

2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT

# JUNIOR LEAGUE OF **\_AFAYETTE**

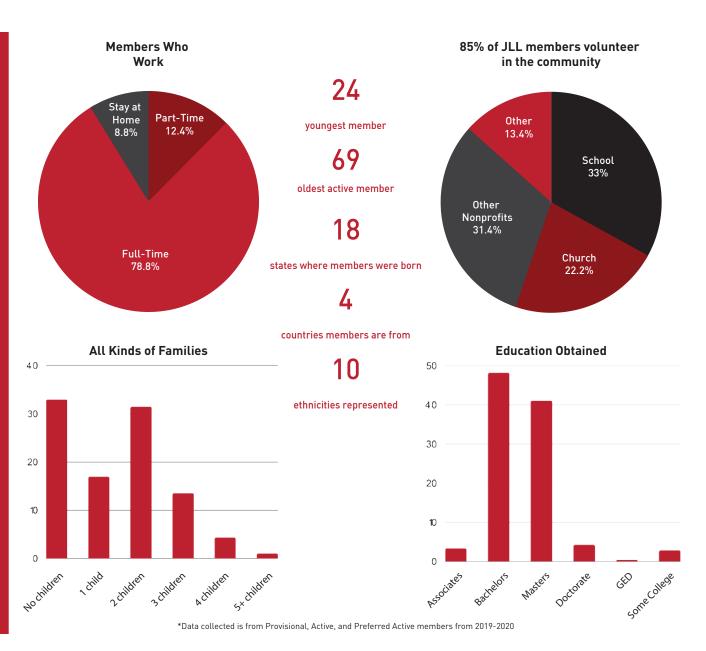
## **OUR MISSION**

Junior League of Lafayette is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

## OUR VISION

Women as leaders for lasting community change.





# WeGotThis. THE JUNIOR LEAGUE

2019-2020 was most certainly an incredible year for Junior League of Lafayette! We had many successes throughout the year, for our members and our organization, and we concluded with undoubtedly the biggest unpredictable change in League history.

With a membership of more than 600 women strong, our "We Got This" theme for the year was embedded in every facet of our League. Our leadership teams and membership embraced this message wholeheartedly, and the positive spirit was



**ANGELLE ADAMS** 

felt throughout all four councils. We successfully provided training opportunities for our members at every General Membership Meeting, offering engaging, educational topics relevant to our membership. Thanks to our members, sponsors, and community partners, we completed yet another outstanding Tinsel & Treasures fundraiser for our League to support the work of our mission in the community. *Talk About Good II*, the second cookbook in our award-winning series, celebrated 40 years in publication. This historical treasure, along with renowned artwork from the late George Rodrigue, were a feature exhibit for several months at the Southern Food & Beverage Museum in New Orleans.

Our League expanded its focus outward this year and worked diligently to collaborate with organizations in the community, in doing so, we successfully established eight representatives on external nonprofit boards. We celebrated our 50th anniversary as a member with One Acadiana, reaffirming that Junior League of Lafayette continues to be a longstanding nonprofit business in the community. The efforts of our Collaborative Opportunity Grants program was recognized this year as well, as JLL received United Way of Acadiana's Luminary Award for the Days of Thanksgiving project, representative of UWA's vision to "live UNITED."

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, JLL activated its first Emergency Response Team to respond to the inevitable changes to our already planned programs and events for the remainder of the year. The League shifted to a socially distant platform, causing many planned programs to be altered, postponed, or canceled. All trainings and meetings were held through virtual platforms, with the League hosting its first ever Virtual Annual Membership Meeting. Even throughout the uncertainty, our Diaper Bank remained open and operational to provide our partner organizations support for those families in need. What was most impressive to me during this time was the commitment of our members to one another and the perseverance of each and every Active, Provisional, and Sustainer member to continue the work of our organization. Junior League of Lafayette members successfully volunteered nearly 27,000 hours to continue our Mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of our trained volunteers. Finally, we made a commitment to incorporate Diversity, Equity & Inclusion into our Leauge work for 2020-2021.

It has truly been my greatest honor to serve as the 62nd President of Junior League of Lafayette. I am so very grateful to have worked with all the intelligent, vibrant women in JLL, and I have enjoyed all of the friendships made during this incredible, humbling year. Remember, it takes ALL of us working together to make this community a better place to live, work, and thrive. Together, We Got This!





**Standing:** Monica Zuschlag, Christa Billeaud, Megan Andrus, Caroline Potier, Brittany Eskridge, Amy Courvelle, Angela Cring **Seated:** Tracy Ralston, Katherine McCormick, Angelle Adams, Dr. Melanie Fowler, Jeigh Stipe

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**Standing:** Elizabeth Lyons, Frances Attenhofer, Monique Gideon, Chrissy Morris, Cathy LaGrange, Alison Howard **Seated:** Carlee Alm-LaBar, Katherine McCormick, Roya Boustany, Theresa Landry

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Standing: Mary Courville, Chris Roy, Dr. Monique Monteilh, Jonathan Koob, Yvette Quantz, Ben Broussard, Dr. Annie Spell, Andre Breaux Seated: Elizabeth Lyons, Donna Landry, Angelle Adams, Dr. Melanie Fowler, Katherine McCormick, Jennifer LeMeunier

### 2018-2020 TERM 2019-2021 TERM

Chief Robert Benoit
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# EXTERNAL BOARD PLACEMENTS















## Acadiana Center for the Arts:

### Katherine Bernhardt

"Seeing two of my favorite organizations, JLL and the AcA, reestablish a working relationship on their shared mission to serve children in our community has been the highlight of my year! I know the partnership will provide a lasting impact in our community, both in the arts and with our youth."

# **Acadiana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster:** Caroline Potier

"I have learned so much about how each different organization or nonprofit serves our community, and I am overwhelmed by the love and resources the aforementioned provide for those who are in need. I hope to see the relationships grow between JLL and other nonprofits as we all navigate through these disasters together."

### **Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana:** Avesha Martin

"I am proud of the continued commitment to serving the youth in Acadiana, despite the challenging circumstances we have been faced with since March 2020. Chromebooks were delivered to Club kids so that they can have a virtual club experience daily. In addition, BGCA has provided 1,000,000 + meals to families in Acadiana."

### **Hearts of Hope:** Maria Watson

"Being a part of Hearts of Hope has given me the chance to see other community members share their passions for this organization. They have gone from in-person to online because, as they have stated, during a pandemic, their work does not stop; in fact, it probably increases. Abuse does not stop."

# Lafayette Parish Public Library Foundation: Christina Victor

"This board has navigated the current pandemic with such dedication and commitment to the citizens of Lafayette. The library's bookmobile continues its outreach to the youth in the community throughout the pandemic at local schools The library has also expanded its services online to help job seekers during the COVID crisis/pandemic, as well. As an avid book lover and enthusiastic League member, I can't think of a better way to serve our community."

### Maddie's Footprints: Maggie Simar

"My favorite part of being on the board for Maddie's Footprints is the group's ability to pivot during the pandemic. They have impressively moved from in-person counseling and other services to being available (and successful) online! Further, they have expanded their reach beyond Louisiana. They do important work, and I am fortunate to get to be a part of their mission!"

### Miles Perret Cancer Services: Dustii O'Brien

"Serving as JLL's representative for Miles Perret Cancer Services has been a great opportunity for me to learn more about an important cause and the people it affects. Games of Acadiana will not be the games everyone envisioned for 2020, but it has been wonderful to watch this board come together and design a creative virtual alternative. I am honored to be part of such a caring and compassionate team."

### The Family Tree: Jessica Allain

"It is truly a joy to serve as the Junior League representative for The Family Tree. The Family Tree makes an incredible impact in the community and continues to serve the League's Mission through counseling and education programs. The Family Tree is making life better for families in Acadiana, and I had no idea just how many programs it offered and the level of impact it had until this year. Under Marie Collins's leadership, the organization has grown to better serve Acadiana, and it's an incredible honor to be a part of their work."



These community programs speak to the heart of our mission — addressing community needs with programming, funding, and voluntarism. They focus on enriching the lives of individuals in our community to provide more opportunities for those we serve.



- 3 committee members
- 176 committee hours
- 6,000 diapers distributed
- Created as a JLL program in 2018-2019
- Serves The Family Tree, The DesOrmeaux Foundation, Seasons the Green Leaf, and Love, Inc.

"Thousands of diapers means hundreds of comfortable, safe, healthy babies thanks to our program and our agency partners. These families may not have found other options to help them with their diaper shortage."

— Kristie Tatford



- 15 committee members
- 163 committee hours
- Approx. 100 children impacted annually
- Approx. 2,500 children impacted since 1995
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana
- Created as a JLL program in 1995

"This program provides important life skills for these kids."

BGC Staff



- 2 committee members
- 145 committee hours
- Created as a JLL program in 2014-2015
- Over 20,000 children impacted since 2014
- Thousands of children impacted annually

"Students and faculty were all involved and remained interested through their P. E. afterward. The entire school was abuzz! Loved it!"

— 2019-2020 Participant School



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LAFAYETTE

- 15 JLL committee members
- 533 committee hours
- Approx. 150 students impacted annually
- Approx. 4,350 students impacted since 1991
- Created as a JLL program in 1991-1992

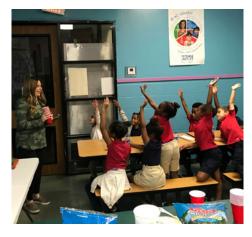
"I am grateful that Junior League supports this program for these students to test their knowledge and skills as a team."

- 2019-2020 Participant School













# NO FEAR NO FUTURE

#### JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LAFAYETTE

- 14 committee members
- Approximately 10,000 students impacted since 2003
- Created as a JLL program in 2003
- Serves local area high schools

"As a felony prosecutor, I see the effects of drinking and distracted driving every day. I have the unique experience of having been a student participant in 2004, a past Community Vice President, and now a prosecutor; I can tell you firsthand that by giving our kids a realistic experience and demonstrating the consequences of distracted driving, we are impacting the lives of not only the kids who participate in the program, but we are helping to protect the community as a whole."

Roya Boustany

# SMILES

### JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LAFAYETTE

- 10 committee members
- 183 committee hours
- Approx. 60 families impacted annually
- Approx. 1,020 families impacted since 2003
- Created as a JLL program in 2003-2004
- Serves Miles Perret Cancer Services

"For one day each month, families are able to put aside the thought of their cancer journey and instead enjoy carefree, fun activities. Here at Miles Perret Cancer Services, we believe that when a family is dealing with cancer, sometimes the fun things are the first things to get put on hold and by these monthly activities being offered, we know that our families are getting a special outing at least once a month. Miles Perret Cancer Services could not be able to provide these monthly outings without the help and assistance provided to us by the Junior League of Lafayette."

— MPCS Staff



- On November 20, 2019, JLL hosted its first Lunch & Learn event for over 120 attendees featuring Terri Broussard Williams, founder of Movement Maker.
- This community program serves as a training opportunity for all women in Acadiana.

"Lunch & Learn is an invaluable addition to the Lafayette community because of the impact it has on the women who attend. Whether they are a college student, a recent college graduate, a working professional, or a stay-at-home mom looking to re-enter the workforce, they will obtain personal development through an array of topics offered. We are developing the potential of women, regardless of what stage of life they are in, one luncheon, one topic at a time."

—Angelle Adams

# COVID Response

# Junior League of Lafayette Adjusted Scheduled Spring Activities

In March 2020, with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic effecting our country, life as we knew it changed forever. Junior League of Lafayette was no different with our organization halting plans and programs that were already in motion. As a membership of more than 600 women strong, we changed, shifted, responded, and redirected toward the new way of normal for these times. Our leadership thought outside the box, brainstormed, researched, and went back to the drawing board countless times seeking the best next steps for our organization. Our Management Team worked overtime with the changes to our day-to-day operations, while our Board of Directors met virtually on an almost weekly basis monitoring the climate of our economy, and how that would affect JLL in the coming months. Throughout all of this, our Diaper Bank remained open to serve the ever-growing needs of our community. If there was one thing that was clearly evident during this time, it's that our "We Got This" theme for the year,



shone brightly, with so many acts of kindness and support during a time of such uncertainty. For six decades, Junior League of Lafayette has served this community, and we have every intention of securing the sustainability of our League and continuing our Mission for many decades to come.

# Community Impact Award







Junior League of Lafayette was pleased to award the Community Impact fund to the Acadiana Center for the Arts in the amount of \$2,000. The fund went to the AcA's "Play It Again" program where new and gently used instruments are collected from the community, repaired by Lafayette Music and then donated to band programs around Acadiana. The AcA works directly with directors

to identify needs and organize donations to school programs. The instruments stay with the band departments so it can be used year after year! Music and Band teach self-discipline, self-respect, self-esteem, creative problem-solving, and respect for others. The benefits of music in a child's life is truly endless, and Junior League of Lafayette is proud to support this program!

# Talk About Good II

Celebrates 40th Anniversary Spotlight

An exhibit on Junior League of Lafayette's classic cookbook, featuring the art of George Rodrigue, was on display at the Southern Food & Beverage Museum in New Orleans.



A recent exhibit at the Southern Food & Beverage Museum (SOFAB) in New Orleans celebrated Junior League of Lafayette's cookbook, *Talk About Good II*, along with the cookbook's artwork by George Rodrigue. The exhibit was both incredibly informative and well-styled, and was a product of a collaborative effort with our Cookbook Committee, Sustainers, and the museum staff. Several themed segments were created to celebrate the rich content of our beloved *Talk About Good II* cookbook: Cooking Equipment; Women of Junior League; Rodrigue Painting Gallery Wall; Techniques and Products; Tablescapes; and Impact of *Talk About Good II*. Local artists, such as Denny Culbert and Danielle Hein, as well as museum staff, made the exhibit come to life through portrait photography, YouTube tutorial videos, and custom murals.

Talk About Good II is not just a cookbook, but a snapshot of a place and a time, showing us how people in southwest Louisiana ate, drank, and lived. Brent Rosen, SOFAB President and CEO shared, "Talk About Good II kicked off a major trend of community



cookbooks throughout America, and as a food historian, all of those books provide the same window into the cooking lives and culture of the people in those communities."

The exhibit was unveiled as a centerpiece of the *Made in Louisiana Festival* in early December and remained open through March 2020. According to Rosen, the exhibit was well received by visitors over several months. "Everyone loved the exhibit after it opened. Our staff are from all over the U.S., but all of them were familiar with *Talk About Good II* and its impact on the culinary culture of Louisiana. Having the exhibit gave the whole team something to focus on, and we have done follow-up programming inspired by the exhibit since it opened in December. The community response has been excellent as well, with many visitors stopping to visit the front desk on the way out to purchase copies of *Talk About Good* and *Talk About Good II* after learning about the books from the exhibition."





# Talk About Good II Celebration

Junior League of Lafayette celebrated 40 years of *Talk About Good II* with a lively gathering at Blue Dog Café. Current League members and Sustainers, including some of the members of the original Cookbook Committee for *Talk About Good II*, joined André and Jacques Rodrigue to honor both the impact the cookbook has made over the past 40 years, as well as the contribution of their father, George Rodrigue, and his artwork to the legacy of the cookbook. Guests attending the celebration were treated to delicious dishes of Chicken Fricassee, Grits and Grillades and mini Pumpkin Pies, all made from recipes found in *Talk About Good II*, while surrounded by the iconic artwork of George Rodrique.

After 40 years, how can one cookbook still remain such a relevant part of the Acadiana culture and community? "I think the cookbook is still relevant because of the tradition it represents.

All of the menus focus on so many of our traditional foods," expressed Kathy Leonard, Cookbook Committee Chair during the conception and publication of *Talk About Good II* (1974-1979). "I think the art also makes it remain relevant and is probably why it continues to sell so well."

The nostalgia of the event was palpable, and everyone felt the significance of the past 40 years to Junior League of Lafayette and the community at large. The *Talk About Good II* Cookbook Committee, along with George Rodrigue, created a piece of Acadiana history that will live on and be celebrated for years to come.

"It is wonderful that the League is still promoting the cookbook," said Leonard. "It is very rewarding and fulfilling to see that it has lasted for 40 years and it is still selling well. We are very proud of it."

# 50th Anniversary with Chamber

CONGRATULATIONS!







Junior League of Lafayette was recognized October 2019 for our 50th anniversary as a member of One Acadiana. There are 750 businesses in Acadiana who are members, and only three of those businesses have achieved 50 years of membership, the League being one of them! Junior League of Lafayette is proud to continue our membership with an economic development organization that is committed to making our region thrive! Pictured here is Victoria Lane, Member Relations Coordinator, and our 2019-2020 President, Angelle Adams.

# Collaborative Opportunity Grants



Junior League of Lafayette's Collaborative Opportunity Grants
Committee awarded their 2019-2020 grants, which consist of
volunteer support hours as well as financial contributions, to 13 local
nonprofit organizations. These annual grants are funded through
Junior League of Lafayette fundraising activities such as Tinsel &
Treasures, Kitchen Tour, and the League's sales of its four member-

written cookbooks. Junior League of Lafayette President, Angelle Adams, shares the importance of these grants: "By awarding the Collaborative Opportunity Grants, Junior League of Lafayette is able to expand upon the impact that these nonprofit agencies make in the community. Our collective efforts combined are so valuable in improving the lives of individuals in Acadiana."

ORGANIZATION	AWARD	PROGRAM
Autism Society Acadiana	\$ 916	Lending Library Expansion
Basin Arts	\$1,500	Student Dance Showcase
Catholic Charities of Acadiana	\$1,500	Housekeeping Starter Kits
DREAMS Foundation of Acadiana	\$1,500	DREAMS Manufacturing Company
Foster the Love Louisiana	\$ 834	First Nights Program
Healing House	\$1,500	"Celebration of Life"
Hearts of Hope	\$1,500	Counseling Area Improvement Project
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church	\$1,500	IHM Career Connections
The Merle F. and Herbert Hanna Foundation	\$ 750	The Clearport Learning Center/Girls Night
Miles Perret Cancer Services	\$1,500	Giving Tree
New Hope Community Development of Acadiana	\$1,250	Spring Party
Second Harvest Food Bank	\$1,250	Scott Middle School Pantry Program
United Way of Acadiana	\$1,500	Day of Thanksgiving

# United Way of Acadiana Luminary Award







In the spring of 2020, Junior League of Lafayette was honored to receive United Way of Acadiana's Luminary Award, in recognition of the UWA "Days of Thanksgiving Food Drive" collaborative opportunity grant project. JLL's grant process is a unique one, in that our organization doesn't just award the financial component of a grant, but the volunteer component as well. Our members help to plan, facilitate, and implement the short-term project for the grant applicant. This past year members from Junior League of Lafayette and United Way collaborated with KADN News 15 and the Acadiana Inns of Court to purchase, sort, package, and distribute groceries to the families of the Early Head Start Center. The food donated was everything needed to provide 95 families a nutritious Thanksgiving meal, along with books for the parents to read to their children during the holiday break.

"We wanted to ensure the families would be able to enjoy this day together without the stress and worries of the financial aspects of providing food" remarked Sarah Parham, JLL Active and Co-Coordinator for the project. The Luminary Award received by UWA recognized JLL in collaborating with other businesses in the community for this project as an example of UWA's mission to LIVE UNITED. Sonia Hebert, JLL Active and project Co-Coordinator reflects on the event, "When we unite together as a community, we help our neighbors spread love."

# Mayoral Proclamation of "Junior League of Lafayette Week"

At the Lafayette City-Parish Council Meeting on November 19, 2019, Mayor-President Joel Robideaux proclaimed the week of November 18-22 as "Junior League of Lafayette Week."

The proclamation of "Junior League of Lafayette Week" was made to celebrate all that Junior League of Lafayette has contributed to the Acadiana community since its founding in 1957 as the Service League of Lafayette. From its inception, Junior League of Lafayette's priority has been to identify and address community needs with programming, funding, and voluntarism.



Shown from Left to Right: Elizabeth Lyons, Frances Attenhofer, Lauren Burns, Roya Boustany, Mayor – President Joel Robideaux, Junior League of Lafayette President Angelle Adams, Katherine McCormick, Amy Courvelle, Melanie Fowler

# Provisional Year

# Recap

The provisional class of 2019-2020 started off their year with lots of enthusiasm and cheering at a "We Got This" cheerLEADER Super Saturday! The excitement and eagerness to learn all things JLL carried through the rest of the year. Throughout the fall, they participated in many provisional meetings, socials, and Tinsel & Treasures. They went above and beyond working our largest fundraiser and did it with smiles on their faces. They also partook in several community programs like Jump with Jill, SMILES, and Kids In The Kitchen.

At our provisional Christmas party, the ladies completed a done-in-a-meeting project. They spread holiday cheer to the families and infants in the NICU at Our Lady of Lourdes Women's and Children's Hospital by delivering Christmas gift bags filled with lotions, diapers, wipes, and other necessities.

Their provisional project planning really kicked off in January! They worked with Moncus Park to create an activity cart that will be housed at the park for children and families to visit. Unfortunately, due to the circumstances with COVID-19, the cart was not able to be completed by the provisional class. However, we were able to donate \$1,000 for Moncus Park to finalize the cart, and we look forward to seeing their contribution at the opening of the park!

Even without being able to complete a few provisional meetings, have their Red Rooster party, or conclude their project, these ladies worked hard all year long and are definitely future leaders of our League. The bond they share and their passion for the League will be seen for many years to come.









# Sustainers in Action



Sustainer members are those women in our League who have completed their active years of service, yet still remain involved as committed members to our organization. With over 300 Sustainer members, they make up the largest group of Junior League of Lafayette's membership. Sustainer membership offers these women a variety of benefits, including networking with other members at events, socials, and book clubs, as well as the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors, Advisory Panels, or as Sustaining Advisors to committees. This year 40 of these Sustainers answered the call to continue their service in the League as advisors in various capacities. The League is grateful to these women for sharing their time, knowledge, and training, and for further developing the potential of the women in our organization!



"We pray that we will never be so blind that our small world is all we ever see." These words in our League prayer remind me of my biggest takeaway from serving in the League since 2001. Our League is filled with so many strong and brilliant women who, through their service, are learning about the fabric of our entire community and using that knowledge to fulfill our Mission and vision creatively and with great compassion. Serving on the Board of Directors this past year as the Sustaining Advisor provided me with such a beautiful opportunity to reconnect with a League that I love and hold dear. I was able to see the Governance and the Management teams working together cohesively and with such grace and respect for one another and for the tradition and legacy of all of the women that have served our community over the last 63 years."

- Christa Billeaud



"Being the Sustaining Advisor for
Membership Development this year
was a lot of fun. I was able to meet new
members on the committee who are
passionate about the League and help
add a little something extra to the general
meetings. More Sustainers should get
involved as advisors." —Emily Hamner





"It was my first year as a Sustainer after having been very active and sadly having to sustain due to work conflicts. I knew I still wanted to be involved in some way, even if small. I was so flattered to be asked as the Kids in the Kitchen Sustaining Advisor and instantly loved Shelly Killingsworth. It was her first year being a Chair, and I was glad to guide and assist her when she needed it. She reminded me of why I love the League: we give to and learn from one another. Leaders like her make me feel good about the direction our League is headed."

—Danielle Claiborne



# 2019-2020 Member Awards

## Provisional of the Year Award: Shamika Mamou

Shamika Mamou, our Provisional of the Year, not only has the most beautiful and contagious smile, but more importantly, has the most positive and infectious attitude. Her strong leadership skills and cheerful demeanor really shone through while leading

the class in their Provisional Project. The entire Provisional Class spoke in unison when they chose her as their Provisional of the Year. The future of our organization is definitely bright with leaders like Shamika in the League!





## Active of the Year Award: Kristen White

The Active of the Year is chosen for service above and beyond her placement. Kristen White led the Cookbook committee with grace and positivity that permeated throughout her committee and the League. She worked tirelessly promoting all four cookbooks both internally and externally,

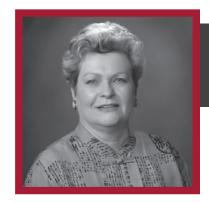
while also partnering with the Rodrigue Family and the Southern Food & Beverage Museum to highlight the 40th Anniversary of *Talk About Good II*. Our celebration and success this year wouldn't have been the same without the hard work and dedication of Kristen White.

# 15 Years of Employment: Monique Gideon

This year we recognized our Accounting Manager, Monique Gideon, for her 15 years of service to Junior League of Lafayette. Monique has been a source of knowledge, strength, and expertise for each President and leadership team she has served under throughout the years. Her commitment to her work and guidance to each leadership team have proven to be invaluable year after year, and JLL would not be the same without her

dedication and expertise. Long before her employment with JLL, Monique volunteered as an Active member in the League, having served on a variety of committees, all of which further strengthened her knowledge and training of the League and the community. We give tremendous thanks for her long-time commitment to JLL, and congratulate Monique Gideon on 15 years of service.





## Sustainer of the Year Award: Sally Herpin

This year's Sustainer of the Year served as the 40th Anniversary Co-Coordinator for the celebration of our second cookbook, *Talk About Good II*. Herpin, Past President from 1977-1978, provided the historical knowledge and thoughtful insight from the publication of the cookbook. She shared her experience

with the current Cookbook Committee, as well as served as an integral part of our collaboration with the featured exhibit at the Southern Food & Beverage Museum in New Orleans. The League is eternally grateful for the over 40 years of service that Herpin has given to JLL and the local community.

## Presidential Award of the Year: Jeanette Chauvin

The Presidential Award is chosen each year by the President, in recognition of outstanding service for the year. As Chair of the Membership Development Committee, Jeanette further enhanced our Strategic Plan by providing learning opportunities to develop leadership skills our members could apply personally, professionally, and

civically. President, Angelle Adams had a vision to bring engaging, meaningful membership development topics to every General Membership Meeting this year. Jeanette's positive spirit and her creative leadership helped to facilitate seven different educational topics to our membership throughout the year.







## **PROVISIONALS**

Abbigail Bellard Ellen Bienvenu Courtney Branson Traci Brochard Lindsay Coffee Victoria Copeskey Kelly Domingue Anne-Marie Drouant Tricia Fontenot Kristv Fox Taylor George Katie Gonzalez Joel Greene III Veronika Henry Jami Ishee Ashlee Jennings Emily Landry Elizabeth Lemoine Megan Lemoine Tomeka Livings Shamika Mamou Lesley Mancuso Lauren Marsiglia Blaklev Mathews Kelly Minter Kayla Randolph Nancy Roy Candra Savoie Katie Smith Halev Theunissen Brandy Thibodeaux Liza Trahan Katie Waxley Christene Zagone

## **ACTIVES**

Cara Acomb Angelle Adams Katarina Adkisson Renata Alexander Christy Alford Jessica Allain Erin Alleman Carlee Alm-LaBar Kellv Andres Megan Andrus Sasha Andrus Vanessa Anseman Casey Ardoin Danika Arenibas Frances Attenhofer Chevalor Banks Jenny Baudoin Rebecca Bayless Brooke Bell Stacie Belle Morgan Berard Ashli Bernard Katherine Bernhardt Sarah Berthelot Lesley Beyt Katharine Bleecher Courtney Boudreaux Jennifer R. Boudreaux Melissa Boudreaux Roya Boustany Jena Boynton Ashley Brazzel Megan Breaux Abby Breidenbach Amy Broussard Julie Broussard Mollie Broussard Misti Brvant

Gwen Burleigh Lauren Burns Keesha Buteau Kirsty Byrd Paige Capell Lisa Capone Marcela Carmichael Trisha Casanova Jeanette Chauvin Ellen Clements Megan Cobb Victoria Cobo Stephanie Collins Kimberly Cormier Amy Courvelle Mary Courville Angela Cring Georgia Crowell Katherine Currie Heather Cutbirth April Daigle Angelle David Elise David Michelle DeRouen Allison Dickerson Elizabeth Diebold Mary Beth Dietlein-Boudreaux Elizabeth Domingue Renee Dore Claire DuBois Katie DuBois Jena Dufrene Margo Dugas Patsy Duhon Natalie Dworaczyk JaWand Edwards-Morris Heather Escott DeValcourt Brittany Eskridge Katie Falgout Nicole Falgout Amanda Fontenot Erin Fontenot Shelly Fontenot Melanie Fowler Tracey Franzel Lassere Wendy Freeman Grace Gallaspy Erica Gauthier Jacqueline Gillette Rita Goodrich Ashley Goodyear Carli Graf Mary Graham Madeleine Groth Heather Guidry Katie Guidry Chelsea Guilliot Robyn Guillory Crystal Gustin Alise Hagan

Catherine Hair

Adoria Hankton

Kiersa Hardy

Shelby Harper

Ashley Hebert

Kacey Hebert

Lainie Hebert

Rachel Hebert

Sonia Hebert

Erin Hemsell

Michelle Hensgens

Anna Claire Inzerella

Mamie Hightower

Paige Hightower

L'Kenya Jackson

Danielle Hines

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