open House for past, current, and future
community partners in the Lobby at our Headquarters.

Past grant open house events have been crucial to the success of each
cycle. This year, in accordance with the Community Council's Year 2
action plan we wanted to expand the audience and information at the
event.

We hosted 5 stations for non-profit partner attendees to connect with:

- Getting volunteers. Spearheaded by our current Community
 Impact Project and Around the Community, Around the Clock
 chairs, this station helped non-profit partners learn about
 opportunities to use JLI members for their events.
- Grants. Led by Jan Need, our current Grants chair and with support from Grants committee members, attendees were given the information about the Community Assistance Grants cycle and timelines. Additional discussion about criteria for the Trust Fund Grants cycle and timelines were had by many partners.
- Diversity and Inclusion. Thanks to Stephanie Flitner for leading the conversation about how JLI is committed to

- fostering a welcoming spirit among our members and nonprofit partnerships.
- 4. **JLI History.** Hosted by Stacy Payne-Miller and Patrice Dawson, this station offered a good starting place for any new partners who weren't as familiar with our league's presence in the community.
- 5. Current Partners. Our Arts for Learning and School on Wheels committee chairs were able to explain how JLI committees are doing continuous direct-service with partners in the community. Several attendees wanted more information how to become a JLI partner.

In addition to the stations we had members from Recruitment and Marketing to help greet attendees and generate interest in the JLI.

With over 40 attendees from 25 different organizations this Community Open House event was a huge success! Through the success of the marketing campaign we reached new non-profit partners and were able to connect directly with them. Keep spreading the word on what JLI can do!

Thank you again to everyone who helped make this event happen this year. \blacksquare

Society of St. Andrews

By: Ellen Fitzgerald, Community Impact Project Committee Chair

'LI volunteers worked hard at The Society of St. Andrew, who taught members about the impact of a community garden. This plot of land was once a field of grass, until the organization transformed it into a volunteer run garden. This garden has produced 5 tons of food this year alone for Gleaners Food Bank! Members planted kale, chard, and oats, and picked tomatoes.





State Public Affairs Committee Hosts Naloxone Education Training Event

By: Erika Steuerwald, Board at Large, SPAC Committee Chair

early two out of three Indiana residents knows someone battling addiction, according to a new study by Indiana University's Responding to the Addictions Crisis Grand Challenge Initiative. JLI's newly-invigorated State Public Affairs Committee is responding to these findings by educating members on the effects of the opioid epidemic and arming them with life-saving training and tools.

Here in Indiana, there has been a dramatic increase in drug overdose deaths over the past decade. We lost over 1,500 Hoosier lives to drug overdoses in 2016, a devastating 23 percent increase from the previous year. Over 50 percent of these deaths resulted from opioids. Opioid use has cost the state more than \$43 billion since 2003, billions more than the annual state budget.

In early September, the Indiana State Department of Health's Trauma and Injury Prevention Division conducted a training for JLI members on how to administer Naloxone, a medication that can reverse potentially fatal overdoses from opioid painkillers and heroin.

At this training, members gained important knowledge on the chronic disease of addiction, causes and conditions of the opioid crisis, signs and symptoms of opioid and heroin use, signs and symptoms of overdose, the overdose reversal drug naloxone, and the administration of naloxone.

Naloxone, also known by the brand name Narcan[®], is a non-narcotic that is an antidote for opioid overdoses. If administered in a timely manner, naloxone can reverse the life-threatening respiratory failure

that is usually the cause of overdose deaths. Naloxone has been proven effective in reversing overdoses caused by heroin and prescription medications such as OxyContin, Percocet, Methadone and Vicodin.

Members who completed the training received a Naloxone Information and Training Certificate issued by the Indiana State Department of Health. With this certificate, members can obtain a dose of Naloxone from their local health department.

Interested in joining the SPAC Committee? Email Erika Steuerwald, Board At Large, at erikahall44@gmail.com.

SPAC Mission Statement:

The State Public Affairs Committee will help the Junior League take action on select non-partisan issues at the state and local levels that impact our members and the community at large. SPAC will specifically focus on the following issues: (a) improving the lives of women and children at risk, (b) preparing students for academic success, and (c) food insecurity.

SPAC's key objectives are to:

- Educate JLI membership about important issues affecting Indianapolis and central Indiana;
- Build awareness of JLI and its service to the community with local officials and legislators; and
- Inform JLI members of the legislative process and how to influence legislation.







JLI members learn how to administer naloxone properly.

Little Red Door Cancer Agency (Trust Fund Grant recipient)

By: Ellen Fitzgerald, Community Impact Project Committee Chair

embers worked with Little Red Door at the Fair Grounds for Cancer Survivors Day on Sunday, August 12! A day for celebrating survivorship and making the most of life and the least of cancer. Members assisted with standing along survivors' lane to help with the art projects, passed out educational information at the Little Red Door Booth, and passed out water to the community partners.

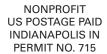
Junior League of Indianapolis donates \$50,000 to Patachou Foundation

By: Patrice Dawson

s part of our commitment to increase our financial commitments to the community, The Junior League of Indianapolis is donating \$50,000 to support the Patachou Foundation in the building of a new kitchen. The Patachou Foundation provides wholesome meals to foodinsecure school children in our community. With over 31,500 meals served to over 1,200 children in



Indianapolis, the Patachou Foundations mission aligns with our focus area of Preparing Students for Academic Success. Over the next few months, we will be investigating future opportunities for The Junior League of Indianapolis to partner with the Patachou Foundation.





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DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITMENT

The Junior League welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations and communities.

OUR VISION

The Junior League of Indianapolis will be a catalyst for lasting change in the lives of children and their families in our community.

PLAN AHEAD

Future General Membership Meetings

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February 21, 2019

March 2019

April 25, 2019

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