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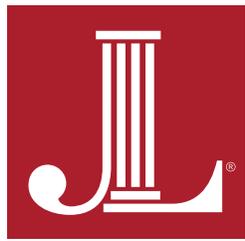


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**OUR VISION** Women as leaders for lasting community change.

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**Join Us!**

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 one of our upcoming information sessions to learn more:

- February 6, 2019 - 6 p.m.
- 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).

## **Winners Announced for Sparkle & Shine Raffle**

*Congratulations to the winners of our 2018 Tinsel & Treasures Sparkle & Shine Raffle!*

**Rolex Watch: Danielle Hidalgo • \$2,500 Lee Michaels Shopping Spree: Melanie Myers • \$1,000 Cash: Anastasia Daigle**

A special thanks to Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry for being a long-time supporter of Tinsel & Treasures.

# LETTER from the PRESIDENT

As we end a holiday season, I can't help but reflect on the season of giving and how it relates to our League work. I am reminded of a verse we recite in our Association Prayer:

**“Grant us the joy of filling someone's need.”**

As League members, we receive great joy in serving others by creating lasting community change through our direct volunteer service in community programs and community outreach events. Our commitment to service is just one of the reasons why many join Junior League of Lafayette. I would like to share a few highlights of the ways we are serving the community and receiving great joy in doing so:

- In **SEPTEMBER**, we successfully hosted Tinsel & Treasures - celebrating 25 years. With your support as partners, sponsors, and guests, we had a successful holiday market and we sincerely thank you! Proceeds from this event will provide financial support to further the League's Mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community.
- **OCTOBER** featured Junior League joyfully announcing the 2018-2019 grant recipients to twelve local agencies for projects within our community in addition to committing volunteer deployment for each of these events.
- Girls on the Run participants completed a 10-week program and celebrated with a 5K run in **NOVEMBER**. This program focused on empowering and inspiring young girls through physical fitness and important life strategies for growth and development. Additionally, the Kids in the Kitchen program participants celebrated with a graduation dinner after completing a fall semester learning series of healthy eating and healthy lifestyles.
- **DECEMBER** included 25 teams of junior high students completing the Junior Quiz Bowl fall semester program with a final tournament promoting academic excellence.



Monthly, the SMILES committee - in collaboration with Miles Perret Cancer Services - planned and hosted various events for the families of SMILES. These events provided an escape and supportive environment for children ages 5-18 who are fighting cancer or have a parent or sibling with cancer.

One of the greatest gifts is giving. Saint Francis of Assisi said, "For it is in giving that we receive." We have countless opportunities to give as League members. We give to our community through direct services, resources and volunteer time. And we give to each other through fellowship, grace, and developing each other's potential.

The strength of our League's foundation and the lasting community change would not be possible without our members. I originally joined in 2008 because I wanted to enrich the community that I love, work, and play in with my family and hopefully teach my children the power of giving back. Junior League has given - and continues to give - me more reasons to stay. I continue to serve because I believe in the power of voluntarism, and I am grateful to receive invaluable leadership training and development while making lasting and meaningful change in our community. If you believe in our Mission or want to learn more, please consider attending an admissions information session. Or perhaps consider reaching out to those women in your life who may want to learn more about Junior League and how we serve the community.

As we begin a new year, may we all be inspired throughout 2019 to do great things that bring us joy, count the blessings we have been given, and have a bright and meaningful year. I wish you all a healthy and Happy New Year!

Blessings,

*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 edition, we began to profile Junior League of Lafayette’s Board of Directors and Management Team in a “getting to know you” feature. This edition, we asked: **“What training have you received from Junior League of Lafayette that you have brought to your profession or other volunteer experiences?”**

*“I have learned so many skills through the League and was really able to further develop interests that I wanted to explore and cultivate.”* — Angelle Adams, President-Elect

*“Training received from positions on the Board of Directors and Management Team, as well as financial training, has been very helpful in other organizations.”*  
— Carlee Alm-LaBar, Chief Financial Officer

*“Attending the Organizational Development Institute through the Association of Junior Leagues International and developing leadership skills.”* — Megan Andrus, Director-at-Large

*“The neat thing about Junior League is it allows you to self-discover your own skill set and gently pushes you out of your comfort zone to further develop the best version of you.”*  
— Mary Courville, President

*“The training I received from the League is immeasurable. Through all the training and experiences, I discovered my own leadership style. It was the opportunities in the League that gave me the practice and the ability to lead committees and work with teams.”* — Allison Dickerson, Director-at-Large

*“I am the managing partner and co-founder of a leadership development and human resource consulting company. So, there are a few parts of my work with Junior League that are kind of ‘Which came first, the chicken or the egg?’ in terms of what I brought to the League, and what the League brought to me.”* — Christina Harper Olivier, Director-at-Large

*“The League has taught me organizational skills, meeting preparation skills, and how to work with trained volunteers.”*  
— Sarah Henderson, Governance Advisory Panel Chair

*“Mentoring incoming Provisionals as a Provisional Advisor has helped me to be a better mentor to coworkers.”*  
— Elizabeth Laborde, Secretary

*“It’s hard to pinpoint one thing. I believe that there is a cumulative stream of information that I have retained over the years from each training. Over time, the same concepts have resonated with me in my League work and everyday life.”*  
— Jeanne-Marie Savoy, Nominating & Board Development Chair

*“I don’t think it’s possible to list everything, but so far: leadership and management training, marketing, running a meeting, reading financial reports and contracts, event planning, and how not to sweat the small stuff. Just to name a few.”* — Tracy Ralston, Director-at-Large

*“I’ve learned and used strategic planning, budgeting, managing volunteers, public speaking, facilitating, networking, the beauty of collaboration, and many other skills big and small.”* — Lee Ann Remondet, Sustaining Advisor





# Getting to Know You

## MANAGEMENT TEAM Q&A

*“Junior League has helped me further develop team building, conflict management, and public speaking skills during my League career. I have shared these skills in my profession and in other organizations.”*

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

*“The League has provided me with invaluable skills in both my professional and volunteer experiences. I have learned time management, how to efficiently conduct meetings, and improved my public speaking ability.”*

— Roya Boustany, Community Vice President

*“The League has definitely brought me out of my comfort zone. I’ve improved my organization and communication skills for sure!”*

— Brittany Eskridge, Financial Vice President

*“I have received training that truly helped me trust in myself and what I can accomplish. The League pushed me out of my comfort zone while I was an Active. Though it may take me a while to fully digest the solutions to a problem, I know I now trust my opinion on the solution.”*

— Monique Gidion, Accounting Manager

*“I have received invaluable training through my League years; everything from how a meeting should be run to sponsor relations.”*

— Rita Goodrich, Personnel Vice President

*“Dare I say, all of it. The League has taught me the value of hard work, dedication, and community awareness, and how to move 600 women around a common mission.”*

— Alison Howard, Sustaining Advisor

*“The League has given me many gifts and one of those is training and development. Volunteer management, event planning, successful meeting planning and execution, and presentation skills are just a few to name.”*

— Katherine McCormick, Placement Chair

*“Attending the Organizational Development Institute through the Association of Junior Leagues International was life changing. It ignited a further passion for Junior League initiatives, and allowed me to advance my fundraising, donor relations and membership communication skills.”*

— Kristie Tatford, Communications Vice President

Stay tuned for more Q&As in our next edition of the Petit Potpourri, as we continue to profile our Board of Directors and Management Team throughout the year.



# 2018-2019 GRANTS RECIPIENTS

Each year, Junior League of Lafayette invites local nonprofits to apply for collaborative grants to support short-term projects within the Lafayette community. These proposals are viewed and considered by the Community Grants Selection Committee. When selecting recipients, the committee looks for projects that further the Mission of Junior League of Lafayette which is to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women, and improve the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Once chosen, the organizations receive one-time monetary funding in a set amount, given at the Grants Program held during Junior League of Lafayette's October General Membership Meeting. Organizations also receive up to ten trained Junior League of Lafayette volunteers to assist in the planning, execution and completion of the proposed project.

This year, Junior League of Lafayette was thrilled to award over \$16,500 to the following organizations:

## Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana: A Celebration of SMART Girls

*\$1,500.00 was awarded, 4 volunteers*

Junior League members will help host a celebration to mark completion of the SMART Girls program which provides 30 young girls ages 8-14 with female role models who will encourage them to see the many possibilities available to them in life. The program provides participants with the opportunity to partake in small group sessions, group activities, field trips and various guest speakers while helping them to build skills for eating right, staying physically fit, receiving satisfactory health care and developing positive relationships.

## CASA of South Louisiana: Spooktacular Halloween Party

*\$1,500.00 was awarded, 5 volunteers*

Junior League volunteers will purchase 50 suitcases and help to create Comfort Kits which consist of a suitcase, blanket, book, stuffed animal and journal. These kits allow foster children to have something of their own when they are removed from their home and moved to foster care. Foster children often must place their belongings in large plastic garbage bags when they are

removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. Providing these children with Comfort Kits will help to make the process a littler smoother for them, and give a safe place for those personal, cherished items to help maintain an important sense of self.

## Catholic Services of Acadiana: Easter Egg Hunt

*\$1,500.00 awarded, 10 volunteers*

Junior League of Lafayette members will host an Easter Egg Hunt for women and children at The Emily House. Volunteers will assist with purchasing small appliances as prizes for an adult BINGO game, facilitating the BINGO game and providing games for the children. This project will provide the mothers at Emily House a break while their children are entertained, allow for all residents to have a fun and relaxing day and give the mothers a chance to obtain small appliances they will need when they transition into permanent housing.

## Maddie's Footprints: Care Package Project

*\$1,500.00 awarded, 4 volunteers*

Junior League of Lafayette members will purchase items and assemble 75 care packages to families who have experienced miscarriages, still births

or the loss of an infant up to one year in age. The packages contain a book, bookmark and charm, journal and information about Maddie's Footprints. They are delivered to families soon after the loss occurs to further support and comfort them as well as provide them materials to introduce them to the organization. Maddie's Footprints then helps to lead these families in the right direction when they are in need of information, support, and/or counseling along with offering financial assistance for end-of-life expenses and/or medical expenses that can be overwhelming during their difficult time.

## The Merle F. and Herbert Hanna Foundation/The Clearport Learning Center: Girl's Night

*\$1,500.00 awarded, 6 volunteers*

Junior League of Lafayette members will assist the mentoring program with their Girl's Night twice during the year. The Girl's Night will consist of a meal and other activities with female community members who will discuss topics that have been previously submitted by students. The goal of the night is to provide the female students with encouragement and empowerment as they develop into adults.



Picture of Collaborative Opportunity Grant Recipients and members of Junior League leadership team.

## New Hope Community Development of Acadiana: New Hope Christmas Store

*\$1,500.00 awarded, 5 volunteers*

Junior League of Lafayette members will assist with facilitating a store for students who participate in the after-school tutoring program. These students earn New Hope Dollars by doing all their homework, doing extra work and exercising self-discipline. During the New Hope Christmas Store, students can spend their New Hope Dollars and are encouraged to buy generous gifts for their parents, siblings and teachers along with special gifts for themselves. Volunteers will assist in purchasing items for the store, along with serving as shopping assistants to help students shop and Christmas wrappers to help students wrap their generous gift.

## Outreach Center for Women and Children: Comfort Project for a Cozier Stay

*\$1,500.00 was awarded, 5 volunteers*

Junior League of Lafayette members will purchase comforters, sheets, pillows and bath towels to replace the current, outdated items in the 28 bed Lighthouse homeless shelter for women and children. Once items are purchased, Junior League members will visit the shelter to assist with putting comforters and new linens on each of the beds. This project will provide the women and children who stay in the shelter a more comfortable stay during a difficult time in their lives.

## Children's Museum of Acadiana: Sensory Sea Exhibit

*\$1,499.97 was awarded, 10 volunteers*

Junior League members will convert the current, outdated Bank Exhibit to a Sensory Sea Exhibit which will offer museum guests quality sensory-based experiences with an ocean theme. This exhibit will help to establish the right mix of offerings to allow the Children's Museum of Acadiana to offer children with special needs – such as those on the autism spectrum, those with sensory processing challenges, children in foster care or other exceptional children – private and complimentary play at the Museum either before or after regular hours.

## Acadiana Autism Society: Stress-Reducing Backpacks

*\$1,481.77 awarded, 5 volunteers*

Junior League of Lafayette members will purchase, assemble and distribute backpacks to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder. These backpacks will contain items that provide ways to reduce stress in certain situations along with a book for caregivers providing information about sensory disorders. These backpacks will give the opportunity for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder to be included in more aspects of society.

## FoodNet Food Bank: Children's Healthy Snacks Project

*\$1,200.00 was awarded, 7 volunteers*

Junior League of Lafayette members will purchase items and pack

approximately 400 bags with healthy snacks for families who receive supplemental food bags from one of the food distribution pantries served by the food bank. These families do not have access to healthy snacks for their children otherwise.

## Foster Friends: Annual Christmas Party

*\$1,500.00 was awarded, 10 volunteers*

Junior League of Lafayette members hosted a Christmas Party for foster children in the Acadiana area who have been released for adoption. This party allows foster children to experience the joys of Christmas and gives them the opportunity to forget about the current circumstances in their lives for a few hours. Funds will be used to purchase gifts from wish lists created by the foster children to allow them to receive gifts from Santa.

## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana: Spooktacular Halloween Party

*\$800.00 awarded, 10 volunteers*

Junior League of Lafayette members hosted the annual Spooktacular Halloween Party in Girard Park. Children who are currently matched with a Big Brother/Sister, along with those on the waiting list, were invited to the party which consisted of pumpkin painting, a costume contest, pizza, hot dogs, drinks and lots of fun. This party helps Bigs with needed relationship building and establishing the trust factor with their Little, which in turn helps the longevity of their matches.

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# FEATURE



Each year, Junior League of Lafayette partners with Girls on the Run, a 10-week program that focuses on empowering and inspiring the young girls who participate. The lessons covered in Girls on the Run go beyond physical fitness and running. The girls learn important life strategies that will help them develop a better understanding of who they are and feel empowered to become their best selves. During these lessons, the girls participate in fun activities, including walking, running or even skipping a few laps at the end of each session. At the end of the 10-week program, the girls get to participate in a non-competitive 5K – a celebration event that brings together Girls on the Run participants from around the area.

This season, Junior League of Lafayette is hosting the Girls on the Run program at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Acadiana Granberry Unit. Each week, eleven girls in third through fifth grade meet after school and take part in the activities planned by our League volunteers. The Girls on the Run committee is led by Head Coach and Committee Chair Katarina Adkisson and includes eight other committee members who take turns leading lessons throughout the program. Katarina shared

why she is so excited to be a part of Girls on the Run: “I love being a part of Girls on the Run because it allows me to be a positive role model in the girls’ lives. Girls on the Run allows me to be the person for our girls that I wish I had growing up.”

An important part of Girls on the Run is mentorship, allowing our volunteers the chance to make a difference in the girls’ lives and fulfill an important part of the League’s Mission of developing the potential of women. The girls in the program are not the only ones impacted by this mentorship. Committee member Liz Domingue said, “My favorite thing about Girls on the Run is that feeling that I am making a difference. We may be giving up our time as volunteers, but I’m getting so much back in return.”

League volunteers who have an opportunity to sit in on a Girls on the Run lesson cannot help but come away feeling inspired, and there is no doubt that the girls enjoy every moment of the program as well. Blair Kling said, “My favorite thing about Girls on the Run is to hear the girls laugh, to listen to their stories and be a positive part of their day.” Each lesson is filled with fun and excitement, as the girls share the important parts of their

lives with each other and the League volunteers. Committee member Anna Twilley said, “Mostly, I love the girls. They always make me smile and laugh. I want to hear about their day and experiences.”

On November 17, 2018, the girls who participated in Girls on the Run throughout the fall celebrated the end of the program with a 5K run in Baton Rouge. The event included an Inspiration Village, where girls chose decorated bandannas, had their faces painted, and joined in other creative activities to prepare for the race. They also participated in a Zumba warmup before heading to the start line. The girls then ran, walked, hopped, skipped and jumped the 5k route, culminating with a colorful medal commemorating the event at the finish line. Junior League member Amanda Owen, who participated in a past Girls on the Run 5K said, “The Girls on the Run 5K is one of my favorite races because the atmosphere is so full of joy. I love seeing the girls cross the finish line with huge smiles on their faces. Knowing that Junior League of Lafayette had a part in that makes me proud to be part of this organization.”

# FEATURE

## Junior Quiz Bowl

### Are You Smarter Than a Sixth Grader?



For nearly two decades, Junior League of Lafayette has been promoting academic excellence through the implementation of the Junior Quiz Bowl program in our community. Across Acadiana, area junior high students participate in six weekly competitions in the fall, followed by six weekly competitions in the spring, culminating with a final tournament before the end of the school year. Like many athletic sports, there are up to 25 teams competing from different schools, and the finals are held single-elimination style.

This League year, Ascension Episcopal School is the host of the competitions. Junior League of Lafayette Junior Quiz Bowl committee members are the moderators, timekeepers and scorekeepers, and help run the weekly events. Parents are able to attend and join in to cheer on their respective teams. Students

from Ascension Episcopal School, as well as Lafayette High School, also volunteer time to assist with the competitions.

The oldest running community program for Junior League of Lafayette, Junior Quiz Bowl is a favorite among members. "We really get to know the kids throughout the years, and form relationships with their families. We often see their siblings follow in their footsteps and participate as well," stated Crystal Gustin, Junior Quiz Bowl Chair.

She says the program is undoubtedly a benefit to the children involved. "These sixth, seventh and eighth graders are using this opportunity to prepare for high school, and many of them will excel far beyond into their college years," Gustin added. "It's fascinating to see how intelligent they are as they answer these tough questions."

## COMMITTEE CHAIR PROFILE

### Junior Quiz Bowl Comes Full Circle for Chair

#### Crystal Gustin, 2018-2019 Junior Quiz Bowl Chair

"I was very excited to be asked to be Junior Quiz Bowl Chair for 2018. I was on my middle school quiz bowl team over 20 years ago, and have such wonderful memories from attending competitions and forming friendships with my teammates. It was a fun and rewarding experience and I'm glad I can help continue that with our middle school kids today. I also remember the very nice ladies who ran Junior Quiz Bowl! It was my first exposure to Junior League of Lafayette – little did I know many years later that I would be part of this amazing group!

It really is a fun program for kids and volunteers alike. The kids get to compete in an academically challenging, fast-paced environment. All of our volunteers truly seem to enjoy interacting with the kids. We also love knowing that we are performing a valuable community service that the kids, parents and sponsors all appreciate. I think it's important that as a community, we promote ways that kids can excel in both an academic and personal way, especially during such formative years at the middle school level. I think this goes perfectly with our League's Mission to not only improve our community but also prepare its members (both current and future!) to become engaged and active members of our community."



# PROVISIONAL SPOTLIGHT

# Powerful Start

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The provisional class is cruising through the year! In September, they were true rock stars at Tinsel & Treasures where they worked 100 percent of their shifts and had a fabulous time in the process. The energy continued at their October meeting where they met their placement advisors and looked forward to planning their spring session. In November, they celebrated Friendsgiving with a delicious feast while listening to Roya Boustany, Community Vice President, give an inspirational talk about what it means to be a great volunteer. They each reflected on what type of volunteer they'd like to be, and shared their stories with the group. To close out the evening, Provisional Chair Ashley Thom presented the options for the provisional project and encouraged them to apply or

nominate someone for the provisional leadership positions.

Most recently, the ladies of the provisional class gathered for a Christmas pajama party at the home of Sustaining Advisor, Marilyn Lee. It was an evening of fun and friendship as they sipped hot cocoa and mingled and jingled in their favorite holiday pajamas! The provisional members discussed their project that will occur in the spring, and Ashley gave details about the process of provisional project leader nominations, which the class will vote on in the coming months.

Needless to say, our Provisionals have had a robust start to their League year and continue to work hard as the spring approaches.

# Sustaining Advisors

## THEIR IMPORTANCE IN THE LEAGUE

Junior League of Lafayette has always been comprised of incredible women who go above and beyond to further the Mission of the League. Without the work of these women, Junior League of Lafayette would not be what it is today. After serving for 10 years of active service, active members of Junior League of Lafayette are given the opportunity to become Sustainers. While sustaining members have less requirements than active members, many find that they still want to be involved in the League in some way. Each committee within Junior League of Lafayette has a Sustaining Advisor who readily gives advice and valuable feedback to that committee, helping mentor the active members who serve in those placements. These Sustaining Advisors are a vital part of Junior League of Lafayette, and we are grateful they are committed to continuing their service by sharing their gifts of knowledge, experience, and time.



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# COOKBOOK

## Make Memories with Junior League of Lafayette's Cookbook

Even though the holidays have passed, there is always a reason to celebrate. Whether a cozy gathering around the fire or an elaborate party, each moment has a perfect recipe to go along with it. Often, the memories associated with those treats are just as sweet as the taste of the treat itself. From cozy gatherings around a fire to elaborate parties, each moment has a perfect recipe to go along with it. For many families, those recipes come from a cookbook published by Junior League of Lafayette. Whether the cookbook is a brand-new copy with

a beautiful shiny cover and spotless pages, or a well-loved copy dog-eared and seasoned, the recipes within have been enjoyed by families for decades. The following recipes, which include a drink, an appetizer and a dessert, are treats that our members have tested and enjoyed, all from our cookbook *Something to Talk About*.

If you would like to learn more about our cookbooks, please visit our website [www.juniorleagueoflafayette.com](http://www.juniorleagueoflafayette.com). There you will find information about each book, including the price to purchase.



### Red Rooster

- 3 cups orange juice
- 3 cups cranberry juice
- 3 cups vodka

Combine the orange juice, cranberry juice and vodka in a large shallow freezer container. Freeze for 24 hours or until slushy. Serve as a slush. Serves 10.

### Feta Cheese Spread

- 1 pound feta cheese, crumbled
- 3 ounces sun-dried tomatoes, chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 4 garlic cloves minced
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano, or 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme, or 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 1 tablespoon red pepper flakes
- 1 cup (or more) olive oil

Combine the feta cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, parsley, garlic, oregano, thyme and red pepper flakes in a serving bowl and mix well. Pour olive oil over the cheese mixture (do not stir). Chill, covered with plastic wrap, for several hours. Stir well before serving. Serve with stone-ground wheat

### Chocolate Chip Cream Cheese Ball

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) of butter, softened
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup finely chopped pecans

Cream the butter, cream cheese and vanilla in a mixing bowl until light and fluffy. Add the confectioners' sugar and brown sugar gradually, beating just until smooth. Stir in the chocolate chips. Chill, covered, for 2 hours. Shape into a ball on a large piece of plastic wrap. Cover with plastic wrap and chill for 1 hour longer. Roll the ball in the chopped pecans just before serving. Serve with regular or chocolate-flavored graham crackers.



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# KITCHEN TOUR

Join us for the 2019 Junior League of Lafayette Kitchen Tour!

Junior League of Lafayette's annual Kitchen Tour is a self-guided tour and will give you the opportunity to view spectacular kitchens within six beautiful homes around Lafayette. With your \$25 ticket, not only will you have access to tour each of these stunning homes, but you will also receive 30% off any of Junior League of Lafayette's cookbooks. Each home along the route will also hold a door prize drawing, so be sure to enter your name at each location. Once you have toured all six homes, you will also have to opportunity to turn in your ticket to win an exclusive grand prize.



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

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

**NOTE:** Tickets include 30% off JLL cookbooks. Plus, enjoy tasty treats throughout the tour from these popular, timeless books!

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

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM TINSEL & TREASURES



Thank you to all of the sponsors, shoppers, merchants and Junior League of Lafayette members for a wonderful 25th anniversary of our Tinsel & Treasures holiday shopping market! Over 10,000 shoppers attended this year's market. Whether they shopped with our many wonderful vendors or enjoyed one of the great events held throughout the market, everyone was treated to a truly spectacular experience. "While the monetary support makes it possible for Junior League of Lafayette to serve women and children across Acadiana through numerous grants and community programs, the community atmosphere is a palpable and important part of Tinsel & Treasures, too," explained Junior League of Lafayette President Mary Courville. "Families are able to enjoy time together at the events, visitors have many shopping options in one convenient space, and our members

find joy and fulfillment in working together to bring the holiday spirit and pleasurable experience to all who attend."

This year's event raised more than \$325,000! Tinsel & Treasures has successfully raised more than \$5.9 million since its inception to fund community programs in Lafayette and the surrounding areas that have a direct impact on the women and children in our community. The event has afforded the League our ability to live out our Mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

We hope to see you again next year! In the meantime, take a moment to view all of the photos from Tinsel & Treasures on our Junior League of Lafayette Facebook and Instagram accounts.



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