



Celebrating 60 years ubulant Service 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our League year was truly spectacular. It was a year filled with inspiration, hard work and celebration, and I couldn't be more proud of what Junior League of Lafayette accomplished. I am constantly impressed by the caliber of women who make up Junior League of Lafayette and the opportunities afforded to our members to make a meaningful impact on the Lafayette community. Our members have a diverse set of backgrounds and interests and are role models throughout our community. We have a rich history of touching lives and are fortunate to carry our League experiences with us into our jobs, homes and other volunteer opportunities. These experiences change the lives of the women and children that we serve while enriching the lives of our members.

On September 30, 2017, Junior League of Lafayette celebrated 60 years of service to the Lafayette community. The seeds we have planted continue to enrich our community and provide trained volunteers in areas of need that surround the healthy development and education of children, as well as foster the wellbeing of women. At the heart of our work, our Mission has been constant. We promote voluntarism. We develop women. We improve our community.

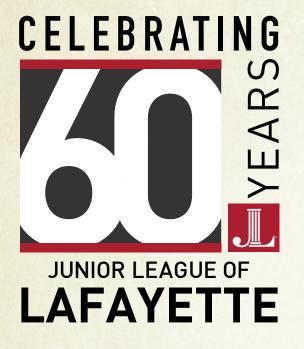
**CORINNE SPRAGUE** 

Through the efforts of our members, the tremendous support of our fundraisers and the financial contributions from our sponsors, Junior League of Lafayette is truly making a difference in the lives of women and children. Just this year, approximately 300 women invested over 24,000 hours of volunteer service into our community.

In addition to our community work, Junior League of Lafayette was honored to receive the ICON Trailblazer Award for our contributions to arts and culture in Lafayette over the last 60 years. The ICON Awards are the premier event for the Arts + Business + Culture Fund which showcases and honors individuals and organizations—past and present—who have made a difference in shaping our creative economy. The ceremony, and prestigious award, were quite timely in ending the year with such special recognition.

It has been an amazing honor and privilege to serve this organization and its members. We have an exceptional legacy that serves as our foundation and a remarkable network of members, community partners, sponsors, donors, and friends that we partner with as we work to build a better Lafayette. To each of you, I extend my sincerest appreciation for supporting our Mission and allowing Junior League of Lafayette to impact our community for the past 60 years.

Corinne Sprague





This year, Junior League of Lafayette celebrated its 60th anniversary. Sixty years of dedication to women and children in the community. Sixty years of trained volunteers committing countless hours to serving a multitude of needs here in Acadiana. Sixty years of fundraising, friendships and hard work. The planning for the celebration of this landmark anniversary actually started a year prior and the two-pronged approach, both internally as a League and externally with the community, went off without a hitch.

Teasing the theme, the plans for

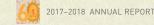
celebrating 60 years were introduced at Junior League's 2017 Annual Dinner with goodie bags and a Bubbles and Brushes invite placed at each seat. Also unveiled that night was a customized 60th medallion designed by P.J. Naomi at Paul's Jewelry available for purchase. League members were invited to attend the kick-off celebration of Bubbles and Brushes where they decorated tiles to help complete the bathroom walls of Junior League's headquarters, while sipping champagne and dining on hors d'oeuvres made with recipes from Junior League's

award winning cookbook series, *Talk About Good!* 

Preview Party of Tinsel & Treasures was the perfect setting for the grand celebration of our 60 years that included a beautiful celebratory display featuring a one-of-a-kind ice sculpture, commemorative wine glasses, gift bags and a delicious anniversary cake.

The final celebration came after receiving the Arts, Business and Culture's ICON Trailblazer award with Sip, See, and Celebrate! - an event where League members viewed all the completed tiles as well as the distinguished ICON award and video.

A year filled with the commemoration of achievements both past and present, the 60th anniversary of Junior League of Lafayette was well celebrated. The service that the women of the League dedicate to our community is something to be recognized and honored. The 60th anniversary is just a stepping stone in a long journey of continued commitment to serving the community for many more years to come.





**Back Row:** Carlee Alm-Labar, Melissa Maeker, Alise Hagan, Allison Dickerson, Alison Howard, Angela Cring, Rita Goodrich, Christina Olivier, Elizabeth Johnson; **Front Row:** Melanie Fowler, Corinne Sprague, Mary Courville



Back Row: Kathryn Reaux, Cydra Wingerter, Caroline Potier, Paige Capell, Amy Courvelle; Front Row: Monica Zuschlag, Melanie Fowler, Judy Mahtook

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Board of Directors and Management Team Q&A

# In your eyes, how have you seen the impact that Junior League of Lafayette has made in our community?

**Mary Courville, President-Elect:** Grant us the joy of filling someone's need. We recite this in our Association prayer and it could not resonate with me more when I reflect on Junior League of Lafayette's impact on our community. We have planted many seeds in our community that grew beyond our expectations, we began many local non-profits that are still servicing the people of Acadiana, and we have developed many women to

be trained volunteers and civic leaders. The rich history and tradition of service of Junior League of Lafayette continues to grow.

**Melanie Fowler, Executive Vice President:** Every time I talk to a fellow League member, I realize how far reaching the League's impact is. Each member is a highly trained volunteer, and they are going out every day to different parts of our community and using their time and talents to help make Lafayette a better place!

**Melissa Maeker, Director-at-Large:** A number of leaders, both in the philanthropic community as well as with regards to business & commerce, are members of Junior League of Lafayette. I think that the training we receive, as well as the empowerment we feel by our affiliation with the League, is directly correlated to the positions we take on outside of the League. And, we are making a difference in this community.

**Caroline Potier, Placement Chair:** In my eyes, the impact I see that Junior League of Lafayette has made in our community is through our volunteers. By providing our community with trained volunteers, we are not only living our Mission of developing the potential of women but we are also flooding our community with passionate and well-trained volunteers who are able to contribute to the betterment of all.

# What do you envision for the future of Junior League of Lafayette?

**Carlee Alm-Labar, Chief Financial Officer:** Our future will be much like our roots. We will continue to engage women to make a difference, and we will continue to make Lafayette a better community!

Allison Dickerson, Director-at-Large: I envision that our League will continue to grow and develop the ladies in our League. In turn, these ladies will continue to thrive and be active members of our community—solving problems, strengthening partnerships and molding future leaders.

Alison Howard, Sustaining Advisor, Board of Directors: I envision that the League will continue to be the most relevant organization for women effecting positive community change for generations to come.

#### Elizabeth Johnson, Nominating and Board Development Chair:

Thanks to a strong Mission and even stronger members, our future will be steadfast. With membership continuing to grow, I see our work in the community having the same lasting impact it's had since our inception 60 years ago.

# What is the best advice you can offer a member about serving in the League?

Angela Cring, Director-at-Large: You will get out what you put into it so dive in and prepare to learn a great deal about yourself, your fellow members, and our community. Alise Hagan, Governance Advisory Panel Chair: As women, we wear many hats and are pulled in many directions. Often people ask "how do you do it all?" and my best advice is simply, "Wherever you are, be there." In other words, when you are volunteering, be fully committed to that moment and experience, just as you are when you return to work or home or other obligations. Be fully there, and amazing things can happen.

Rita Goodrich, Secretary: The time and effort you invest in Junior League of Lafayette will return tenfold. Serving the League and this great community, alongside these amazing women, is such a blessing. The rewards of building friendships, relationships, bettering the community, and making a difference in Acadiana is just the beginning. If you embrace your placement and strive to be active and engaged as a member, I promise you will be amazed to see what this wonderful organization is all about. Monica Zuschlag, Financial Vice President: Be the one. Whatever that may be for you in a given year. Some years you may need to take a step back from huge time commitments and others you may chair important committees. Whatever you choose to do, be present. Be the one with a smile on your face, a positive attitude, and an open perspective. You never know what impact you could make in a small or large way or what you personally could learn.

# What has been your favorite experience or most memorable time as a member?

Amy Courvelle, Personnel Vice President: It's impossible to pick a favorite experience or the most memorable one because so many flood into my mind and will be forever in my heart! It's the ladies who I will always remember and the friendships formed during our Junior League journey together, that at the forefront we are called to serve and better the community, but ultimately, behind the scenes, we better ourselves. Christina Olivier, Director-at-Large: While I have enjoyed many of my League placements and experiences, my favorite was when I was Provisional Chair. I found great fulfillment in supporting those 50 talented and high-powered women as they learned about Junior League of Lafayette and how to create their own meaningful experiences. My heart and pride in that group expands each time I see and work with the 12 members of that original group who have continued to be contributing members. Corinne Sprague, President: I truly have loved my time as an active member, but it is serving as the 60th President of Junior League of Lafayette that will forever be my fondest memory. We had an unbelievable year full of celebration, local and national recognition, and we worked tirelessly for lasting community change. It was amazing to experience our members' commitment to our Mission and it was an honor to serve them.





ON Arts & Cultural Award

Junior League of Lafayette was honored to receive the 2018 ICON Arts and Cultural Trailblazer Award. The ICON Awards event celebrates those in the community who have made an impact on Acadiana through Arts, Business and Culture. Money raised from the event is contributed to the ABC Fund, housed within the Community Foundation of Acadiana, and is used to help sustain and support artists, arts organizations and Acadiana's cultural assets.

It was an honor to be acknowledged for the work we've done over the past 60 years to help support the arts in our community. In 1957, 17 civic-minded women founded the Service League of Lafayette to effect positive change in the community. The organization grew rapidly, eventually becoming Junior League of Lafayette, and through the decades has had a hand in shaping some of the most cherished community institutions such as Acadiana Center for the Arts, the Paul and Lulu Hilliard University Art Museum and the Lafayette Science Museum. In 1967, Junior League of Lafayette once again pioneered an invaluable piece of culture with the awardwinning, nationally recognized cookbook, *Talk About Good!*. Now a staple in most Louisiana kitchens, this cookbook is filled with some of our region's best recipes, and along with *Talk About Good II* (1978), *Tell Me More* (1993) and *Something to Talk About* (2005), is an important source of history and reflection on Cajun kitchens in South Louisiana.

As it did 60 years ago, Junior League of Lafayette continues to offer financial and personnel resources to support not only arts and culture, but a variety of nonprofits in Lafayette. The League has granted funds to projects, as well as provided the collective talents and volunteer efforts of League members. Members are an integral component to enacting community change, in part due to innumerable training opportunities, ensuring that League volunteers are well-versed in their areas of focus and equipped with the skills to make Lafayette better.

At the heart of the work, the Mission of Junior League of Lafayette has been constant: members are committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Now as an organization of more than 650 volunteer members strong, the League remains focused on influencing positive and lasting change in the community.

In receiving the ICON Trailblazer Award, Junior League of Lafayette joins other influential artists and business leaders who continue to make a difference in arts and culture in our community.



## Junior League of Lafayette Representatives on Local Nonprofit Boards:

Boys & Girls Club of Acadiana Cathy Lagrange

> Healing House Mary Courville

The Family Tree Rebecca Bayless

## Other League Representative Appointments:

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Community Foundation of Acadiana Funders Council Alison Alleman



Standing left to right: Julie Broussard, Sean Trcalek, Jan Risher, Dr. Tina Stefanski Seated left to right: Rita Goodrich, Mary Courville, Corinne Sprague, Dr. Jennifer Jackson

The Community Advisory Board for Junior League of Lafayette has been established to enhance relations and to seek objective opinions from community leaders on certain issues. It is a committee developed to provide a two-way communication link between the League and our community.

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Junior League of Lafayette has made an indelible mark on the community and thousands of women's lives, especially the lives of those members who are lucky enough to have family join them in their membership. With 60 years of service to Acadiana, there have been countless family members who have shared the love of Junior League of Lafayette together. It is not uncommon for grandmothers, mothers, daughters, aunts, nieces and cousins to wear the hat of voluntarism together. Even as time marches on and change throughout the decades has been constant, for these women, the love of volunteering and the commitment to improving the lives of women and children in Acadiana remains the same.



Maggie Justus and Darrellyn Burts

For this mother and daughter, the connection to community service truly began at the beginning. Darrellyn Burts' mother, Mrs. Margaret Ramsey Copeland, was the Service League's first President, and her step-mother, Mrs. Lucille Proctor Copeland, was the third. Burts reflects on her own start as a Provisional back in 1975 and how the League has truly molded her into the person she is today. "I was a shy girl, but the League taught me public speaking and organizational skills and gave me the opportunity to serve on numerous other Boards in the community." As with any nonprofit organization, Junior League of Lafayette's fundraising efforts are a key component in accomplishing the Mission. From the best-selling cookbook series, Talk About Good!, to Christmas

Comes Alive, and now Tinsel & Treasures, these women have seen the support of the Lafayette community truly flourish over the years. "I used to go with my mom to Christmas Comes Alive, then held at Blackham Coliseum, for many years, and now to see how it has grown into the current Tinsel & Treasures event is truly amazing," says Burts' daughter, Maggie Justus. "I love hearing all the stories from my mom and grandmother's active years of service, and now my favorite part is getting to attend Sustainer functions together." Burts adds, "The League has grown so much since my start in a provisional class of 12 women. But the best part of being in such a wonderful organization with family, is sharing the history and love of the League together."

LEGACY



Junior League has been a part of this dynamic family since its inception, and is still going strong today. Lesleen Owen, one of the original charter members of the Service League of Lafayette, a former President and now a Sustainer Emeritus. is most surprised at the sheer size the League has become. "It continues to grow bigger and bigger every year," she says. "The League is not only bigger, but also more diverse than when I joined," adds daughter, and also former President, Leslie Hayes. Hayes credits the League for giving her the training and skills she needed to start her own business. "Really, for me, the amount of technology that has developed over the years, and the way we communicate and organize voluntarism is the most notable

difference," remarks Hayes. Today, the family tradition continues with Owen's granddaughter, Corita Kraemer Kuon, joining the next generation of League members. For Owen, having her daughters and now her granddaughter as members is one of the most special parts of Junior League of Lafayette. "It's truly a blessing to attend all of the League's functions together as a family," she says. As a provisional member, Kuon feels fortunate to carry on the legacy of these remarkable women. "I love seeing the examples my aunts and grandmother have set for me," she states, "and I'm looking forward to serving our community, learning new skills, and developing relationships with other like-minded women.... just as they did."

Gail Billeaud joined Junior League of Lafayette in May of 1982, and the very next year, Lauren was born. Like many children with hard working Junior League mothers, Lauren was introduced to the League at quite a young age, which usually involved running errands around town for her mother's placements. Whether it was as a guide at Acadian Village or working Christmas Comes Alive for many years, Gail always loved her time as an active member in the League. "I truly developed wonderful friendships over the years, which fortunately still continue today," says Billeaud. Now that Lauren is in her second active year, the mother/daughter duo have been able to share their voluntarism together. This past year they were able to work on Kitchen Tour, and most recently shared shifts at Tinsel & Treasures. In noticing the difference in her daughter's time in the League now compared to hers, Billeaud remarked, "There are so many more night and flexible placements offered to women who work. I have been impressed with the group of professional women that are leading the League in such a great direction."







The 2017-2018 League year marked two important milestones for the beloved Junior League of Lafayette cookbooks. In 2017, Junior League of Lafayette was excited to announce the 50th anniversary of its flagship cookbook, *Talk About Good!*. Since 1967, Junior League of Lafayette has sold almost 800,000 copies of this wonderfully crafted book filled with recipes from the diverse women who make our community great. In celebration of its golden anniversary, *Talk About Good!* was sold at a discounted rate of \$19.67. In addition, each month in the League's member-only e-publication, a different birthday cake recipe was highlighted, keeping the anniversary celebrations going all year long!

In 2018, the third Junior League of Lafayette cookbook, *Tell Me More*, celebrated 25 years in print! This Southeast Winner of the 1994 Tabasco Community Cookbook Award has been a wonderful addition to South Louisiana kitchens and is bursting with delicious recipes. The book reveals stories of past and present Cajun traditions, along with fond food memories. In this third cookbook installment, readers learn to make great dishes using basic pantry items. All of the recipes are from legendary Cajun cooks, as well as those of a new generation. *Tell Me More* also features illustrations by renowned Cajun artist, the late Floyd Sonnier. Over 60,000 copies have been sold since it debuted in 1993.



#### Here's what people are saying about Talk About Good!:

"I have an original green cover cookbook. It has traveled far with me and is very worn with love."

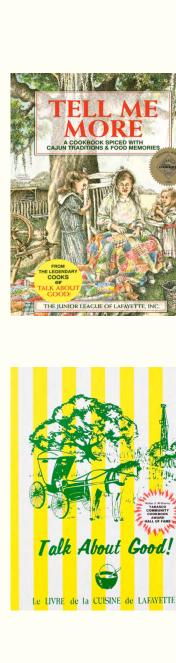
- Barbara McFarland from Houston, TX

"I love Cajun food and have been wanting a good Cajun cookbook. Found out about this one in today's Washington Post. Looking forward to trying out the recipes!"

— Robert Van Doren from Philadelphia, PA

"Read about this book in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. The recipes sound wonderful and I especially love the history behind the recipes. Cannot wait to get this book! Thank you." — Ellen Johnston from Center Ridge, AR "I read about this amazing cookbook in an article in the 8/23/2017 Denver Post. I have to have it and am ordering another one for my friend who has relocated to Denver from Jackson, Mississippi. Can't wait to start cookin'!" – Karen Harrison from Greenwood Village, CO

"We were thrilled to read the Washington Post article. We're fond followers of all things Louisiana and have kin living in Natchitoches. We wish the League continued success with your many charitable endeavors. This fine cookbook will be a gift for my husband Don's 69th birthday on September 14..... Forever young." – Juanita Zientara from Arlington, VA

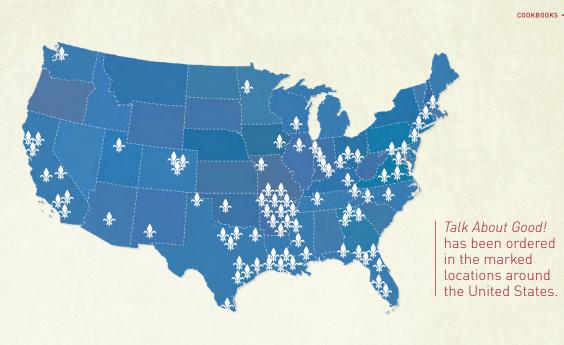


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# The Washington Post

Junior League of Lafayette takes great pride in our beloved *Talk About Good!* cookbook series, which has served up delicious recipes in Acadiana's kitchens for 50 years. With its long-standing success, it's clear that Junior League members aren't the only ones taking notice. *Talk About Good!* hit a new level of acclaim with its recent feature in The Washington Post on August 14, 2017. Since the article's publication, *Talk About Good!* sales have skyrocketed! People have called in orders from all over the country, sharing their own stories, memories, and love of the treasured cookbook. At least seven large cities have recognized *Talk About Good!* and covered the 50th Anniversary story in their own publications. *Talk About Good!* is the second highest selling Junior League cookbook of all time. As a League, it's exciting and humbling to see people from across North America still celebrating and embracing this cherished cookbook 50 years after its original debut.



Community Programs

Through strategic partnerships with local nonprofit organizations, over 600 Junior League of Lafayette members contribute thousands of fundraising dollars and volunteer hours to improve the lives of women and children in our community. Many of our members spend much of their time serving on one of our community placements. Our community events and partnerships offer a first hand, interactive view into the impact the League has in the community. These placements allow League members to work handin-hand with just a small sample of people served through Junior League's efforts, but the effect it has on our members is immeasurable.

Like Junior League of Lafayette, Girls on the Run, an



international positive youth development program, believes in the potential of young women. The mission of Girls on the Run is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experiencebased curriculum that creatively integrates running. Designed for girls in middle school, Girls on the Run teaches life skills through

dynamic, interactive lessons and running games. The program culminates with girls feeling physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5K running event.

Jump with Jill Jump takes childhood obesity by storm, serving as a kid-appropriate approach to kicking off wellness initiatives, reinforcing classroom learning,

and supporting a healthier cafeteria menu. The Jump with Jill show, which Junior League of Lafayette brings to various local schools, has been performed live over 1,000 times for 250,000 kids all over the United States and Europe and has been featured in national media outlets including Nickelodeon,



Sprout, PBS, NPR, and The Washington Post. Junior Quiz Bowl is an academic recall competition



schools. The students participate in six weekly competitions in the fall, followed by six weekly competitions in the spring, culminated by a final tournament in March. The League's volunteers assist as moderators, time keepers and score keepers for each competition.

Over 15 years ago, Junior League of Lafayette recognized an opportunity to educate youth on the risks and consequences of driving while distracted or impaired, and with the unwavering support of our community partners, **NO FEAR NO FUTURE** was

born. To date, more than 10,000 students have participated in this life-changing, two-day initiative which exposes high school juniors and seniors to the realities and consequences of driving while distracted or impaired.



For the last 15 years, Junior League of Lafayette has



partnered with Miles Perret Cancer Services for the SMILES program. The purpose of the SMILES program is to provide an escape and a supportive environment through age appropriate activities for children ages 5-18 who are fighting cancer or have a parent or sibling with cancer.

The Association of Junior Leagues International's Kids in the Kitchen program promotes child health and wellness by empowering children and youth to make healthy lifestyle choices, therefore preventing obesity and its associated health risks. In addition to

quiding participants to create healthy and flavorful foods, an activities component introduces them to various forms of exercise to encourage a continued healthy and active lifestyle. Junior League of Lafayette's Kids in the Kitchen Committee spends two evenings each week, from September through April, teaching children from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana about healthy eating and healthy living.



Little Free Library



The Little Free Library is a national program sweeping the nation. More than 60,000 libraries have popped up in communities across the United States, and this year, Junior League of Lafayette's provisional class added five more to that list. Located in designated areas of need, the neighborhood book exchange boxes can be found at Bridge Ministry of Acadiana, The Outreach Center for Women and Children, Healing House, Boys & Girls Club of Acadiana - Jackie Unit, and Faith House. The initiative is intended to help build communities, spark creativity, and inspire readers. Designed to look like little mailboxes, the libraries are meant to be easily accessible and contain books for anyone to borrow. The goal is that if a book is taken, another is left in its place for a fellow reader. Junior League of Lafayette members gathered hundreds of books in preparation for the project and completed final installation in March.

Junior League of Lafayette is thrilled to be part of an initiative that makes a direct impact in the community, and the response has already been a moving one. A mom and her ten-year-old daughter were seen utilizing a library and shared their excitement and appreciation for a project that filled such a big need in the area. The project is one that not only the provisional class is proud of, but one that has inspired all League members.





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## DONE IN A MEETING Helping Neighbors in Need December 2017

Each year, Junior League of Lafayette members conduct a "Done in a Meeting" project during a selected General Membership Meeting. In December, our Collaborative Opportunity Grants committee purchased supplies to fulfill a request for Catholic Services' The Emily House, a newly renovated 48-bed facility for women and children seeking shelter in Acadiana. With the new facility came the need for supplies, and Junior League of Lafayette was ready to help.

As our members entered City Club for the December meeting, they were met with hundreds of new pillows, blankets, and sheets waiting to be sorted, packaged and sealed with love for those in need. The group quickly got to work and in less than 30 minutes, prepared 200 bedding sets, each tied with a ribbon and hand-written note with an inspirational message for the women and children who will stay at the facility. "The Done in a Meeting project is one of my favorites each season," shared Cydra Wingerter, JLL member. "It's incredible to see us work so quickly to provide a tangible and much needed item to neighbors in our community. It's a true representation of our Mission in action."

Located in Lafayette, The Emily House represents Catholic Services of Acadiana's most recent endeavor to respond to women experiencing homelessness in Acadiana.

ORGANIZATION	AWARD	PROGRAM
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana	\$1,000	Spooktacular Halloween
Boys and Girls Club of Acadiana	\$1,500	SMART Girls Luncheon
Catholic Services of Acadiana	\$1,500	Bedding Kits
Children's Museum of Acadiana	\$1,500	Café des Enfants Remodel
FoodNet Food Bank	\$1,500	Snack Bags
Foster Friends	\$1,500	Christmas Party
Habitat for Humanity	\$1,500	Women Build
Healing House	\$1,500	Meditation Garden
Hilliard University Art Museum	\$500	Spring Play Day 2018
Lafayette Parish School System	\$1,500	Classroom On Wheels
New Hope Community Development of Acadiana	\$1,500	New Hope Store

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The work of Junior League of Lafayette is not confined to our Headquarters. Members routinely go out into the Lafayette community to work with our community partners to implement programs and projects that impact local women and children.

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- SMILES
- Kids in the Kitchen
- Provisionals Little Free Libraries
- Girls on the Run
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Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 5:30 p.m., the home of Lainey Tuten





















# Member of the Year Awards

# Provisional Award: Randi Landry

The Provisional of the Year is chosen by her fellow Provisionals as the woman who best represents the spirit and enthusiasm of the class. This year's recipient embodies Junior League of Lafayette's Mission in all that she does for Acadiana, while showing true dedication to the class project and to the League. She was positive, professional and never missed a beat, always arriving ready to work and participating in any way she could. However, it's her strength of character during difficult times that set her apart this year. She showed grace under pressure, and commitment to both the project and her classmates.

The 2017-2018 Provisional of the Year is Randi Landry.

Active Award: Amy Miller

This year's Active of the Year did a tremendous amount of juggling throughout each week. She was flexible with her time and in constant contact with her Chair ensuring any necessary adjustments were made for a perfectly completed task. Communication within the League on a weekly basis is crucial - and it's the one reliable platform members can easily find in their inboxes, filled with important news and alerts. Even as extenuating circumstances carried her to North Louisiana, she still remained 100% committed to her role, driving in for every General Membership Meeting in order to complete her term. Her organizational abilities and responsiveness are unmatched - always willing to help, and going above and beyond the expectations of her role. Her accessibility, collaborative spirit, and dedication to delivering on-time, attractive, and comprehensive member communication is the reason that she was chosen. The 2017-2018 Active of the Year is Amy Miller.

# Sustainer Award: Judy Mahtook

The League would cease to exist without the support and wisdom shared by our Sustainers; thus each year one is picked as an honoree. This year's Sustainer has long been remembered for her contributions during her League career, including chairing Tinsel & Treasures, collaborating on the plans for the current Headquarters, and leading the League with grace and elegance serving as the forty-fourth President. Her peers describe her as "steady and never quick to judge...always encouraging and someone who listens to all sides of any issue. If she asked you to do something you couldn't say no to her. She is a true ambassador for Junior League!"

Sustaining in 2006, she did not know that one of her biggest contributions would happen 12 years later. During a Past Presidents' Panel at a Provisional Meeting in 2017, she simply said, "Sustainers are here to help you. All you have to do is ask." As Sustaining Advisor to this year's Management Team, she has been an invaluable asset as an advisor, mentor, cheerleader, and friend. She has supported, challenged, and more than anything, helped League members become their best. She was chosen for her grace, her poise, and her integrity. The 2017-2018 Sustainer of the Year is Judy Mahtook.



Awarded by the President, this award is presented to a member who goes above and beyond the call of duty; so much so that it is presented by the League's highest leaders. This year's recipient is a women who puts others at ease, whose bright and kind personality is welcoming, and who becomes an instant friend to all who meet her. This year, she navigated countless phone calls, emails and meetings, all with a positive attitude and a smile on her face. Always offering a kind word or a helping hand, she made what was a tough and challenging job seem effortless. Placed this year in one of the most challenging of roles, she drew from her depth of League knowledge, as well as navigated the joys, trials and tribulations of experiences that arose in members' lives.

The 2017-2018 Presidential Award recipient is Caroline Potier.



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