



## 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,

As the 2020-2021 Junior League year comes to a close, I am filled with pride as I reflect on all the amazing things we were able to accomplish this year. Though we are a small league, we really make a big impact in our community, and it is because of our dedicated and talented members, we are able to accomplish heroic efforts!

I have a strong passion for the mission of the Junior League and tried to bring that passion to the role as President every day. Despite the obstacles of the pandemic, I am so pleased with how we executed and achieved our goals. I am also personally so grateful for the support, care, and advice I received as I took on the role of President and first time Mom! On December 9, 2020 my husband, George and I were overjoyed to welcome our son, Grant Michael Golegos. This was not an easy task as President and full time working Mom. I admire and commend all the AMAZING women who had done the same before me. You certainly deserve more credit than you receive.

I took this Presidency very seriously and I'm so honored to have held this position. The legacy I leave behind as President, is one of which I hope I'm remembered for my positivity, inclusiveness, and resilience during an unprecedented year.



*First day as President,  
virtual passing of the gavel.*

In the beginning of the year, I shared that AJLI selected **Better Together** as the theme for this year. This theme was selected well before COVID-19 and the rise in racial tension in the U.S. It symbolized that despite our differences, we have common ground and a common Mission through the Junior League. Our power is in the community we have cultivated as a league and the theme became more relevant as the year went on.

In the midst of the pandemic, physically being together for GMMs and social events was not an option so we had to get creative with how we connected. As a result, we hosted a successful virtual Policy & Management Board retreat in August, an outdoor GMM and yoga by the beach in September. In October we enjoyed a virtual fireside chat with best selling author, Debora Spar and a virtual cider tasting hosted by the Social committee. Inspirational female role models was the theme for November when we virtually met with Miss International 2020 - Megan Vladic and discussed the stigma of mental health and in January to kick off 2021, we had a virtual New Years celebration in conjunction with Flowers for Dreams. In February, in place of our annual Trivia Night, we hosted our very first virtual Cook Along with celebrity chef, Gale Gand and enjoyed a *members only* shopping event at Thrift House. We celebrated Black History Month and virtually hosted guest speaker, Tiffany Blackman from the Council of Junior Leagues regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). In March we virtually held our GMM and voted on the 2021-2022 Policy Board & Management Board slates and celebrated Women's History Month by diving deeper into the rich history of the JLE-NS. In April, we were reunited in person at our GMM where members heard about each committee via the Placement Showcase.

*September  
outdoor  
GMM*



To give back to the community throughout the year, we engaged with our community partners via several Done In A Day initiatives including, Feed My Starving Children, Operation Gratitude, Purses With A Purpose, and CASA of Lake County holiday baking gift basket program. We also invested in Scholarships & Grants as well as a newly created Community Grant Fund utilizing \$100,000 in funds from our Heartline Investment account per year to support the community from 2020-2024.

These are just some of the highlights of the amazing work our League accomplished this year! All of which accentuates the fact that we truly are Better Together! Thank you again to all of our members for your time and dedication to our League!

It is certainly bittersweet to be ending my presidency, but I am beyond excited to continue to lead as Social Chairwoman 2021-2022. Check Digital Cheetah for upcoming social events and ways to reconnect!

I wish nothing but the best to in-coming President Nicole Bogdanovich and President-Elect Shauna Myers!

Best,  
*Amber Hubbs Colegos*  
President, Junior League of Evanston - North Shore 2020-2021

*In-coming  
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President-Elect Shauna  
Myers*



# BARBARA RINELLA YEAR-END CELEBRATION

## JUNE 12, 2021

On Saturday, June 12, 2021 JLE-NS welcomed the talented Barbara Rinella as our guest performer for our Annual Year End Celebration Brunch. Barbara entertained us with her dramatization of the book "The Splendid and the Vile" by Erik Larson. We celebrated everything our members helped accomplish this League Year, including the \$100,000 in community grants we awarded to nine local non-profits to help ease the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on their organizations.



We congratulated our Outstanding Community Partner Award winner, Liz Fales of CASA Lake County, our Founder's Award winner, Betsy Turovitz, and our Sustainer of the Year Award winner, Paula Danoff.



We also thanked Amber Hubbs Golegos for her leadership and dedication to the League as our President in 2020-21. Amber passed the President's pin to Nicole Bogdanovich, 2021-22 President and Nicole passed the President-Elect pin to Shauna Myers, President-Elect. We are grateful for our members and would like to thank everyone that attended our brunch. Cheers to another successful year!



*Thank you for a fabulous*



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