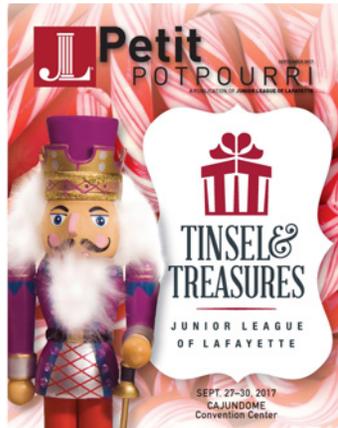
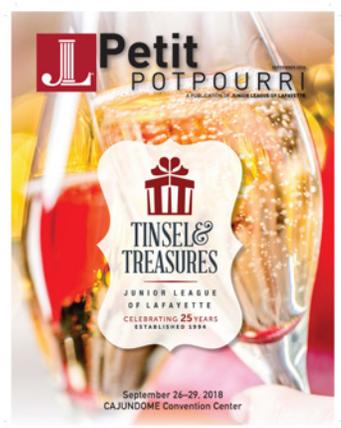
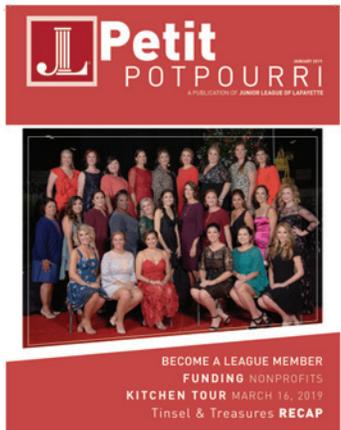


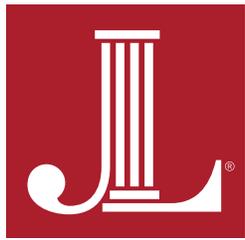


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an extraordinary breed of woman capable of leading her community and of getting others to follow in tackling society's thorniest issues and orchestrating monumental, meaningful change while enhancing the social, cultural and political fabric of our civil society;

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# BETTER TOGETHER

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE

## I don't know about you,

but I am still in disbelief that we are already in April. It has now been a full year since life, as we knew it, changed. If you would have told me a year ago that I would become the “pandemic President” I probably would have smiled and said you were crazy! I’m certain none of us knew how different our lives would be.

In true Junior League spirit, our members have not let the challenges of the past year hold us back. Our capacity to fundraise, our ability to pivot and plan, and the capability to train our members have all been transformed. Most importantly, our dedication to our community programs and our community as a whole has not wavered, and dare I say, we may be even better than before!

Two of our signature Community Programs, **Junior Quiz Bowl** and **NO FEAR NO FUTURE**, were reimagined for a virtual world. The **Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Future®** dental education program was presented to the children at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana as part of the 25-year partnership celebration that included a fun Kitchen Wars competition with the **Kids in the Kitchen** teams at the Jackie and Granberry Units. To round out another successful League year, I am looking forward to our **Women’s Speaker Event**, which will feature a fantastic panel of successful women who will discuss entrepreneurship. And don’t forget, this event is open to everyone, not just our members!

As if the virtual **Tinsel & Treasures** holiday market and special events weren’t successful enough in September, this year’s Committee also provided two magical Christmas events for the children of Acadiana through a virtual hour of Christmas music, crafts, and an appearance by Santa himself! Seeing the smiling faces of those kids reminded us all that no matter where we are or how it happens, Christmas magic still exists!

Our Cookbook Committee has been extra busy celebrating the 15th anniversary of our fourth cookbook, the beautiful **“Something to Talk About.”** Check out the yummy recipes in this issue, and be sure to purchase your copy through our website.

In January, our Board of Directors proudly unveiled the **2021-2024 Strategic Plan** that includes a new focus on advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion within the League, strengthening our focus on the ability to train our members, and continuing to provide lasting community change through our programming. The Strategic Planning process continued with our annual Project Evaluation & Planning week, which lays out the **Annual Plan for 2021-2022**. Our future is certainly bright!

Finally, as we begin the transition to a new League year, some of us will be winding down and others will be just beginning and preparing for a running start on June 1. I would like to say once again how honored I am to serve as the 63rd president of Junior League of Lafayette. I am so grateful to have served with this year’s Board of Directors, Management Team, and each and every member. In a year of change and challenges, your conviction to improving our community and developing the potential of women has not wavered! **We are always Better Together!**



President Dr. Melanie Fowler

*Dr. Melanie Fowler*

# PLACEMENT FEATURE

## Guiding and supporting members

Throughout the year, Junior League of Lafayette Placement Committee works hard to ensure members are placed in the correct League positions and have the support they need. All Junior League of Lafayette members meet with their Placement Advisors at least twice a year, but there is so much more that happens behind the scenes. Nicole Street, 2020-2021 Placement Chair, was kind enough to answer a few questions to help members better understand what the Placement Committee is all about.



### **How do Placement Advisors prepare for the Placement Interview process and to fill their roles as advisors?**

“The Placement Committee works to become familiar with the details of every Junior League of Lafayette placement. We also spend time learning and refreshing our communication skills. Our membership consists of a wide variety of personalities

and communication styles. It is important for our Placement Advisors to be able to connect with each individual member and communicate appropriately.”

### **What do Placement Advisors look for when suggesting members for specific placements?**

“Placement carefully and thoroughly considers a member’s experience in the League, skills, other volunteer and work experience, as well as any specific skills or knowledge a particular placement requires. We also consider the amount of time a member can commit to the League make every effort to place members where they can give the very best of themselves. We also consider a member’s career path within the League and what placements will be the best training opportunities and experiences for that specific path.”

### **How does Placement Committee recognize outstanding Junior League of Lafayette members throughout the year?**

“Members have the opportunity to nominate their peers for membership recognition each month. This is a fun way to recognize members who go above and beyond to make our programs run smoothly and ultimately make an impact on our community.”

### **Throughout the year, how do Placement Advisors work to support the membership outside of placement interviews?**

“Placement Advisors serve as our direct link to the membership, and they support our members by checking in at least monthly, especially in times of need or crisis. Our advisors meet with each individual member twice a year to learn more about their League experience. While guiding them through selecting placement options for the following year is a main part of these interviews, this is also a time where the advisor can learn more about what a member

is experiencing in life and support them in various ways.

Throughout the year, our members experience many different life changes, and the Placement Committee supports these members in ways such as cards, meals, floral arrangements, etc. We also utilize a group of member volunteers that we call Friends Helping Friends. These gracious members will often jump in to fulfill a meal train, bring supplies, or support our members in whichever way they need.”

### **How can Placement help a member who has scheduling conflicts or needs to change their membership status?**

“Each situation is managed personally and individually with the member and their Placement Advisor, and if necessary, the Placement Chair. We take all issues and situations very seriously, and confidentiality is of utmost importance when dealing with the needs and concerns of a member.”

### **How does Placement identify members for Association of Junior Leagues International’s Organizational Development Institute (ODI) training opportunities?**

“Each year members have the opportunity to speak with their Placement Advisor about their desire to participate in ODI or other training opportunities. Depending on the topic and scope of the training, the Placement Committee will identify and recommend members who have a desire to seek out additional training and/or who would benefit from that particular training in their current or future placement.”

### **What positions are placed in the Fall versus the Spring? What is the timeline for placing positions throughout the year?**

“The Placement Committee collaborates with the Nominating & Board Development (NBD) Committee to learn more about the candidates and nominees for all slated placements, which includes the Board of Directors, Management Team, and Nominating & Board Development Committee. These slated roles are recommended from NBD and then voted on by the membership. In January and February, the Placement Committee begins the process of placing our leadership for the following year. This includes Sponsorship, Tinsel & Treasures, Provisional, Placement, Communications, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Little Black Dress, and all other Chair roles. Later in the Spring, the Committee carefully places all Committee members and members are notified of their placement by email on June 1.”



**WOMEN'S SPEAKER EVENT**

# A Panel of Powerful Women

Join us for an evening of empowerment as we meet three local women who are making moves and shattering the glass ceiling.

**April 29, 2021 • Vermilionville • 5-7 P.M. • Tickets \$25**



## Linda Solley Hurd

Linda Solley Hurd is the Founder & CEO of Adeline Clothing, recognized by INC Magazine as one of the fastest growing online fashion retailers in America.

## Brandy Landry

Brandy Landry is the Owner and Founder of 1123 Matte Black, LLC, an Interior Design + Build Firm that specializes in Luxury Residential New Construction, Remodels, and Interior Decorating.



## Lauren Bercier

Lauren Bercier is the Co-Founder & CEO of Something Borrowed Blooms, an innovative company revolutionizing the wedding flower industry.



# Recap

## The 27th Annual Tinsel & Treasures holiday market went virtual and raised more than \$121,000!

“We began meeting virtually in March 2020 brainstorming ideas, creating different scenarios, and recreating various budgets to match those scenarios,” says Cindy Mayeaux, Tinsel & Treasures Chair. “I am so grateful for the ladies who took their time to meet with us multiple times. We had help from the Management Team, Board of Directors, past Tinsel & Treasures Chairs, and Sustainers.

Shoppers were able to shop for two weeks instead of one through the merchants' websites that were located on [juniorleagueoflafayette.com](http://juniorleagueoflafayette.com); they were also able to shop by interacting with merchants via Facebook. The online shopping option, a new feature added to Tinsel & Treasures, was successful because of the huge collaboration between Communications Coordinator Elizabeth Lyons and Step-up Carli Graf; Merchants Coordinator Katherine Riemann and Step-up Ashley Marcantel; as well as Angela Navarre, Step-up Chair, and Cindy Mayeaux. Not only was Facebook a new feature for the event, but we also used a new platform through a partnership with Big 102.1 that helped to create mini radio commercials to promote Tinsel & Treasures.

Although we shifted to virtual shopping, we wanted to keep some of the beloved traditions that would occur during the holiday market such as **Online Auction/Preview Party**, **Ladies' Night**, **Children's Event**, and the **Sparkle & Shine Raffle**.

The online auction and virtual **Preview Party** was spearheaded by Coordinator Jackie Marks-Rollins and her Step-up Erica Precht. These ladies transformed **Preview Party** into a virtual event that had an elevated ambiance and atmosphere. Not only did they create a script, pre-recorded videos, and coordinated with the committee, but they also collected items for the online auction that raised more than \$36,000. Our headquarters was transformed into a winter wonderland thanks to Party Central, the Arrangements Coordinator Elle Clements and Step-up Brooke Bell.

**Ladies' Night** also became a virtual event with a corresponding box of luxurious items included in the price of the ticket. Our sponsor, Paul's Jewelry, allowed us to host a live call for our ladies to enjoy their box in the comfort of their home. We sold all 100 boxes thanks to Jena Dufrene, Special Events Coordinator. The Egrets provided music, and a sommelier educated guests about tasting and savoring each bottle of wine in the box.

The **Sparkle & Shine Raffle**, sponsored by Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry, sold a record 5,300 tickets! The raffle was a huge success thanks to the Raffle Coordinators Alyssa Wheatley and Jayne Soileau; Tickets Coordinator Melissa Lewis and Step-up Renata Alexander; and all the League members who helped sell raffle tickets!

Our virtual **Children's Event** was also a big hit; we sold all 200 boxes! With the help of our sponsor Lafayette Pediatric Dentistry, we hosted two virtual calls with Santa and friends, featuring the tooth fairies, Dr. Gouri and Dr. DeJean. The kids were able to login to a virtual call to decorate cookies, hear a story from Santa, make an ornament, hear Christmas songs from Mrs. Brunet, and dance with Olaf, Rudolph, and Santa's elf helper.

2020 provided many obstacles for Junior League of Lafayette; however, Tinsel & Treasures continued to thrive because of the creativity of the Committee, and the support from all League members. It was amazing to see the persistence, patience, and innovation the women on this Committee were able to accomplish this year.

The **28th Annual Tinsel & Treasures** holiday market will be held both in person and virtually. Angela Navarre, Chair, has been hard at work with her new team, taking experiences from last year and previous years to create a fun and safe holiday market for sponsors, merchants, League Members, and the community.

# 2020-2021 SPRING GRANTS RECIPIENTS



## **AUSTISM SOCIETY OF ACADIANA**

Junior League of Lafayette purchased office items to create a more sensory-friendly environment for the clients, making the office more comforting and inviting.

## **SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK**

Junior League of Lafayette collaborated with Second Harvest Food Bank to provide contactless, mobile food distributions. Healthy food with notecards were also provided to include nutritional fun facts and information about the benefits of consuming healthy food products.



## **DREAMS FOUNDATION OF ACADIANA**

Junior League of Lafayette collaborated with DREAMS Foundation to host a drive-in movie featuring "Polar Express." There was a great turnout of over 40 vehicles, with many of the participants coming in their pajamas. Participants remained in their vehicles while stopping at multiple tents where they received goodie bags, took pictures, and received food to enjoy during the movie, including popcorn, meat pies, and hot chocolate.



# Kids in the Kitchen

## 25 years with Boys & Girls Clubs



Junior League of Lafayette's *Kids in the Kitchen* Committee spends each Monday from September through April, teaching children from Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana Jackie and Granbury Units about healthy eating and healthy living.

This year, the program was successfully completed virtually in accordance with COVID-19 restrictions. *Kids in the Kitchen* committee members delivered food and accompanied each delivery with a hand-written letter. Children from both the Granberry and Jackie Units virtually participated in activities with yoga and dance instructors to get them moving. After 30 minutes of exercise, the children participating in the program spent time preparing food in the kitchen. From kabobs to "pizza men," the food on the menu was always tasty and fun, showing children eating healthy can be delicious.

For their fall graduation dinner, the children were treated to a meal from Don's Seafood Hut. This event gave them the opportunity to try new foods. Chair Madeline Klingensmith said, "My favorite part

of the year was delivering their graduation dinner and their graduation gifts! It's so fun to hear the students' reactions to eating alligator and other yummy foods!"

This year is also a big year for *Kids in the Kitchen*! Junior League of Lafayette is celebrating its 25th year partnering with Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana. To celebrate, local celebrity chefs were invited to cook with the children and held a Kitchen Wars activity between the Jackie and Grandberry Units. Twenty-fifth Anniversary Co-Coordinator Danielle Cyriaque said, "*Kids in the Kitchen* has been 25 years of a wonderful thing! This program has given so much to the members of Junior League of Lafayette and the children at Boys & Girls Clubs. It's a wonderful feeling knowing this program has been around for so long but, it's an even greater feeling knowing that it's sustainability is because everyone is working together so the kids who participate in the program get the most out of it. I am looking forward to many more years of *Kids in the Kitchen*!"

### KIDS IN THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE

- CHAIR** Madeline Klingensmith
- SUSTAINING ADVISOR** Elizabeth H. Smith
- 25TH ANNIVERSARY CO-COORDINATORS** Trisha Casanova, Danielle Cyriaque
- ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR** Sarah Prejean
- ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE** Victoria Copeskey,

- Ashlee Jennings, Nicole Leger, Elizabeth Lemoine, Katie Smith, Elizabeth Van Bebber, Stephanie Vu
- KITCHEN COORDINATOR** Shelby Harper
- KITCHEN COMMITTEE** Elizabeth Diebold, Veronika Henry, Jami Rush, Erin Saltzman, Emily Sudduth, Liza Trahan, Donna Vial

# SMILES

Putting smiles on every face.



The 2020-2021 Junior League of Lafayette year has been a new adventure for our SMILES Committee. SMILES kicks off every year with the Back-to-School Backpack event followed by monthly fun events for the families of Miles Perret Cancer Services.

The Back-to-School Backpack event caters to the many school supplies the children will need to start off their new school year. The 2020-2021 school year was a rocky start for everyone. Because of COVID-19 and the many new protocols, students did not know if they were going to attend school in person or virtually. This ultimately affected the number of families and children that SMILES could help with school supplies. Normally, SMILES committee members all gather for a large school supply shopping trip during the summer. This year, we opted to order most items online, and some committee members shopped individually. In the end, we were able to help around 75 families in this event.

The remainder of the year, SMILES typically organizes and provides fully-funded events for the families of Miles Perret Cancer Services. The events in years past included the following: family ice cream and costume contest at Borden's, family bowling night, Cajun Fast Track, Acadian Lights in December, and Zoosiana in the spring. This year, due to COVID-19 protocols, the SMILES team came together to

provide family fun boxes. Families signed up for boxes with the staff at Miles Perret Cancer Services, and the SMILES committee worked diligently to put together alternative activities within each box.

In October, families signed up for a pumpkin carving basket. They received a pumpkin, carving tools, and lots of Halloween treats. November's box contents revolved around a family movie night where they received popcorn, candy, water bottles, a cozy blanket, and their own copy of "Free Birds." In December, the families were offered the Children's Event boxes from Tinsel & Treasures, and they enjoyed the visit with Santa virtually. In January, the families were provided with contents for a family game night including their own board game, puzzle, and treats. In February, the families signed up for a Mardi Gras themed bag filled to the rim with Mardi Gras throws and a king cake from Meche's. The March box supported a mobile teddy bear event. The families who signed up received their very own box with a teddy bear and clothes. The final event will be in April and will involve a partnership with Zoosiana.

This year has certainly been a year of first; however, as a team, the SMILES Committee has certainly made "dreams come true"!

## SMILES COMMITTEE

**CHAIR** Katie Patrick

**SUSTAINING ADVISOR** Susan Owen

**COMMITTEE** Katarina Adkisson, Abigail Bellard,

Mollie Broussard, Gwen Burleigh, Sonia Hebert, Hannah Mason, Kristen O'Neal, Sarah Parham, Elisabeth Robertson, Amy White

# COMMUNITY

# Community Program Sponsors

This year, Junior League of Lafayette (JLL) launched an exciting new opportunity to directly support our community programs. It is through these initiatives we can impact thousands of individuals each year, as we fulfill our Mission in the Lafayette community.

A Community Program Sponsor is a one-year partnership with JLL. The donation made by the partner can be done by a cash or in-kind donation, and is used to fund the numerous programs and grants provided to the community by the efforts of our League members. In return, the sponsors are listed on a Sponsor Board at our monthly General Membership Meetings, on print ads and press releases about our community programs, on our social media platforms, and more.

“The best part is the Community Program Sponsor does not just sponsor one program, they actually sponsor all of our community programs for an entire League year,” states Dr. Melanie Fowler, president of Junior League of Lafayette. “In our inaugural year, we were able to partner with nine community businesses and look forward to building on these partnerships and expanding them each year.”

2020-2021 Community Program Sponsors helped to benefit programs including, but not limited to, The Diaper Bank, *Kids in the Kitchen*, NO FEAR NO FUTURE and SMILES.

Junior League of Lafayette Sponsorship Committee will be reaching out very soon to both our current sponsors and new businesses that may be interested. If you would like for our Sponsorship Chair to contact you directly, email [sponsorship@juniorleagueoflafayette.com](mailto:sponsorship@juniorleagueoflafayette.com)

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**THANK YOU**  
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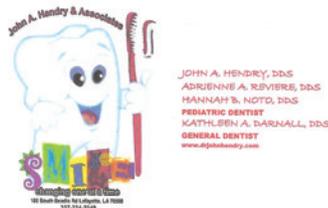


## Bronze Level

Drs. Shane and Melanie Fowler



## Donor Level



# JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LAFAYETTE

# DIAPER BANK



In a time when resources are most needed and families struggle to access diapers, Junior League of Lafayette’s Diaper Bank is a tremendous resource for families across Acadiana. This year, the Diaper Bank distributed approximately 30,000 diapers across seven (7) partner agencies: The Desormeaux Foundation, The Family Tree, Foster the Love, Love INC., Seasons The Green Leaf, Beacon Community Outreach, and United Way of Acadiana.

Additionally, this year Junior League of Lafayette’s Diaper Bank has gained the support of Our Lady of Lourdes Foundation, which has agreed to supply up to 70,000 diapers per year. It also donated a 400-sq. ft. office space on their St. Mary campus to house the diapers for the Diaper Bank. Diapers and bank supplies were successfully moved from the old space (previously donated by a League Member) to the new one with the help of many League Members, Sustainers, and Junior League husbands!

“I’ve enjoyed this placement immensely,” says Margo Dugas, Diaper Bank Chair, “mostly because we are doing our Mission’s work of improving our community. We are ministering directly to women and children in need in our community. Our partner agencies are so appreciative of what we provide to them, and with our contribution, our partner agencies are freed up to provide additional resources and supplies to the needy in our community.”

On Tuesday, March 23, the Diaper Bank hosted the final distribution day for the League year, distributing approximately 7,500 diapers to community partners. These diapers will directly benefit constituents of these organizations and ensure the families served have this most basic need met.

“I’m proud of the work our committee has done this year in the midst of very challenging circumstances,” says Dugas. “We were fortunate to be able to continue supplying our community partners with diapers. It was an honor to chair this committee.”

**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/>



## DIAPER BANK COMMITTEE

**CHAIR** Margo Dugas

**STEP-UP** Frances Burbank

**SUSTAINING ADVISOR** Linda Alesi

**COMMITTEE** Mamie Hightower, Corbin Levin, Maria Watson

# WHAT'S TO COME



## OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

### JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LAFAYETTE

This year has certainly been a year of change for so many things in our lives and our League, and two very exciting changes are coming to our community work starting in the 2021-2022 League year. After research on community needs and member interest, two existing Community Committees are pivoting next year to better serve Acadiana in new and exciting capacities!

The Lafayette Parish School System (LPSS) committee will become “Talk About Gardens!” This Committee will partner with LSU Agriculture Center’s Master Gardeners and LPSS to bring two new gardens to classrooms in the Acadiana area. The program is a year-long partnership between our volunteers and local classrooms. Our volunteers will help teach children about growing their own food and making healthy choices. This impactful program will help children form ideas about nutrition in a sustainable way, and it will provide other engaging opportunities, such as cooking competitions, throughout the year!

Our Community Enrichment Committee will transition into “Opportunity Knocks” next year and will provide our trained volunteers to staff immediate community projects as they arise. This shift is an opportunity to mobilize our volunteers to programs and events that serve our community during vulnerable times, and it extends our reach in building community partnerships. So many of our League Members define their League membership by the impact they have in the community, and this new committee provides an opportunity to act quickly when our community needs us most.

Thank you to all the 2020-2021 League Members who made these changes possible by researching effective strategies, defining new programs, and surveying member needs. By working “Better Together” this year, you’ve set the stage for an exciting 2021-2022 League year!

### JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LAFAYETTE

## TALK ABOUT GARDENS!



# Developing the Potential of Women

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With a Mission of “developing the potential of women,” Junior League of Lafayette is moving forward with big plans for that exact directive. The Membership Development Committee has been working diligently to ensure the League lives up to our Mission and each member has the tools necessary to develop their greatest potential.

One of the goals of the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan is specific to Leadership Development & Training -- provide learning opportunities to develop leadership skills that empower our members personally, professionally, and civically. This is where strategies were identified to actively promote leadership positions to all members and offer well-rounded training to match their diverse interests and leadership desires. Junior League of Lafayette will work annually to increase the capacity of leadership and chair positions and to identify informal training moments for members throughout the year.

“Training our members was a high priority conversation this year at the Project Evaluation & Planning (PEP) table and those conversations have continued in all the discussions as we start working on next year,” says Stacie Belle, Executive Vice President-Elect. “During our planning process, we increased budgets in multiple areas to allow more professional training for members, chairs, Board of Directors, and Management Team. The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion budget increase will allocate training to fulfill our Strategic Plan. The Membership Development increase will offer our Members well-rounded training and the sponsorship budget increase will provide intentional training for the Committee.”

This year with the shift to virtual events, Junior League of Lafayette was able to send more members to important trainings because the conferences were much more affordable without typical travel expenses. It was also more time efficient for Members who may not have been able to travel to a conference. Instead, they could attend virtually and receive the same impactful information and experience from the comfort of home.

The most important part of our Mission is that Junior League of Lafayette “develops the potential of women,” and that is not something we, as a League, take lightly. We strive to be a catalyst for all members to expand their scope of knowledge and experience as professionals, individuals, and volunteers. We are proud of where we’ve been, and we look forward to all that is to come for each Member of Junior League of Lafayette.

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# External Community Board Placements

Collaborating and partnering with nonprofits throughout the Acadiana area is an important aspect to the service Junior League of Lafayette (JLL) members engage in within our community. Each year, several members of the League are selected to serve as JLL representatives on the board of directors of other nonprofit organizations. As volunteers well trained in nonprofit operations, Junior League members can offer advisory support to these outstanding organizations. League members understand how committees and boards function and work together to achieve a common mission. Currently Junior League of Lafayette members represent the League on the following nonprofit boards- **Acadiana Center for the Arts, Acadiana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (AVOAD), Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana, Healing House, Hearts of Hope, Lafayette Parish Public Library Foundation, Maddie's Footprints, Miles Perret Cancer Services, and The Family Tree.**

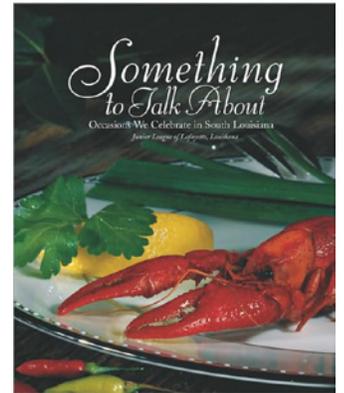
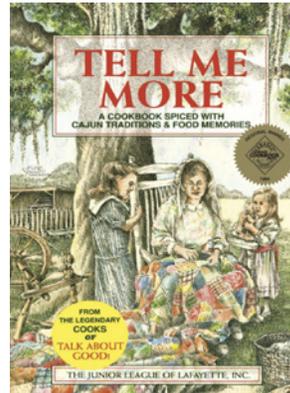
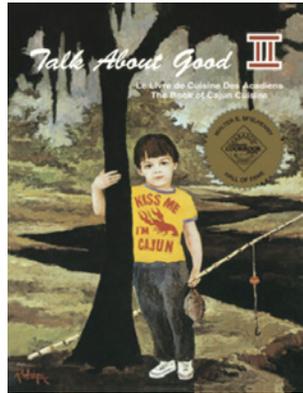
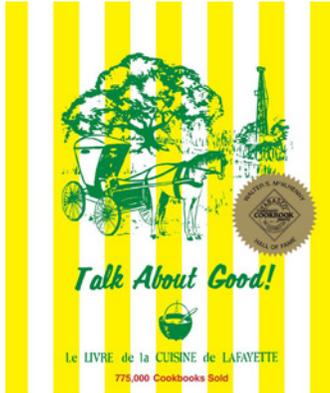
Agencies interested in having a Junior League of Lafayette member serve in board positions should contact the Community Vice President at League Headquarters or [jll@juniorleagueoflafayette.com](mailto:jll@juniorleagueoflafayette.com).



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# COOKBOOK FEATURE



## Cookbook Exceeds Goal

We all know and love Junior League of Lafayette’s (JLL) cookbook series: “Talk About Good,” “Talk About Good II,” “Tell Me More,” and “Something to Talk About.” Each year, JLL’s Cookbook Committee works hard to fundraise on behalf of the League through sales of these award-winning cookbooks.

“Although it was not the normal year we had planned and anticipated, we still managed to accomplish our Committee goals and still had a very successful League year,” says Ayesha Martin, Cookbook Chair. This year, despite the challenges they faced, the Cookbook Committee exceeded their goal and have sold almost 4,000 cookbooks!

The Cookbook Committee provided virtual taste treats for Junior League of Lafayette’s General Membership Meetings. Members had the chance to follow along at home, aided by cooking videos and great recipes prepared by the Cookbook Committee, in lieu of traditional taste treats that are available during in-person meetings. The Cookbook Committee was also able to host a pop-up event at Caroline & Company’s Holiday Open House, where members of the Committee were on-hand to answer questions about our cookbooks and offer taste treats to shoppers. Throughout the League year, the Cookbook Committee also hosted several virtual specials, allowing members of the community to take advantage of special discounts. Looking forward, the Cookbook Committee plans to host a small event for Junior League of Lafayette’s sustaining members as well as a celebration during Junior League of Lafayette’s Annual Meeting commemorating the 15th print anniversary of “Something To Talk About.”

Congratulations to Junior League of Lafayette’s Cookbook Committee for another fantastic year of promoting and selling the League’s incredible and delicious cookbooks.

### COOKBOOK COMMITTEE

**CHAIR** Ayesha Martin

**STEP-UP CHAIR** Eugenie Lemoine

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**ACCOUNT COORDINATOR** Kacie Matte

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Clare Roubion

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**COMMITTEE** Heather Cutbirth, Lainie Hebert,

Whitney Linville, Ashlee Marino,

Rebecca Prudhomme, Katie Sanford, Janet Winger

# Shrimp Relish

Page 71, *Something to Talk About*

## Ingredients:

- 1 ½ pounds large shrimp, cooked, peeled and deveined
- 1 cup minced onions
- 1 cup snipped fresh parsley
- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- ½ cup vinegar
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 ½ teaspoon salt
- Dash of pepper

## Instructions:

Combine the shrimp, onion and parsley in a large bowl. Beat the oil, vinegar, garlic, salt and pepper together in a small bowl. Pour over the shrimp. Marinate in the refrigerator for 1 hour or until serving time. Heap the shrimp in a serving bowl with a few arranged on the rim of the dish and serve with wooden picks as an appetizer. Or serve the shrimp on a bed of greens as a salad. *Serves 6 to 8.*



# Awesome Oatmeal Cookies

Page 196, *Something to Talk About*

## Ingredients:

- ¾ cup packed brown sugar
- ¾ cup (1 ½ sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 ¼ cups rolled oats
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 cup all purpose flour
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground cloves
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup chopped walnuts
- ½ cup raisins
- ¾ teaspoon vanilla extract

## Instructions:

Combine the brown sugar, butter, rolled oats, egg, milk, flour, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves and salt in a mixing bowl and mix well. Stir in the walnuts, raisins and vanilla. Drop by tablespoonful 1 ½ inches apart on a cookie sheet. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Store in an airtight container. *Makes 2 dozen.*



# Carrots in Orange Sauce

Page 130, *Something to Talk About*

## Ingredients:

- 1 (16 ounce) package small carrots
- ½ cup orange juice
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon orange rind, grated
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons butter

## Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Steam the carrots until tender, drain. Combine the orange juice, sugar, cornstarch, orange rind and salt in a small saucepan. Cook over low heat until blended, stirring constantly. Stir in the butter. Combine the carrots and orange sauce in a baking dish. Bake covered for 30 minutes. Garnish with chopped fresh parsley. *Serves 4 to 6.*

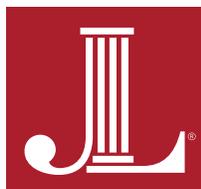


*Junior League of Lafayette Presents:*

# Petit Potpourri - The Blog of Junior League of Lafayette

Junior League of Lafayette is excited to announce Petit Potpourri is moving to a blog format in the 2021-2022 League Year! After many years of publishing the Petit as a print publication, only available a few times a year, we are thrilled to be able to bring articles to our members throughout each month. Articles will be regularly posted to our website and shared through our quickly growing social media platforms. You will be able to read about Junior League of Lafayette's impact on the community, hear from featured League members, view videos of current projects, and so much more!

We hope you will join us in celebrating Petit Potpourri - The Blog of Junior League of Lafayette!



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