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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,

Welcome to September, with little ones going back to school or starting e-learning, Starbucks offering Pumpkin Spiced Lattes again and the days getting a little bit shorter, it is starting to feel like Fall! In an effort to connect with our league personally, I am sending out *The League Letter* every month highlighting our members, showcasing our amazing committees, and praising the heroic work we are doing in our community. This month we will focus on **Baby/Child Safety and Suicide Prevention**.

September is National Baby Safety month. It started in 1983 when the Juvenile Product Manufacturers Association initiated "Expectant Mother's Day". In 1986, it was extended to a week-long celebration, until 1991, when the first "Baby Safety Awareness Month" was celebrated. Since then, every September has been designated as Baby Safety Month. September is also National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month—a time to share resources and stories in an effort to shed light on this serious topic that affects so many people. In both instances of baby safety and suicide, there are resources and actions that we can take to help prevent the unthinkable from happening in our community. We will use this month to ensure that individuals, friends and families have access to the resources they need to discuss baby safety and suicide prevention. Both of these important topics will be covered throughout the month and in person at our GMM which will be held on the outside garden patio at the Winnetka Community House on September 23 from 6:30-9:00 PM. I am hopeful members will take the opportunity to join in person while the weather is still nice and we can meet outside but we will also offer a Zoom meeting for those not able to join in person. Looking forward to another great month ahead!

Feedback or ideas? I would love to hear from you, please don't hesitate to reach out to me anytime (amber.hubbs@hotmail.com). Thank you for your time and dedication to our league.

Best,

Amber Hubbs Golegos

President, Junior League of Evanston - North Shore

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BOARD RETREAT

Saturday, August 8th and 15th the board participated in their annual retreat which was held virtually. Day 1 of the retreat focused on the theme, *Grow with The Junior League*. We partnered with Flowers For Dreams for an interactive flower arranging course and business discussion. Day 2 the theme was, *Create Change with The Junior League*. Guest speaker and life coach, Tiffany Kucharski guided our leadership team in a transformational workshop to help us achieve our goals for the coming league year. This two day retreat helped us develop strong bonds among our leadership team and will make us more effective chairwomen, mentors and leaders in our community. Cheers, to a wonderful year ahead ladies!

Day 1: *Grow with the Junior League*



Day 2: *Create Change with the Junior League*



MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ANNA PAPPAS

Sustainer

"I want to be an inspiration to others that no matter how bad things can get, you can always pull yourself out of it with the help of your tribe."



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

I joined the Junior League in 2009 as the Financial Crisis hit. My family was greatly impacted by this. My husband had lost his job (I had taken time off to help raise our kids at the time). This had a devastating impact on our lives. We went into foreclosure, could barely afford to feed our kids and pay bills. I knew that the only way to survive, for my mental health, was to surround myself with strong women and to distract myself by giving the only thing I had, which was time, for those who were impacted even worse than myself. I continue to stay in the league so that I can be with strong women, but also to continue to give to others as much as I can. I want to be an inspiration to others that no matter how bad things can get, you can always pull yourself out of it with the help of your "tribe". I am blessed to still have so many friends from over the years.

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

11 amazing years!

What has been one of your favorite placements?

Aside from being President, I would say Co-Chairing the New Members and Co-Chairing the Thrift House. I still have a beautiful book the new members made me that year with quotes from them about their first year, pictures and what made their Baby Steps experience so wonderful. I pull it out on occasion to remind myself of the wonderful work Baby Steps has accomplished over the years. It was during my New Member year that we chose that project to be our yearly focus and named it Baby Steps. The Thrift House is SO MUCH FUN!!!!!!

What is one of your favorite JLE-NS memories?

How could I possibly point to only 1, there are so many!! Accepting the Presidency AND Our 90th Anniversary Celebration. It was so beautiful, fun and so well attended. It was great to meet so many past members. Attending all of the AJLI Conferences too, they are great to learn that we are all in the same position across the globe.

Tell us about yourself:

By profession, I am a Sr. Executive at a Major Technology Consulting firm. For fun, I am a certified Yoga Instructor and teach Hot Yoga and Sculpt (think yoga with weights and cardio) at CorePower Yoga. I am also an avid MTB, Street and Peloton rider. I love to golf and boat on weekends. But more important, I love spending time with my family, especially my 3 kids who are now fun adults at 19 (Alexander), 21 (Gianni) and 26 (Katerina). Bill and I will be celebrating our 32nd wedding anniversary in October.



THRIFT HOUSE UPDATE

The August 1st reopening of Thrift House was a huge success! The staff and our patrons were eager to get back to Thrift House. We started our opening week with \$3,165 in sales. We were also thrilled to have sold a beautiful piece of rare art for \$1,500. Thank you to Geoffrey and the team for making this a wonderful reopening, we are lucky to have them! This year, the Thrift House Board lead by Paula Danoff and the Thrift House Committee chaired by Anaga Dalal have big plans in store for Thrift House. Stop in to see what's new and support the Fall Opening, September 25-26.



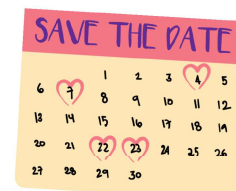
DONATIONS NEEDED

Thrift House greatly needs your donations of fall and winter sweaters, pants, skirts, jackets, boots and handbags. We want our Fall Opening to be a success and we need these items to make that happen. Your donations are greatly appreciated, thank you for your support of Thrift House!





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.

SEPTEMBER: BABY/CHILD SAFETY AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

- Every Tuesday (6:00-7:00): COVID Task Force Meeting- all are welcome to join. Check DC for the Zoom invite.
- 9/9 (7:00-9:00): MB Meeting
- 9/16 (7:00-9:00): PB Meeting
- 9/23 (6:30-9:00): GMM- In person, outdoors on the Community House Garden Patio with Zoom call in option. Guest Speakers: Liz Fales from CASA Lake County and Dori Mages from North Shore Family Services

DONE IN A DAY FALL PROJECT: PURSES WITH A PURPOSE

This year, the DIAD committee is collecting the following items to benefit local women's shelters. Please either bring these items to Lisa at HQ in the Winnetka Community House or designate a pickup time, by contacting DIAD Chair Brittany Tangney, bstrawm@gmail.com. Since we will not be collecting purses this year, please save and donate gently used purses to Thrift House. **We will be collecting items for the DIAD Fall Project until November 30, 2020.**

Toiletries (unopened, Regular or Travel Sized)	Paper Goods	Cleaning Products	Infant Items	Linens (New)	Art Supplies
Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, conditioner, dental floss, etc.	Tissue, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, paper plates, cups, etc.	Bleach, disinfectant, dish soap, laundry detergent, bounce, kitchen cleaners, etc.	Diapers, wipes, powder, shampoo, lotion, Vaseline, Desitin, baby food etc.	Bath towels, hand towels, kitchen towels, bedding for twin & cribs	Markers, construction paper, paints, pencils, backpacks, etc.