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#TinselandTreasures for all Tinsel & Treasures posts and photos from this year's event.

#WhyJLL with all of the reasons you choose to be a member of Junior League of Lafayette.

#WeGotThis when we come together collectively to make a difference in our community.

IF YOU WANT TO

Develop your leadership skills

DO GOOD

Make friends while making a difference

BE INSPIRED

Change your community... and the world



Then join us!

Junior League of Lafayette Admissions Informational Sessions:

- October 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
- December 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
- January 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

All sessions will be held at Junior League of Lafayette Headquarters
504 Richland Avenue | Lafayette, LA 70508

For questions about membership, please contact our Admissions Committee
at admissions@juniorleagueoflafayette.com or visit our website at
juniorleagueoflafayette.com

WeGotThis.

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE

Welcome back!

Our theme for this year centers around the very core of what makes Junior League of Lafayette unique. We are a diverse group of more than 650 women working together to serve the needs of women and children in Acadiana. From working professionals to full time homemakers, each of us brings a variety of strengths to our organization. In the midst of our League's 62nd year, I am constantly inspired by the dedication of our members to our Mission, and the commitment we have to making our community a better place to live, work and grow. New projects are on the horizon for our League, and the support of the community and our members at our upcoming Tinsel & Treasures Holiday Market will ensure the success of these new endeavors as well as the continuation of our long-standing community programs. It takes ALL of us—all of our combined strengths working together to make our League and the community the best it can be. No matter the challenge, we will persevere, because WE are Junior League of Lafayette, and We Got THIS.

Angelle



President Angelle Adams



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From left to right, third row: Caroline Potier, Angela Cring; From left to right, second row: Megan Andrus, Tracy Ralston, Brittany Eskridge, Jeigh Stipe, Christa Billeaud, Amy Courville, Monica Zuschlag; From left to right, front row: Katherine McCormick, Angelle Adams, Melanie Fowler

Impact That Lasts

Over the past **25 years**, **Tinsel & Treasures** has become a favorite destination for shoppers looking for that perfect gift. However, beyond the ribbons and bows, this popular holiday market has had a lasting impact on our community here in Acadiana. Since its inception, Tinsel & Treasures has raised more than **\$6 million dollars** that have been invested in the Lafayette community through programs benefiting women and children in our area. It has also allowed us to provide financial support for Junior League of Lafayette and its Mission to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women, and improve the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.



Jump With Jill, the world's only rock 'n' roll nutrition show, is one of our community programs that benefits the youngest Acadians in our community. This national organization has performed for over a million kids in over six countries, and Junior League has brought them right here to Lafayette! This community program has grown each year due to the funds provided by Tinsel & Treasures. This year, they will bring the show to three elementary schools who also participate in the School Garden Initiative for the Lafayette Parish School System. With health, fitness and nutrition in mind, our partnership with these schools supports their efforts to fight childhood obesity and create healthy habits for our children in Lafayette that lasts a lifetime.



NO FEAR NO FUTURE

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LAFAYETTE

NO FEAR NO FUTURE is another community program that relies on the League's fundraisers. For the past 15 years, high school students across our city have participated in a mock crash scene which includes realistic equipment, emergency responders, guest speakers and an overnight retreat. This experience brings the consequences of distracted and impaired driving to life. Committee Chair, Brooke Bell shared why she has continued to volunteer with NO FEAR NO FUTURE for the past three years: "Seeing the first responders, funeral home, hospital, towing company, etc. come together every year to help us has to be one of my favorite parts of the program. They give us two days of their time and resources so we can help make our community a little safer." By investing in this program, we believe we are bringing Lafayette families a bit more peace of mind on the roads.



LOOKING FORWARD!

FALL 2019 WOMEN'S LUNCH & LEARN

***Wednesday
November 20, 2019***

We are incredibly proud to use the fruits of our fundraising efforts to launch our newest program, The **Women's Lunch and Learn Series**. This program will be a training opportunity offered to all women in Acadiana. Anyone may find the topics and resources of this program useful, from a newly graduated college student to a stay-at-home mom looking to re-enter the workforce. In its inaugural year, the program will offer the community a three-part luncheon series, all for a nominally ticketed price. We are excited to offer a community program designed specifically to develop the potential of women in Acadiana.

In a community with ever-evolving needs, Junior League of Lafayette is proud to serve as a force for good, impacting Acadiana one community program at a time. For a full listing of our community programs, please visit our website at juniorleagueoflafayette.com



TINSEL & TREASURES

JUNIOR LEAGUE
OF LAFAYETTE

Join us

SEPTEMBER 25-28, 2019 • CAJUNDOME CONVENTION CENTER

PREVIEW PARTY

Wednesday, September 25, 2019
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

PREFERRED SHOPPING

Thursday, September 26, 2019
8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

SANTA SNEAK PEEK

Thursday, September 26, 2019
3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bring the kids to see Santa. Complimentary picture.

COCOA WITH MRS. CLAUS

Thursday, September 26, 2019
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

LADIES' NIGHT

Friday, September 27, 2019
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
DJ & signature cocktail for purchase.

CHILDREN'S EVENT

Saturday, September 28, 2019
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Breakfast with Santa & Friends

MERRY MIMOSAS

Saturday, September 28, 2019
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

SPARKLE & SHINE RAFFLE

Saturday, September 28, 2019
Drawing held at 4:45 p.m.

GENERAL ADMISSION

THURSDAY: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. • FRIDAY: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. • SATURDAY: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Strollers permitted on Thursday from 3 p.m. - 8 p.m. ONLY.

VISIT JUNIORLEAGUEOFLAFAYETTE.COM FOR TICKET INFORMATION
An event to benefit Junior League of Lafayette community programs.

Shop Till You Drop!

"Our members commit to serving throughout Tinsel & Treasures because we can see the impact that the dollars raised has on our community. We are grateful for the thousands of sponsors, merchants and shoppers who have made and continue to make our market a success. I am honored to be a part of Tinsel & Treasures 2019 and I cannot wait to see YOU this September!"

- Misti Landry Bryant, 2019 Tinsel & Treasures Chair



We are so excited to bring you over 130 merchants, all under one roof. With the help of our incredible Sponsors, Tinsel & Treasures is sure to be an experience you will not want to miss.

SHOP GIFTS FOR EVERYONE!

Accessories	Home and Gifts
Art & Antiques	Jewelry
Books and Stationary	Men's and Sports
Children's	Women's Clothing
Food and Beverage	And more!

Don't forget to enjoy these extras at Tinsel & Treasures, compliments of our fabulous sponsors!

Breezeway

A place to relax, visit and eat.
Sponsored by Acadiana Automotive Group

Olaf

Find Olaf during special appearances throughout market.
Sponsored by Acadian Ambulance

Rudolph

Find Rudolph during special appearances throughout market.
Sponsored by Park Place Surgical Hospital

Cookbook Booth

Sponsored by Champagne's Market & The Kitchenary

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Merchant Map

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Sponsored by Selective Hearing of Acadiana

Nursing Station

Sponsored by Southern OBGYN

*This sponsor list is current as of 08/23/2019.

PARKING

CAJUNDOME Convention Center

Available: **Wednesday – Saturday**

Free parking sponsored by Audi Lafayette.

Cabbage Patch

Available: **Thursday – Saturday**

Overflow parking will be available off of Coliseum Road next to Blackham Coliseum.

SHUTTLES

Our complimentary **Santa's Sleigh service** can drive you to and from your car at the CAJUNDOME parking lot. Look for our volunteers in red aprons and their golf carts at the CAJUNDOME Convention Center entrance.

Sponsored by Prevail Heart Clinics of America.

Free shuttles will run from the Cabbage Patch:

Thursday – 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday – 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Complimentary shuttle service sponsored by Representative Stuart Bishop and The UPS Store.

Please look for signs designated "Tinsel & Treasures Parking".

Check out more information on special events, tickets and more in this edition and at juniorleagueoflafayette.com.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

Sure, you can find great shopping at Tinsel & Treasures, but did you know that there are also many special events that take place throughout the market?

GET TICKETS

Go to
juniorleagueoflafayette.com.

*General Admission Tickets
Sponsored by
Gordon McKernan Injury
Attorneys*



Preview Party

Wednesday, September 25 from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Sponsored by Home Bank

Tickets: \$53 (includes one additional admission to market)

Kick off Tinsel & Treasures with the cocktail party of the year. Get the first look at over 130 merchants with an early shopping opportunity before the market opens to the public. Food, drinks, live entertainment by Louisiana Red, and fabulous auction items will all be part of this special evening. Plus, purchase a special drink for entry to win stunning diamond earrings from Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry!

Preferred Shopping

Thursday, September 26 from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Sponsored by Dr. Melanie Fowler

Tickets: \$28

Gain exclusive early admission to the market that includes complimentary continental breakfast, door prizes and all-day market entry on Thursday.

Santa Sneak Peek

Thursday, September 26 from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Sponsored by Dwight Andrus Insurance, Inc.

Tickets: Included with General Admission \$13 (free for children 10 and under)

Santa has chosen Tinsel & Treasures as his first big appearance of the year! Bring the kids to visit and take pictures with Santa! A complimentary picture of your visit with Santa will be given to you with additional picture packages available for purchase.

Cocoa With Mrs. Claus

Thursday, September 26 from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Sponsored by John A. Hendry, DDS

Tickets: Included with General Admission \$13 (free for children 10 and under)
Join Mrs. Claus in celebrating the upcoming holidays with cocoa, sweet treats, Christmas stories and carols.



Ladies' Night

Friday, September 27 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Sponsored by Paul's Jewelry

Tickets: Included with General Admission \$13

Join us for a fabulous Friday night shopping experience which will include hors d'oeuvres and a DJ. A specialty cocktail will also be available for purchase.

Children's Event

Breakfast with Santa & Friends

Saturday, September 28 from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Sponsored by Lafayette Pediatric Dentistry

Tickets: \$25 for children 1 and up; Free Admission for children under 1;
\$15 for adults (includes market entry on Saturday, September 28)

Take some time to escape into Lafayette's very own winter wonderland! Bring the children and enjoy breakfast while visiting with Santa, Mrs. Claus and other fun friends! Additional entertainment including a show from Mitch the Magician will also be a part of the festivities!

Merry Mimosas

Saturday, September 28 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Sponsored by Nouriche Wellness and Aesthetics

Tickets: Included with General Admission \$13

Start your Saturday morning shopping experience with mimosas available for a discounted price along with live entertainment for your enjoyment.

Sparkle and Shine Raffle

Saturday, September 28

Drawing held at 4:45 p.m. (need not be present to win)

Sponsored by Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry

Tickets: \$10; must be 18 years or older to win.

Win one of three fabulous prizes! Purchase raffle tickets at juniorleagueoflafayette.com, from any Junior League of Lafayette member, Junior League of Lafayette Headquarters, Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry and during Tinsel & Treasures.

First Prize: Rolex 31MM Lady-Datejust stainless steel and 18k white gold.
Retail value \$7,450.

Second Prize: \$2,500 Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry shopping spree.

Third Prize: \$1,000 Cash.





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SPONSORS

PREMIUM BENEFACTOR

\$30,000 and above



PLATINUM BENEFACTOR

\$20,000 – \$29,999



GOLD BENEFACTOR

\$15,000 – \$19,999



SILVER BENEFACTOR

\$10,000 – \$14,999





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\$5,000 – \$9,999

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\$1,500 – \$2,999

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TREASURES**

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OF LAFAYETTE

Sparkle & Shine Raffle

Drawing to be held
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 4:45 p.m.
CAJUNDOME CONVENTION CENTER

\$10

- 3 Winners will be drawn
- Must be 18 years or older to win
- Need not be present to win



FIRST PRIZE
Rolex 31 mm Lady-
Datejust stainless steel
and 18k white gold
Value: \$7,450



SECOND PRIZE
\$2,500 Lee Michaels
shopping spree



THIRD PRIZE
\$1,000 Cash

Event Sponsored by: *Lee Michaels*
FINE JEWELRY & DISTINCTIVE GIFTS

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Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry

An event to benefit Junior League of Lafayette community programs.

PROVISIONAL SPOTLIGHT



Welcoming New Volunteers

Junior League of Lafayette is thrilled to welcome the 35 ladies who make up the 2019-2020 Provisional Class. Provisional Chair Danielle Hines leads this year's class along with six advisors who will guide this group of ladies throughout their exciting, informative and inspiring year.

The Provisional Class for this year will experience a different schedule from those in more recent years. Provisional meetings will take place during the day, allowing for a smaller, more intimate class comprised of women with more flexible schedules who are eager to jump into all things Junior League of Lafayette.

The Provisional Class kicked off the year with "**Super Saturday**" on August 10, 2019, held at Junior League of Lafayette Headquarters. Provisional Class members were introduced to members of both Junior League of Lafayette's Board of Directors and Management Team. They also received a crash course in the history of Junior League of Lafayette and how the League operates. Provisionals were given the chance to learn about fundraisers for the League, such as Junior League of Lafayette Cookbooks and Tinsel & Treasures. Perhaps most importantly, they also had the opportunity to connect with their fellow classmates in fun, meaningful interactions and activities strengthening the relationships they will carry throughout the year.

After listening to various presentations regarding the past, present and future of the League, the ladies broke into groups with their Provisional Advisors and began to learn more about the responsibilities

and expectations associated with their Provisional Year. Throughout the upcoming year, Provisionals will serve alongside active members to ensure Tinsel & Treasures runs smoothly, have the opportunity to assist with community programs, and plan a Provisional Project to benefit the community.

After such an inspiring and educational morning, the day was just getting started. Provisional Advisors led groups on **field trips** across Lafayette to visit sites of some current and legacy community partners. They visited the new storage facility for the Junior League of Lafayette's Diaper Bank followed by stops at community partners Boys and Girls Club Jackie Unit; the Children's Museum of Acadiana; Healing House; and Miles Perret Cancer Services. By visiting these sites, among many others, Provisionals were able to see a comprehensive picture of the impact Junior League of Lafayette continues to have on the Lafayette community.

Throughout this year, we hope that this diverse group of ladies learns not only the importance of Junior League of Lafayette within the **community at large**, but we hope they see that we are all one team. We will be one another's greatest cheerleaders and each member of Junior League of Lafayette will find their place within our League. Each member is encouraged to try new things, step outside of her box, and contribute to the League and our community in ways that leave a lasting mark on Lafayette and herself.

It will be a great year for our 2019-2020 Provisional Class, and with the support of our team, it will be one they will never forget. They've got this. We've got this. Together!



PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE

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Talk About Good II 40th Anniversary Celebration

Maybe you've seen it in your mother's pantry for years. Maybe you've wrapped it as a wedding shower gift for dozens of friends. Maybe it's been your best-kept secret for throwing divine dinner parties in your own home. Regardless, everyone knows that *Talk About Good II* is a staple in the world of authentic Cajun entertaining, and we are celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. In this coveted cookbook, wine references, wild game recipes and party planning hints share space with 12 full-color prints by the late, internationally-acclaimed "Blue Dog" artist, George Rodrigue.

"My family is so happy that *Talk About Good II* is still a must-have cookbook for any self-respecting Cajun," says Jacques Rodrigue, son of artist George Rodrigue. "Thank you to the Junior League for wanting to partner with Dad and his depictions of South Louisiana life on the project 40 years ago. We are excited for the anniversary this year and look forward to several events around the state to



celebrate the cookbook, the artwork and the recipes."

After 40 years of success and hundreds of thousands of copies sold, the current publication has seen a variety of bindings and covers. In its 10th reprint, the cookbook now features a lay-flat case binding and a high-gloss hardcover with one of George Rodrigue's most famous paintings gracing the cover. This infamous image depicts his son, André, as a boy holding a fishing rod while wearing a "Kiss Me, I'm Cajun" shirt. This particular painting was inspired by a trip he took to Texas: "When I found that shirt in Houston," said Rodrigue, "I knew that the Cajun culture was finally becoming known outside of Louisiana." Only a couple of years after this trip to Texas, the painting became a jewel in the Acadiana community and the perfect adornment to the collection of recipes. It's been 40 years, and Junior League is still so proud to have created a cookbook that beautifully melds art, food and culture together, and that is certainly a cause for celebration!

Fantastic Canneloni

Talk About Good II by Margaret A. Blumberg

Ingredients:

- 1 (3-ounce) package manicotti or cannelloni shells
- 1 ¼ pounds Italian sausage
- 1 (10-ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 5 ounces cheese, shredded
- 1 cup creamed cottage cheese, small curd
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ½ cup bread crumbs (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 (28-ounce) jar Hunt's Prima Salsa Sauce

Instructions:

Boil cannelloni shells in a large amount of salted water to which 2 tablespoons cooking oil have been added. Drain and rinse thoroughly; separate to prevent them from sticking together. Remove Italian sausage from casing and brown in heavy skillet, stirring to break up. Place in bowl and add thawed spinach, mozzarella cheese, cottage cheese, Parmesan cheese, bread crumbs and eggs. Season to taste with salt and pepper and mix

thoroughly. Stuff mixture into prepared cannelloni shells and place in a single layer in a well-greased baking dish.

Cover with Prima Salsa

Sauce; you may not

need the whole

jar, but do be

generous.

Bake in a

pre-heated

350° oven

for 30

minutes.

Additional

Parmesan

or

mozzarella

cheese may

be strewn on

top of the sauce

during the last 10

minutes of baking.

Servings: 6.



TAG II on Exhibit at The Southern Food & Beverage Museum



Our beloved book featuring artwork from the legendary George Rodrigue will be front and center in the New Orleans museum for the entire month of December. In addition to the ongoing exhibit, *TAG II* will be a part of the museum's Headline Made in New Orleans Festival on December 7. The festival is a celebration

of Louisiana's art and cuisine and the *TAG II* 40th Anniversary exhibit will serve as a major point of interest for this event.

Thank you to the Rodrigue family and the staff at The Southern Food & Beverage Museum for this unique and exciting opportunity.

SMILES

Putting smiles on every face.



The phrase, "You have cancer," is a mountain for anyone to face, regardless of their age. But, a cancer diagnosis is one of the most unimaginable challenges a family can have to face, and it is the reality of many of the families at Miles Perret Cancer Services. It is through these circumstances that Junior League of Lafayette steps up through a partnership with Miles Perret Cancer Services to bring joy, escape and assistance to these families in the most trying of days.

Through an event focusing on the child and eliminating an essential demand on the families' already busy schedules and financial obligations, this year's Junior League of Lafayette SMILES Committee partnered with Miles Perret Cancer Services fulfilling school supply lists for the 130 local children ages 5–18. This **Back-to-School Project** offered practical support to Miles Perret Cancer Services, who gifted the individually selected school supplies to families in need.

SMILES Committee member Katie Patrick described her experience, "The Back-to-School Project was the best experience I've had with Junior League. To know that I contributed to making life a bit easier for these families struggling through so much reminded me why

volunteering in our community is so important."

The mission of the SMILES Committee is to work with Miles Perret Cancer Services to provide meaningful and supportive activities for children who are fighting cancer or for children whose parents or siblings are battling cancer. Each of the 13 SMILES Committee members spent several hours shopping for specific supplies needed for each child in preparation for the upcoming school year. These volunteers assembled more than 4,000 items into customized bags for each child during the collaborative event.

"Miles Perret families are fighting, surviving and living with cancer," said Kate Blecher, Junior League of Lafayette SMILES Committee Chair. "The most rewarding part about working with Miles Perret is working with the families. These families are living and surviving the unimaginable and we have the opportunity to offer a small bit of normalcy. Through monthly events, we provide experiences for them to look forward to and enjoy with their families, where all they have to focus on is being together and having fun."

The school supplies were distributed to the **57 families** by Miles Perret Cancer Services at the end of July, just in time for the kids to

return to school fully prepared. "The Back-to-School Project is an opportunity for us to take the often daunting task of school supply shopping off of a busy family's schedule and give them one less thing to worry about," Blecher went on to say.

In addition to volunteer hours, Junior League of Lafayette supports the families of Miles Perret Cancer Services by purchasing \$7,500 worth of back-to-school supplies for those children in school. This contribution is made possible through the League's fundraising efforts including Tinsel & Treasures, Kitchen Tour and cookbook sales.

Junior League of Lafayette is committed to ensuring that the children and families of our community, especially those most vulnerable, are supported and given every opportunity to thrive. It is through partnerships like the one with Miles Perret Cancer Services that allow Junior League of Lafayette volunteers to identify, support and impact these incredible children and families who most need a community to lift them up. It is our hope that Junior League of Lafayette can offer a bit of hope to families who are facing cancer and remind them that we are all in this together. We are one community. We are one family.

SMILES COMMITTEE

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Junior League of Lafayette is launching a new program this year to support moms and babies in our local community. Stay tuned for more information on our website and in future Petit publications.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 in every 3 families struggle with diaper need.
- Average diaper cost is \$70-80 per month, per baby.
- Diapers cannot be purchased with food stamps.

*Source: <https://nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org/>



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SEPTEMBER 25-28, 2019
CAJUNDOME CONVENTION CENTER

PREVIEW PARTY

Wednesday, September 25, 2019
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

PREFERRED SHOPPING

Thursday, September 26, 2019
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

SANTA SNEAK PEEK

Thursday, September 26, 2019
3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Bring the kids to see Santa. Complimentary picture.

COCOA WITH MRS. CLAUS

Thursday, September 26, 2019
4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

LADIES' NIGHT

Friday, September 27, 2019
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
DJ & signature cocktail for purchase.

CHILDREN'S EVENT

Breakfast with Santa & Friends
Saturday, September 28, 2019
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

MERRY MIMOSAS

Saturday, September 28, 2019
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

SPARKLE & SHINE RAFFLE

Saturday, September 28, 2019
Drawing held at 4:45 p.m.

GENERAL ADMISSION

THURSDAY: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. • **FRIDAY:** 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. • **SATURDAY:** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Strollers permitted on Thursday from 3 p.m. – 8 p.m. ONLY.

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