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Since our founding in 1957, Junior League of Lafayette has been on the forefront of social reform, identifying problems and finding solutions. We are an army of women empowered as agents of positive change within the Lafayette community.

Whether in the public eye or behind the scenes, Junior League women are committed to moving society forward—

challenging the status quo to ensure a better future for all. Because tomorrow there will be new, unforeseen challenges.

**And the women of Junior League of Lafayette will be there, unrelenting voices for action, justice and lasting, meaningful change.**



## WE ARE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LAFAYETTE

### Interested in learning more?

Junior League of Lafayette is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 provisional class. The 2019-2020 provisional class will be a day class, and meetings will be held during afternoon hours. Membership offers many benefits including opportunities for leadership, training, skill development, networking, recognition and friendships. Most importantly, League membership offers a chance to give back to our community and experience the fulfillment that comes from helping others.

Please attend our last information sessions to learn more:

- March 13, 2019 - 11:30 a.m.

Sessions to be held at Junior League of Lafayette Headquarters, 3rd floor. 504 Richland Avenue Lafayette, LA 70508  
For more information, please visit [www.juniorleagueoflafayette.com/join](http://www.juniorleagueoflafayette.com/join).

# LETTER from the PRESIDENT

**“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.”**

— Audrey Hepburn

Many gardens have been planted by Junior League of Lafayette in the belief of tomorrow. Throughout our 61 years, Junior League has raised millions of dollars and contributed thousands of volunteer hours back into the community. We have been a catalyst for change, tackling issues impacting women and children. Our work continues today. Junior League continues to not only directly impact change to assist immediate needs, but also to focus on creating a lasting impact. We continue to cultivate our reputation as the go-to organization when there is a need in our community.

In a recent visit with a community partner, I was reminded of the many traditions and ties to our community we have and the new opportunities and partnerships on the horizon. At the root of our work, the Mission of Junior League has been constant in a world of changing times. We promote voluntarism. We develop the potential of women. We improve our community through trained volunteers. With over 650 volunteer members, our Mission serves as a beacon and guide year after year with a renewal of our commitment to lasting community change and continued growth and development of our members.

As spring is known for new growth, it is also the time of year Junior League of Lafayette begins to plan and prepare for the following League year by evaluating our current programs and projects and making recommendations for future developments. Attention and careful consideration are given to the most effective means of achieving our Mission. Just as spring offers new growth, this Junior League season offers planning and preparation for a Diaper Bank scheduled to be launched in the 2019-2020 League year as one of the newest volunteer initiatives and community partnerships. After significant research of the diaper need and how our sister Leagues of Baton Rouge and New Orleans' Diaper Banks operate in their communities, we are excited to address this need and partner with other organizations making an impact within our community. Other seeds have been planted in our Junior League garden such as a new and exciting program that speaks to developing women in our community. We look forward to sharing more about these developments with you in the near future.

Spring is also a time that marks our fourth annual Kitchen Tour event which features a self-guided tour of six kitchens and outdoor entertaining spaces in the Lafayette area. You can learn more details about our upcoming event in this Petit Potpourri issue. I hope you will join us for another year of stunning kitchens. We recognize this event would not be possible without you - our partners, sponsors, and guests. Thank you for your continued support of Junior League of Lafayette and our Mission.

Happy Spring,



*Mary Courville*



Back row: Monique Gideon, Roya Boustany, Alison Howard; Middle row: Kristie Tatford, Brittany Eskridge, Rita Goodrich, Melissa Boudreaux, Allison Dickerson, Elizabeth Laborde, Jeanne-Marie Savoy, and Lea Ann Remondet; Front row: Megan Andrus, Sarah Henderson, Katherine McCormick, Carlee Alm-LaBar, Mary Courville, Angelle Adams, Tracy Ralston, Kathryn Reaux, and Christina Harper Olivier.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS Q&A

In our last two editions, we profiled our Board of Directors and Management Team. In this final segment, we learn why they “JLL” – our way of saying why we belong to Junior League of Lafayette (JLL).

*“I love our organization so much. I am continuously amazed by the incredible women in our League.”*

— Angelle Adams, President-Elect

*“Because I believe that women should have an outlet to support one another, encourage voluntarism, civic engagement, and work together for positive community change.”*

— Carlee Alm-LaBar, Chief Financial Officer

*“To give back to my community while making friends with inspirational women.”* — Megan Andrus, Director-at-Large

*“I joined because I wanted to become a better community volunteer and enrich the community in which I live, work and play with my family. Along the way, I made some of the dearest friendships my heart could hold. JLL has given (and continues to give) me more than I can repay - training, community awareness and so much more!”* — Mary Courville, President

*“I love meeting new people, and in the League I am able to meet new, inspiring women who I may have not met otherwise in my professional career. I love that we are building each other up and collectively making our community a better place.”*

— Allison Dickerson, Director-at-Large

*“I have been a member of more than a few community involvement/volunteer organizations and none of them come close to the action, impact, organization, and friendship that Junior League of Lafayette offers its members.”*

— Christina Harper Olivier, Director-at-Large

*“I JLL because I love giving to our community, while spending time with successful and diverse women of all ages.”*

— Caroline Potier, Governance Advisory Panel Chair

*“It has been a great way for me to give back to a community that has given me so much.”* — Elizabeth Laborde, Secretary

*“A big part of why I JLL is to surround myself with women who I respect and admire. We all inspire each other to accomplish great things for this community.”*

— Jeanne-Marie Savoy, Nominating & Board Development Chair

*“The women in Junior League are smart, funny, fun, compassionate and incredibly supportive. These are the kinds of women that I strive to surround myself with and it’s the kind of woman that I strive to be.”* — Tracy Ralston, Director-at-Large

*“To serve the community that I love alongside amazing women.”*

— Lea Ann Remondet, Sustaining Advisor



# Why do you JLL?

## MANAGEMENT TEAM Q&A

*"I joined JLL to give back to the community and I have stayed to continue giving back, for the lifelong friendships I have made and the leadership skills I have gained. The women of this League amaze me daily and I am honored to be able to serve alongside them."*

— Melissa Boudreaux, Executive Vice President – Leads Management Team/Member of the Board of Directors

*"I joined JLL because I wanted to get involved in my community and show my children the importance of giving back, and now I JLL because this organization and these women have become an integral part of my life. The friends I've met in JLL have become such an amazing support system- they support me in my role as a League member, as a wife, as an attorney, but most importantly as a mother."*

— Roya Boustany, Community Vice President

*"I believe in this organization and the results that it produces for our community"* — Brittany Eskridge, Financial Vice President

*"The reason I JLL evolves as the years pass. In the beginning, I loved the friendships and social aspect of meetings and events. As I've gained experience and knowledge of the League and its processes, I JLL because I enjoy guiding other members throughout their League journey."*

— Rita Goodrich, Personnel Vice President

*"The mission and vision of Junior League of Lafayette."*

— Alison Howard, Sustaining Advisor

*"Organized volunteering, making a difference in our community, learning from so many smart women around the table, lasting friendships."*

— Katherine McCormick, Placement Chair

*"People – simple as that. I JLL because of the people we serve and the people I've met within the League."*

— Kristie Tatford, Communications Vice President





# FEATURE

## JUMP WITH JILL

### Rocking Lafayette Elementary Schools

Junior League of Lafayette was proud to once again bring a nutrition education program to local schools. This past January, the world's only Rock & Roll nutrition show, **Jump with Jill**, performed over a period of five days at five elementary schools in the Lafayette area.



**Jump with Jill** takes childhood obesity by storm, serving as a kid-appropriate approach for kicking off wellness initiatives, reinforcing classroom learning and supporting a healthier cafeteria menu. The show is both educationally sound and completely rock & roll! **Jump with Jill** uses catchy songs and upbeat dance moves to get kids engaged, moving and learning about healthy habits in eating and exercise.

Junior League of Lafayette brought the **Jump with Jill**

show to five local elementary schools, January 28-February 1, 2019. The live, interactive nutrition concert was presented to a total of 3,472 students over a week-long period. The schools visited included Ridge Elementary, Milton Elementary, Woodvale Elementary, Prairie Elementary and Cpl. Michael Middlebrook Elementary. Thank you to our **Jump with Jill** Committee for their hard work this season and for a successful series of events.



## FEATURE

# Distracted Driving | NO FEAR NO FUTURE

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death for teens in the U.S. each year, with more than **58%** of those accidents caused by **distracted driving**. Junior League of Lafayette partners with a local high school each year to present a two-day program that exposes students to the dangers of distracted and impaired driving. This program is called **NO FEAR NO FUTURE**.



This year, **NO FEAR NO FUTURE** will be held at Ascension Episcopal School's Sugar Mill Pond campus on April 2 and 3.

On the first day of **NO FEAR NO FUTURE**, the Ascension student body, parents and teachers will gather to witness a mock car crash. Twenty-four students, with help from Junior League of Lafayette volunteers and community partners, will re-enact a realistic distracted driving accident. The next day, the student body will gather again to participate in a mock funeral held for victims of the crash. The funeral will be followed by an assembly, at which Eric Searcy, a survivor of an alcohol-related crash, will speak. A state trooper will also address the assembly.

Since it began more than 15 years ago, **NO FEAR NO FUTURE** has impacted upwards of 10,000 students. "We are fortunate

to have this program in our community," stated **NO FEAR NO FUTURE** Chair, Trisha Casanova. "This event is a life-changing experience for all involved, including not only the students who participate and the spectators who witness it, but also our committee members who coordinate the program."

We extend our thanks to our **NO FEAR NO FUTURE** community partners: Ascension Episcopal School, Acadian Ambulance and AirMed, Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center, Youngsville Police and Fire Departments, Louisiana State Police, The Eric Searcy Foundation, Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office, Lafayette Parks & Recreation, Lafayette Parish Coroner, I-49 Towing, Fountain Memorial Funeral Home, Alisabeth Rivers and Johnathan Waynewright.

## COMMITTEE CHAIR PROFILE

Trisha Casanova, NO FEAR NO FUTURE Chair

**Q: How long have you been a member of Junior League of Lafayette?**

*"I joined the League in 2014."*

**Q: What do you like most about being the NO FEAR NO FUTURE Chair this year?**

*"I really like that I am able to work with our committee members, as well as the community partners and students."*

**Q: How have your previous placements prepared you for this role?**

*"Being the Step-Up chair last year helped me see the whole program from start to finish. I was able to see all aspects from planning to implementation."*

**Q: How would you describe the impact NO FEAR NO FUTURE makes on the teenagers and all who attend?**

*"Our program shows the students the realities and consequences that they could potentially face if they were to get behind the wheel as a distracted or impaired driver. It shows them that they are not only endangering their lives, but the lives of many others and the lasting effects it would cause."*



# KITCHEN TOUR

## 2019 Junior League of Lafayette Kitchen Tour

Saturday, March 16, Junior League of Lafayette will host the 4th Annual Kitchen Tour. The event features a self-guided tour of six stunning kitchens and outdoor entertaining spaces in the Lafayette area. Attendees will get an exclusive look at everything from renovated residences and timeless construction, to outdoor oasis settings and classic French elegance.

Here's more information on each of the remarkable homes:

### FARMINGTON DRIVE

The home on Farmington Drive was first built in 1998 and was remodeled by the homeowners in 2017. They say they were drawn to this home because they felt the style was timeless. "It has great bones," the homeowners stated. "It just needed a little tender loving care." When remodeling, there were several key features the homeowners wanted to include. In order to expand the counter space in the kitchen, the homeowners added a second island. The home also lacked an outdoor living area, so that was added as well. Now the home is perfect for entertaining guests and features gorgeous vaulted ceilings, beams, and a fireplace located in the kitchen.

### RED ROBIN TRAIL

Red Robin Trail is a new home, built in 2018. When deciding on the style for this home, the homeowners wanted a classic, elegant look, rather than a style that was "trendy." When building, the homeowners had a list of must-have features including: top-of-the-line appliances, elegant kitchen cabinets, an island that did not house a sink or stove but simply added space, and a kitchen window overlooking the backyard. This gorgeous kitchen features all of those aspects, and many more. Now that the home is complete, the homeowner listed the large island as one of her favorite features saying, "My favorite part is when others are able to sit at the island and visit with me while cooking."

### ROSELAWN BOULEVARD

This beauty was remodeled in 2018. The homeowners loved the area of town the home was located in and chose the style of the house because its layout was a great fit for their family. When remodeling, this homeowner dreamed of gorgeous custom cabinetry, including beautiful hardware and fixtures, which she selected and designed herself. Another must-see favorite feature is the kitchen's blue tongue and groove ceiling. All of these features truly shine in the abundant natural lighting that floods the space. To achieve this airy feel, the homeowners added large windows and raised the ceilings, giving much more natural light to the space than was there before.

### BEAULLIEU DRIVE

Built in 2012, Beaulieu Drive features an open floor plan and high ceilings, which the homeowner says makes the house perfect for entertaining. When deciding on a home, the homeowners looked for one that included a large backyard, a chef's kitchen, great storage, and a pool and hot tub. All of these features and more are included in this home. Out of everything the house has to offer, the homeowners especially love their large kitchen island. "We have plenty of space to prepare food, serve appetizers, and dine." They also enjoy the open feel of the outdoor kitchen, made possible by the high porch ceilings and lack of a wall behind the grill. These features allow for a breezy feel and an overall incredibly enjoyable outdoor space.

## BELLEVUE PLANTATION ROAD

The homeowners began building the home at Bellevue Plantation Road in 2016, finally moving into the home in March 2018. "It took a lot of thought for what we wanted in our home," says the homeowner. When they started designing, the homeowner wrote down everything she wanted to include and that is where the plans for the house began. A few must-haves on her list included: a large dining area, a master bedroom away from the kitchen, a sewing room upstairs overlooking the river, and most importantly, a large kitchen featuring her beautiful red stove from Italy. This homeowner is very happy with the result, especially her kitchen. "Our kitchen is where we all hang out and do some wonderful cooking. We like to entertain, so we have both the outdoor and indoor kitchen to cook in, and they both have fabulous views of the backyard facing the river and the pool."

## ACACIA DRIVE

This lovely house was built about 50 years ago, but the homeowners were forced to remodel when the home was impacted by the 2016 flood. Though the circumstances were less than ideal, the homeowners took the opportunity to include features that they did not have before. These features include a more open space, which was achieved by removing a wall dividing the kitchen and living areas. The homeowners also wanted more counter space and larger drawers for pots and pans. One of their favorite features? A dedicated space for the coffee pot that was included in the cabinetry, which allows the coffee pot to be rolled forward when it is in use but tucked out of sight at other times. The homeowners were drawn to this home because of the open backyard and outdoor living area with lake views. Since the remodel, they say they now have a fantastic view through the window above their kitchen sink.



**SEE FOR YOURSELF:** Check out all of these homes with a ticket to our 2019 Kitchen Tour. The \$25 admission includes entry into all 6 homes, as well as 30% off the purchase of any Junior League of Lafayette cookbook the day of the tour. New this year: Attendees can enter a drawing to win a fabulous door prize offered at each home, and those who visit all six homes will be eligible to win a Grand Prize! Winners will be drawn live on Junior League of Lafayette's Facebook page after the tour concludes.



**KITCHEN  
TOUR**

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LAFAYETTE

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 16, 2019; 12–4 p.m.

**HOW:** Admission tickets are \$25 each

**WHERE:** [juniorleagueoflafayette.com](http://juniorleagueoflafayette.com) or Junior League of Lafayette Headquarters at 504 Richland Avenue.



# COOKBOOK

## *Cookbook on Kitchen Tour*

This year, Junior League of Lafayette's Kitchen Tour will feature taste treats from our Cookbook Committee at three houses along the route. These homes will have sample recipes from all four of Junior League of Lafayette's award-winning cookbooks. Tour attendees will not only have the chance to sample these delicious recipes, but will

also receive a coupon for 30% off the purchase of any Junior League of Lafayette Cookbook to be used the day of the event.

In celebration of *Tell Me More's* 25th anniversary, we are featuring the following taste treat recipes from Tell Me More, which will be available to purchase during Kitchen Tour.



### Chocolate Graham Cracker Bars

- 12 double graham crackers
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 (11 ounce) package milk chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Line a jelly roll or metal pan with foil. Place graham crackers on foil. Melt butter and light brown sugar. Boil 3 minutes - be sure to boil - not cook - 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Should be thick. Pour over graham crackers and spread evenly. Sprinkle milk chocolate chips (must be milk chocolate) over sugar-butter mixture and spread until even. Sprinkle pecans over melted chocolate. Cut into squares.

### Snappy Cheese Balls

- 1 jar English sharp cheese
- 1 jar jalapeno cheese
- 2 sticks butter
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon dry mustard
- Dash red pepper
- 1 cups + 4 tablespoons flour
- Stuffed olives



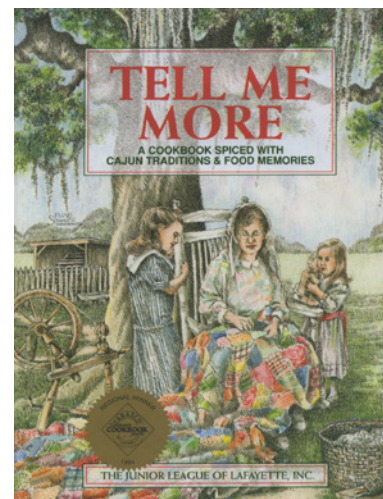
Blend cheeses and butter together in mixer. Season with salt, red pepper, dry mustard. Add flour gradually. Cover stuffed olive with mixture and roll into ball. Place on greased cookie sheet and chill overnight. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes. (These may be packed into freezer bags and frozen uncooked. When baking, increase temperature to 400 degrees for 12-15 minutes.)

# ANNIVERSARY

## Tell Me More Celebrates 25 Years

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of *Tell Me More*, we thought we would “tell you more” about Junior League of Lafayette’s third cookbook! Here are some fun facts about the award-winning book:

- *Tell Me More* went from idea to print in just one year
- Nearly 70,000 copies of *Tell Me More* have been sold and the book has been reprinted three times
- *Tell Me More* was the winner of the 1994 Southern Regional Tabasco Community Cookbook Award.
- Floyd Sonnier, renowned Cajun artist, provided the illustrations found within *Tell Me More*
- *Tell Me More* was the first community cookbook that the publisher created on a computer. Before *Tell Me More*, the publisher was still creating books by hand or using a typewriter



*Tell Me More* continues to be a household favorite, and Junior League of Lafayette looks forward to many more years with this great cookbook!

To purchase a copy, or learn more about any of Junior League of Lafayette’s cookbooks, please visit our website: [www.juniorleagueoflafayette.com](http://www.juniorleagueoflafayette.com)

## COMMITTEE CHAIR PROFILE

### Erin Alleman, Cookbook Chair

**How many years have you been in the League?**

*“I joined as a Provisional in 2014, and this is my fourth active year.”*

**How did you come to serve on Cookbook? What motivated you to serve in this position in the League?** *“This is my third year on the Cookbook committee. I first began as the Cookbook Communications Liaison, then accepted the Step-Up role and am now serving as Chair. When I was called to serve as the Step-Up and Chair, I was initially very nervous, but felt so much support from my Placement Advisor at the time (Caroline Potier) and knew that I wouldn’t be alone as I would have an amazing committee to help accomplish our goals - which is exactly what has happened!”*

**What is your favorite part of Cookbook committee?** *“My committee - the amazing women that I have had the pleasure of working with and getting to know throughout the year. We couldn’t do it without each other. The delicious treats don’t hurt either.”*

**Do you have a favorite recipe from Junior League of Lafayette cookbooks?** *“As a working mom with two toddlers, I am all about easy-to-follow recipes that yield delicious results. Since we are celebrating Tell Me More’s 25th Anniversary, I have been cooking out of that particular book a lot and love the party mix, tortilla roll-ups, tasso jambalaya and peanut butter brownies.”*



# Being a Sustainer

## What's it all about?



After serving 10 years in Junior League of Lafayette, active members are given the opportunity to become Sustainers. While sustaining members no longer have the same requirements as active members, there are many ways they can remain active in the League.

This year, Sustainers attended several socials. In August, they kicked off the year with an event at Zea Rotisserie & Bar. Those who attended visited with each other and met the Board of Directors for the current year. In December, Sustainers were hosted at the home of Judy Mahtook. More than 90 women were in attendance - a record for this annual Christmas gathering. The Sustainer Committee has plans for more fantastic socials, and is excited to host these wonderful women again before the year is through.

In addition to these festive outings, Sustainers have an opportunity to serve an important role during Tinsel &

Treasures. Each year, a team of Sustainers volunteer their time to staff and manage the merchant lounge. This role assists the merchants throughout Tinsel & Treasures. The women who volunteered in the merchants lounge this season made countless pots of coffee, served dozens of doughnuts and breakfast tacos, got more slices out of king cake than anyone ever thought possible and still managed to get a little shopping done when things got slow!

It's been another great year for Sustainers! Junior League of Lafayette is fortunate to have a group of women who choose to continue their involvement in the League well after their active years are through. These women advise us, remind us of our League's history and cheer us on as Junior League of Lafayette continues to thrive and make a difference in the Lafayette community. Thank you to this phenomenal group!







Fund Development Chair Chrissy Morris and Sustainer Linda Alesi attended the National Diaper Bank Conference in Atlanta, GA. They were able to learn valuable information that will help make our diaper bank initiative successful and fill a strong need in the Acadiana community.

# SNAP SHOTS



Celebrating 25 years of *Tell Me More* with members of the original cookbook committee - Becky Berthelot, Amy Abraham, Jennifer Briggs, Mrs. Verlie Sonnier, Kristen White, Katie Bernhardt, Val Joseph, Lisa Breaux, Courtney Neidetcher, Erin Alleman, Mamie Hightower, Amy White, Kristin Mayeux



The Junior League of Lafayette grant was used to purchase Christmas gifts for over 50 children, ages 2-16, who received gifts. 35 of those children attended the Foster Friends Christmas party at Elevation Station with their foster parents or case workers.



Sustaining members Dawn Alexander, Susan Owen, Dee Jones enjoying the 25th Anniversary celebration for *Tell Me More* cookbook.

# TRANSFER SPOTLIGHT

## TRANSFER CO-CHAIR PROFILE Jenny Baudoin

Each year, the Transfer Committee is chaired by two ladies. One Chair is a past transfer into Junior League of Lafayette. The other is an active member who has been in the Lafayette League her entire Junior League career, as is the case with Jenny Baudoin. Serving as a Transfer Co-Chair is her eighth active placement in Junior League of Lafayette. When asked which of those previous roles best prepared her to serve as Transfer Co-Chair, Jenny credits her previous role as Tinsel & Treasures Rotations Coordinator. "As Rotations Coordinator, you are required to manage relationships with so many different members. It is such a pleasure to meet so many different ladies with different backgrounds," Jenny says. Jenny also says she is learning from her current position. "Transfers are an important voice to listen to. They provide valuable insight as an outsider looking in." Serving as Transfer Co-Chair has helped Jenny see different perspectives and learn more about other Junior Leagues, which Jenny says is her favorite part about the Transfer Committee. Serving as a Transfer Co-Chair is not only about acclimating new Transfers to our Lafayette League, but is also about helping new Transfers learn more about Lafayette as a whole. Jenny provides a unique perspective as someone who has lived in Lafayette for many years. "Lafayette is a town filled with culture," said Jenny. She hopes that new Transfers will take the opportunity to immerse themselves in all that Lafayette has to offer and enjoy their time in Junior League of Lafayette.



## TRANSFER CO-CHAIR PROFILE Karli Sherman



This year, Karli Sherman serves as the Transfer Co-Chair who is a past transfer into Junior League of Lafayette. Karli came to Lafayette by way of Pensacola, Florida, where she belonged to Junior League of Pensacola. This is Karli's sixth active year, and her third year in Junior League of Lafayette. When asked what motivated her to serve as Transfer Co-Chair, Karli responded, "I served in multiple leadership positions in my previous League so when I transferred I wanted to continue on that leadership track. And, I believe deeply in the philosophy of involvement - that people should get involved in their communities, their areas of interest and their passion projects." Karli was

recently a Transfer into Junior League of Lafayette, so she knows what it is like to be a new face within the League. "Transferring is a unique experience. Finding your place in a new League can be challenging," Karli says. In her past League, Karli served as Social Chair, which was a position responsible for producing special events for members to socialize. These events helped members create meaningful connections, which is something she hopes she can help provide for transfers this year. While attending Organizational Development Institute in October, Karli learned that the number one reason Junior League members quit is due to a lack of meaningful connections. Karli turned that information into a challenge. "I have made it my mission to do what I can to engage our women this year so they do not become another statistic," she says. Karli's favorite part of serving as Transfer Co-Chair has been advocating for Transfers and their experience. "I have high hopes for the future of this committee and am proud to serve my fellow members in this role."



# TRANSFER SPOTLIGHT



## Welcome to Lafayette!

Each year, several women move to the Lafayette area and choose to transfer their Junior League membership to Junior League of Lafayette. These ladies come from Junior Leagues across the nation and bring with them a wealth of knowledge gained from service in their previous Leagues. When these ladies transfer into Junior League of Lafayette, they serve on the Transfer Committee during their first year. The Transfer Committee Chairs meet with these women, welcome them to Lafayette and help educate them about our local League. Typically, the Transfer Committee meets before General Membership Meetings once a month, as well as on special occasions for socials and further membership development. During these meetings, not only do new Transfers learn about Junior League of Lafayette, they learn more about Acadiana as a whole. This is particularly important

because for many of these women, the League is a first step to becoming active in the Lafayette community while making important connections.

This year, the Transfer Committee hosted the an All-Transfer Social at Social Southern Table & Bar. During this event, all past Transfers into Junior League of Lafayette were invited to mix and mingle with one another. From Sustainers who transferred many years ago, to Actives who joined the League just last year, the social was filled with Junior League members who bonded over the transfer experience. Attendees included women from a variety of past Junior Leagues, such as Junior League of Austin, Junior League of Alexandria, Junior League of Bell County and many more. The All-Transfer Social was an incredible event, enjoyed by all who attended!

### 2018-2019 Junior League of Lafayette Transfer Committee

- Lauren Taylor - The Woodlands, TX
- Candace Bounds - Baton Rouge
- Macy Dulaney - Lake Charles
- Elizabeth Brown - New Orleans



# KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

## Keeping Kids Healthy



Junior League of Lafayette is one of many Leagues to participate in Kids in the Kitchen, a program created by The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. The goal of this program is to provide children with hands-on activities that promote healthy choices. Junior League of Lafayette volunteers partner with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lafayette to host two, eight-week sessions each year. Each session includes two parts. First, the children get moving with an energetic physical activity, such as dance or yoga. After about 30 minutes of exercise, the children in the program then spend time in the

kitchen. From kabobs to “pizza men,” the food on the menu is always tasty and fun, showing children that eating healthy can be delicious.

At the end of each eight-week session, the children in the program are treated to a special graduation dinner held at a local restaurant. This fall, graduates of the program enjoyed a festive night out at Deano’s Pizza. Graduation dinner is not only a celebration of the children’s hard work and learning, but also an opportunity for them to practice the table etiquette they learned throughout the program.

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This year's Tinsel & Treasures holiday market is scheduled for September 25-28, 2019, at the CAJUNDOME Convention Center. As we head into our 26th annual holiday market, we invite you to make plans to be a part of our Mission. In 2018, Junior League of Lafayette raised more than \$300,000 through Tinsel & Treasures – money that directly funds the numerous grants and community programs we provide in Acadiana. This market would not be possible without our generous sponsors! In addition to the shopping experience itself, Junior League of Lafayette partners with various businesses to host a variety of more exclusive events throughout the days of Tinsel & Treasures. Sponsors get maximum exposure with these select sponsorship opportunities. As a partner, you can highlight your business while supporting Junior League of Lafayette's Mission impacting women and children in our community. Help us strengthen our Mission – be a sponsor of Tinsel & Treasures in its 26th year! For information, please email [jllsponsor@gmail.com](mailto:jllsponsor@gmail.com) or call Junior League of Lafayette's 2019-2020 Fund Development Committee Chair Paige H. Hightower at 337-988-2739.

## Calling all merchants!

Have a product you think would be a hit at Tinsel & Treasures? Own a boutique or online store? As we head into our 26th annual Tinsel & Treasures holiday market, we encourage all prospective merchants to apply at [juniorleagueoflafayette.com/tinsel-treasures-merchant-information](http://juniorleagueoflafayette.com/tinsel-treasures-merchant-information). Act fast as the deadline is March 25, 2019. Questions? Please contact Katie DuBois, Tinsel & Treasures Merchants Coordinator, at [merchants@juniorleagueoflafayette.com](mailto:merchants@juniorleagueoflafayette.com).



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