



The League Letter

A Monthly Letter From Amber Hubbs Golegos
President Of The Junior League of Evanston- North Shore

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear JLE-NS Members,

Happy December! As we prepare for the end of the calendar year I want to wish everyone a very happy, healthy, and joyous holiday season! In the past six months we have accomplished so much. In addition to our DIAD volunteer events, Veterans Day Operation Gratitude candy donation, and CASA Foster Family holiday gift basket drive, we also voted on a very important motion at our November GMM. The motion presented to membership is to utilize \$100,000 from our Heartline Investment account per year in community grants from 2020-2024, our centennial year. This was unanimously approved at the November GMM! We received 20 votes virtually via GMM attendees and 6 absentee/email votes YES from

Active Members (0 votes NO), for a total of 26 votes. This is a very exciting step in helping alleviate the impact of COVID-19 on our community partners who need it most. Policy Board agreed that this will be a completely separate process from Scholarships & Grants. Scholarships & Grants will continue their standard operating procedures while this Community Grant Fund will be researched and hand selected by the ad-hoc committee, and no applications will be required. The ad-hoc committee will meet three times in December and will research the highest needs in the community, their alignment to our mission, COVID-19's impact, the organization's commitment to equity and equality, and partnership opportunities including volunteering. I am beyond thrilled that this motion was approved by membership, thank you for voting!

For the month of December we break for the holidays and will reconvene in January. I'm hoping you are able to relax and enjoy this time of the season with family and friends and reflect on all the amazing things we have done together this year as a League! We truly are better together, and I'm so looking forward to a fabulous 2021!

Best,
Amber Hubbs Golegos
President, Junior League of Evanston - North Shore

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NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



Rebecca Garces



Allie Paus



Eilidh Geddes



Brittany Tangney

Volunteer Excellence Awards, November 2020

Rebecca, Allie and Eilidh received the Volunteer Excellence Awards for their amazing work on the Recruitment committee! The team has been working hard to increase membership in fun and creative ways despite COVID.

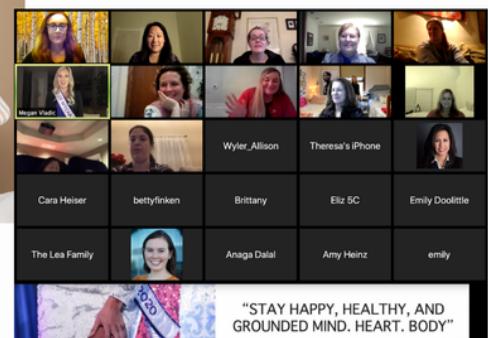
Brittany received the Volunteer Excellence Award for her unfailing devotion to her role on DIAD. She coordinated Make A Difference Day, the execution of the Purses with a Purpose project, and the Feed My Starving Children volunteer event!

Job well done ladies, we appreciate your time and dedication to the Junior League of Evanston - North Shore!

November GMM

On Wednesday, November 18th, we held a virtual GMM. Our theme was Inspirational Female Role Models and we were pleased to welcome guest speaker Miss International 2020 - Megan Vladic. Megan is a semi-professional volleyball player, successful professional, and Miss International 2020. She is a woman on a mission to break the mental health stigma worldwide through her platform Mind.Heart.Body. We also discussed Inspirational Female Role Models who had previously served in the Junior League including Katharine Hepburn, Nancy Reagan, Shirley Temple, Julia Child, Sarah Danzing, and Sandra Day O'Connor. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us virtually.

At the November GMM the motion to utilize 5% or \$100,000 from our Heartline Investment account per year in community grants from 2020-2024 was unanimously approved! We received 20 votes virtually via GMM attendees and 6 absentee/email votes YES from Active Members (0 votes NO), for a total of 26 votes. This is a very exciting step in helping alleviate the impact of COVID on our community partners who need it most.



"STAY HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND GROUNDED MIND. HEART. BODY"
-Megan Vladic, Miss International 2020



**COMMUNITY GRANT FUND
\$100,000
2020-2024**

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Feed My Starving Children

On Saturday, November 14th, our members volunteered with the Done In A Day committee at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville, IL. The volunteers from JLE-NS joined other volunteers at the event to pack nutritious meal packs that will be sent around the world to feed undernourished children. During the event, there were 71 boxes packed to make 15,336 meals. This will feed 42 children for a whole year.



Operation Gratitude



For Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11th we collected 33 pounds of Halloween candy that was donated to Operation Gratitude for their Halloween Candy Give-Back Program to benefit Deployed Troops, Local Military Units, Veterans, and First Responders. Thank you to all of our Veterans for their service!

Minted Holiday Card Orders Support Scholarships & Grants



Use promo code FUNDRAISEJLNORTHSORE at minted.com through 12/31/20 to save 20% and to have 15% of your order donated to JLE-NS from Minted!

Now through December 31, 2020 please support JLE-NS by ordering your holiday cards & gifts from www.minted.com and use our promo code FUNDRAISEJLNORTHSORE. You'll get 20% off your order and 15% of every order placed using our code will be donated back to us, so every bit helps! Funds raised on Minted will go towards supporting Scholarships & Grants.

CASA of Lake County Baking Basket Donations for Foster Families



Throughout the month of November JLE-NS members donated baking essentials like frosting, sprinkles, cookie mix, cookie cutters, baking sheets, etc. to help make the holidays a little brighter and merrier for CASA of Lake County foster care families. Thank you to all of our members that generously donated items to fill the gift baskets. Look for an update in our January League Letter to see how many baskets we filled and delivered!

MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

PAULA DANOFF

Thrift House Board Executive Director - Sustainer

"We made such an impact in the lives of women with addiction who didn't know where to turn."



What's your "why" for being in the Junior League?

I joined the Junior League in 1985 a few months after my first son was born. I had just left a full-time job to work part-time, take care of a new baby, and we had moved from the city to Winnetka. I didn't know many people, so I was hoping to make new friends and give back to my community. Growing up in Evanston our neighbor, Susan Moran, a very active member in the League sponsored me, and I have loved every minute of it ever since!

How many years have you been in the JLE-NS?

35 years this year!

What has been one of your favorite placements?

One of my favorite placements, (in addition to Thrift House) was Woman to Woman. This was an AJLI program in the mid 1980's. It was a pilot program that dealt with Women and alcoholism. At the time, there weren't many support services available to women dealing with alcoholism and addiction. The program was designed to educate League members on how to look for signs of alcoholism in your friends and family, and the tool kit to talk about it with friends and families. It also focused on finding treatment places for women, once they decided that they needed treatment. I was tasked with finding the treatment places. It was a fascinating project, and I interviewed social service agencies, religious organizations, hospitals, and treatment clinics. What we found is that there were treatment places available, but that the main barrier to getting treatment for women was childcare. We looked to find ways to provide those services for women. I felt that we made such an impact in the lives of women with addiction who didn't know where to turn.

What is one of your favorite JLE-NS memories?

As you can imagine, over 35 years I have so many favorite memories. I think what stays with me most is that when I joined, I met the amazing women and they are my closest friends to this day. As I continued through the decades, I continued to make new and YOUNGER friends. I treasure these friendships. The work that the Junior League does has sustained me throughout my life. It is some of the most rewarding work that I have done with my life and will continue to do so. Working on projects with your friends and doing the work together to help others is so impactful and you can make such a difference in the lives of so many people.



Tell us about yourself:

I have been so fortunate to live where I grew up. I have only taken one short detour in my life when our family was transferred to Tokyo for 6 years in the late 80's-early 90's. That opportunity afforded me the chance to study Ikebana, the art of Japanese Flower Arranging. I have loved it ever since and it is my true hobby. I am thrilled to welcome a granddaughter into my life born in April 2020. My son and daughter-in-law live close by, so I get to see her often. My other son is a delight and visits his parents often-especially to watch sporting events with my husband. Both boys have been Junior League volunteers on many projects that I worked on over the years. The League is a family affair! I was a stay-at-home mom for many years, but returned to the workforce in 2002 to be a part-time manager at Thrift House. It was the best job of my life!!!! I moved on into full-time work and I currently am the President & CEO of the Evanston Art Center. I owe it all to my Junior League training!



If you would like to be the next Member In The Spotlight, please attend our next GMM meeting on 1/20/2021 and your name could be randomly selected as the next member featured!

IMPORTANT DATES



We are excited to share upcoming events. Each month will ladder back to a theme rooted in our mission and values. Please save these dates in your calendar but always check Digital Cheetah for the most current schedule as these events are subject to change. Due to COVID to ensure the safety of our members, we will adhere to state guidelines in regards to group gatherings. For in-person events proper PPE will be enforced and we will always offer a virtual or call-in method for attendance to ensure our members feel safe and comfortable.

DECEMBER: HOLIDAY BREAK

- 12/5: DIAD Purses with a Purpose volunteer event
- 12/11: Hanukkah
- 12/25: Christmas Day
- 12/26: Kwanzaa
- 1/1/2021: New Years Day
- 1/6 (7:00-9:00): Management Board Meeting
- 1/13 (7:00-9:00): Policy Board Meeting
- 1/20 (6:30-9:00): January GMM
- 2/20: Trivia Night

Happy Holidays!

Save The Date

FEBUARAY 20, 2021

TRIVIA NIGHT COMMITTEE PRESENTS
CELEBRITY CHEF

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TOGETHER

The Junior League of Evanston – North Shore