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OUR MISSION

The Junior League of Greenwich 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.

The Junior League of Greenwich is committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals and reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My Fellow Leaguers and Leaders,

Welcome to a NEW kind of Spring edition of Currents. We are digital thanks to our amazing Communications Team! It is hard to believe that it is May - the JLG year has really flown by! The 2016-2017 JLG year will "officially" end with the Annual Dinner on June 7 at Burning Tree Country Club. I wanted to extend my sincere thanks to all of you for your continued commitment to this incredible organization and for your support during the year.

There is so much we have done already of which to be proud, and yet so much more still to look forward to. I am proud of what we have accomplished as an organization, as we continue to focus on furthering our mission and maximizing our community impact through signature projects, community collaborations and bricks and mortar initiatives.



Let's continue our work and finish the year the way we started; passionate, enthusiastic and inspired by what we can achieve as an organization.

Sincerely,

Sue Moretti Rogers

JLG President 2016-2017



LEAGUE LEADERSHIP

*A Message from our
Junior League Leadership*

Dear JLG Sustainers,

By now, I hope you've read about the AJLI's Sustainer-directed program The Next Chapter. The purpose of this initiative is to help keep Sustainers meaningfully connected to the Association and The Junior League. At the conference level, it was determined that Sustainers want thought provoking and inspiring development opportunities as well as opportunities to travel together and to volunteer locally, regionally and internationally. The Next Chapter seeks to address these needs.



There are roughly 77,000 sustaining members of AJLI. In the past, the goal was to train volunteers so that they would become valuable volunteers and board members in their communities, and perhaps regionally and internationally, while maintaining a meaningful membership in the Junior League. The JLG has many sustainer liaisons involved in its projects and fundraisers. Their commitment has changed from the past in that these Sustainers are fully involved with the projects they are assigned to and often work just as hard as the Actives. In the JLG, the number of Sustainers is larger than the number of Actives, and this additional support has been invaluable to the work of our organization.

In closing, I have the unique opportunity to continue as Chairman of the Sustainer Advisory Committee next year. At this year's Annual Conference, I hope to learn of additional ways that Sustainers can receive more from their Junior League membership. So, stay tuned! Lastly, if you would like to reconnect with the JLG, use your skills to assist on a project or perhaps help train a developing volunteer, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Lori Jackson

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One Day at a Time

The Done-in-a-Day Committee proves that a lot can happen in just one day!

The Done-in-a-Day Committee, co-chaired by Brynn John and Karen Armstrong, has organized several successful events so far this year – and shows no sign of slowing down! Each of the Committee's events is designed to collaborate with an important community partner to bring good cheer and fun experiences to groups of all ages, and to strengthen the League's relationships with other non-profit organizations in our town.

In October, Anne Whitman and Cathy Breck organized a

fun Halloween-themed evening for the teen residents of Kids in Crisis. The group decorated costumes, enjoyed treats, and shared conversation. Once again, the Done-in-a-Day Committee members found their Kids in Crisis experience to be so rewarding that they are hoping to visit again soon.

In November, Brynn John and Jennifer Kimura organized an in-person and online food drive to benefit Neighbor-to-Neighbor, working with our friends at Acme Food Stores in Greenwich and Riverside. The

successful appeal helped to restock our local food pantry at a time of year when the Thanksgiving holiday creates greater need for donations. Not surprisingly, the stores' customers gave generously to the cause.

To help members of the Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich ring in the holiday season, Maryann Ghirardelli and Natalie Stein organized a gingerbread cookie decorating event for 80 children and their parents. The Committee supplied bowls and bowls of

candy of all colors and varieties, coupled with mounds of fluffy icing. We were amazed at the confectionery masterpieces created by our little cookie artists!

Done-in-a-Day has also had a busy Spring. Calling all high-rollers at The Nathaniel Witherell! Courtney Radosavljevic and Selen Yilgoren planned a Mardi Gras-themed Casino Day for residents and their families. Casino Day, an annual favorite, featured games of chance, bingo, musical entertainment, and a dessert buffet whose centerpiece was a celebration cake generously donated by our friends at Garden Catering.

But wait – there’s more! Kristina Vaios and Lauren Soules planned a jam-packed night of prehistoric fun at The Bruce Museum for 50 members of the Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich on March 31. The children arrived in their pajamas, participated in a scavenger hunt throughout the Museum’s dinosaur exhibit, worked on a “dino-mite” craft activity and then settled down to watch “The Good Dinosaur” while enjoying a pizza party.

Lastly, we ended our busy year by helping our friends at the Greenwich Police Department publicize their annual Police Day open house. Police Day is a free, community-wide event that welcomes Greenwich residents, especially the little ones, to our town’s Public Safety Complex for tours and demonstrations of the Department’s special units and equipment. A visit with the K-9 unit is always a highlight. Done-in-a-Day member Leigh Anne Rowinski helped organize our craft table, where we encouraged our littlest commanding officers to create notes and pictures for our town’s police officers to thank them for keeping our community safe.

We are proud of our many accomplishments this year and wish to extend a very special thank you to our invaluable Sustainers, Betsy Parker and Susan Wohlforth. It also takes a true leader to keep Done-in-a-Day’s energetic crew focused on our goals and we wish to thank our Project Administrator, Kristen Tomasiewicz, for her guidance and mentorship.



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CHILDREN'S DAY SCHOOL



PROJECTS PAST

*Past Present: A stroll down
JLG Memory Lane*

The JLG has been involved in the area of childcare in Greenwich since 1987 when the Infant Day Care Task Force was formed. This project researched the long-term needs of infant day care in Greenwich with a view towards recommending programs and building a network of family day care homes to meet those needs. By 1991, the Business Day Care Committee, which focused on encouraging corporations to support on-site day care, was established.

In 1998, the JLG's Child Care 2000 Committee was charged with filling the long existing need for high-quality, affordable, full day childcare for children 6 weeks to 5 years of age. This program was a direct result of the United Way Needs and Assessment Committee, which found that the #1 unmet service need in our community was childcare, especially for those under 3 years old.

Child Care 2000 partnered with Christian Day School which enrolled 3 and 4 year olds. As a community partner and to meet the mission of Child Care 2000, Christian Day School changed its name to Children's Day School. The site itself was found at Saint Catherine's Church in the former Hill House Convent. The town approvals and architectural plans were drawn up and presented for approval to the Town Planning and Zoning Board, Architectural Review Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

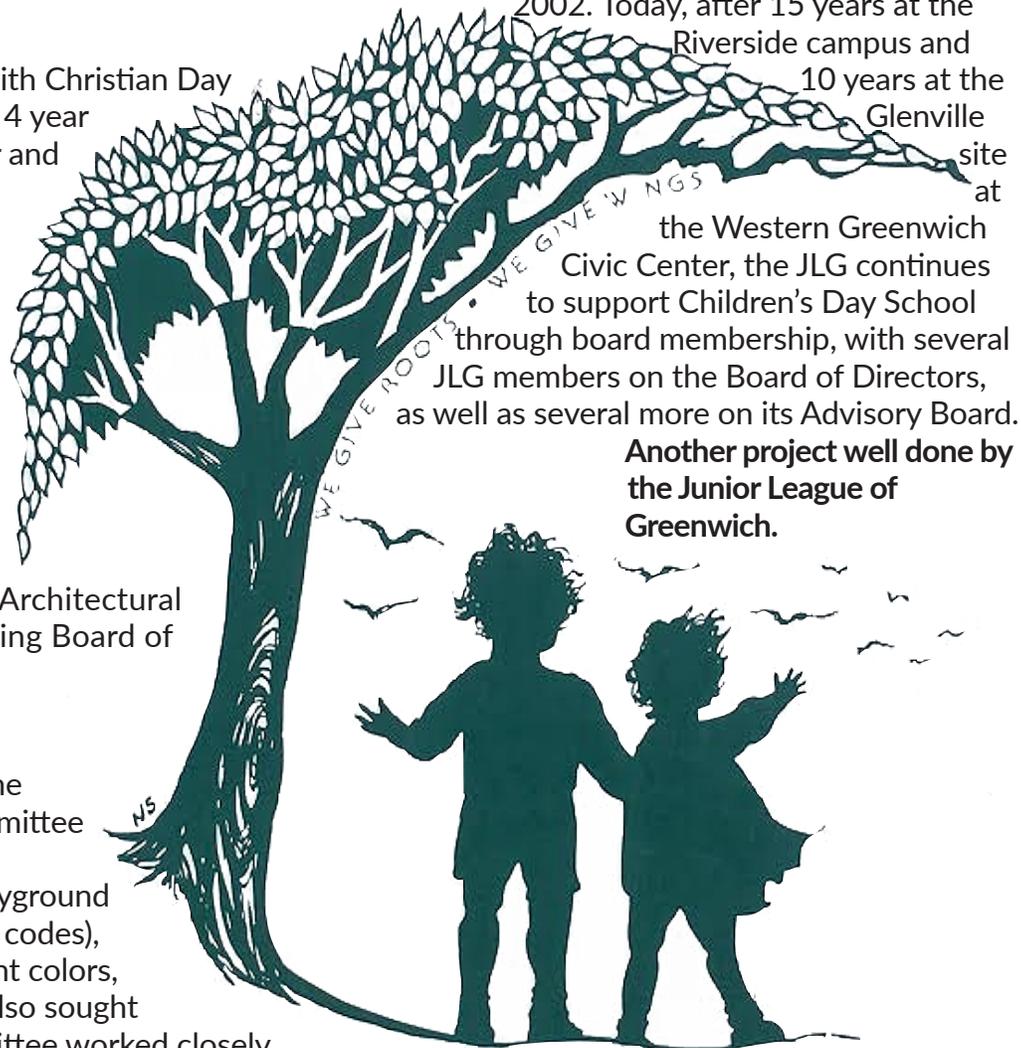
The demolition began in November 2000. During the construction phase, JLG committee members were tasked with designing and overseeing playground construction (following town codes), selecting the furnishings, paint colors, flooring, and lighting. They also sought artists for murals. This committee worked closely

with Children's Day School to be observant of all licensing requirements.

The JLG also set a monetary goal of \$3 million: \$2 million for construction and program development and \$1million for a tuition assistance scholarship fund. Since 2000, Children's Day School has awarded nearly \$1.5million dollars in need-based assistance since 2000. Thus far, by covering 15% to 75% of annual tuition, we have enabled the families of 275 children to access the quality pre-school early learning that they could not otherwise afford, providing a solid foundation and ensuring school readiness.

After all of this hard work and extensive planning, the doors finally opened in February 2002. Today, after 15 years at the Riverside campus and 10 years at the Glenville site at the Western Greenwich Civic Center, the JLG continues to support Children's Day School through board membership, with several JLG members on the Board of Directors, as well as several more on its Advisory Board.

**Another project well done by
the Junior League of
Greenwich.**



COMMUNITY



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ROOTS

Time garden tips from the Education Center

It appears that spring has finally sprung in Greenwich, which means it's a perfect time to start planning and planting a home garden. Jennifer Butler sat down with our own Meg McAuley Kaicher, JLG Development Director and Board Member of the Garden Education Center, to learn more about the exciting community impact initiatives of the Garden Education Center as well as some tips and tricks on how to turn her own thumb greener this summer.

The Garden Education Center (GEC) is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to promoting horticulture, conservation and the arts through educational programs, outreach activities, and special events. With this as its central purpose, it was a no brainer for the GEC to partner with Kids In Crisis, a past project of the JLG, last June to create a community garden on its property. The goal of the garden was simple: to create an outdoor space where the KIC residents could learn about food sourcing as well as how to use fresh, whole foods in the kitchen.

With the manpower and financial support provided by Goldman Sachs, all that was needed to make garden dreams a reality was knowledge of gardening. Kristen Tomaszewicz, Kids and Crisis Director of Community Services and JLG Nighttime Project Administrator, approached Meg and asked her if the Garden Education Center would be interested in partnering with them on the project. "It really was a perfect example of how the Junior League fosters partnerships in town" said Meg.

The Garden Education Center jumped onboard and immediately assigned a Master Gardener who began working on plans for the garden. "It came together pretty quickly," said Meg. "Our Master Gardener put together a list of what would need to be purchased to start the garden and created schematic drawings outlining what would be planted in each bed. A lot of thought was put into how to get the children interested in gardening. The Master Gardener suggested

things like a ‘pizza garden’ a bed with basil and tomatoes and a ‘salad garden’ a bed with lettuce, Swiss chard, beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers and kale.”

With the knowledge provided by the Garden Education Center (as well as the donation of many of the plants used in the garden), the volunteers built four raised beds on a June day. Raised beds were used because it allows you to control the soil, and as Meg recommends, “It all starts with good dirt.” By using raised beds, you can bring in healthy soil, which can be purchased and delivered, directly to your home through any of the local garden centers.

Next, the volunteers planted the gardens, carefully following the plans created by the Master Gardener. “In addition to making the gardens fun for the kids, we had to keep in mind what plants worked well together.” Plants like tomatoes do well with root plants such as chives, onions, carrots and parsley but keep them away from cabbage family plants such as broccoli, kale and kohlrabi. Lettuce, carrots and radishes make a strong team when grown together. Cucumbers do best with beans, corn, peas, radishes and sunflowers. When planting your garden, don’t be afraid to add flowers such as marigolds, which keep pesky critters away.

It’s important to consider timing. Late April is the perfect time to plant carrots and radishes (in the same row) and spinach, broccoli, bok choy, lettuce, beets and onions. By mid-May, crops such as sweet potatoes, tomatoes, peppers and beans can be planted. Wait until late May to plant squash and June to plant eggplant, watermelon and pumpkins.

Once your garden is fully planted, expect to spend the most of your summer as the KIC children did—watering, weeding, staking and tying up tomatoes. While a garden is only as good as its soil, it will not flourish without love and being looked after. The kids loved learning about organic gardening and nutrition as they tended to the garden and used the bounties of their hard work in the kitchen all summer long.







The Power of Pink

Spotlighting the Young Women's Breast Cancer Support Group

The members of the Young Women's Breast Cancer Support Group love their placement. Here are a few heartfelt reasons as to why members of the committee have found this placement to be so meaningful.

"Working on the committee has given me the opportunity to meet some incredible women in our community; JLG breast cancer survivors (there are more than you realize!); talented and caring physicians at our own Greenwich Hospital; and other local nonprofit leaders like Yonni Wattenmaker from the Breast Cancer Alliance. Our local resources for women with breast cancer are terrific, and our support group rounds out that list by adding much needed to support young women with the disease."
- **Jennifer McCarroll**

"I love being on a committee that helps women in my peer group. The League does so many wonderful things in the community for children and families. That said, it feels really good to know I'm working on a committee that has a positive impact on the lives of women in my

demographic."- **Beth Lucey**

"I feel that the Young Women's Breast Cancer Support Group is a meaningful placement because it makes me feel as if the JLG is using its resources, namely the JLG house, for the greater good of the community. We are literally opening up our doors and hopefully making a difference in people's lives." - **Gretchen Foran**

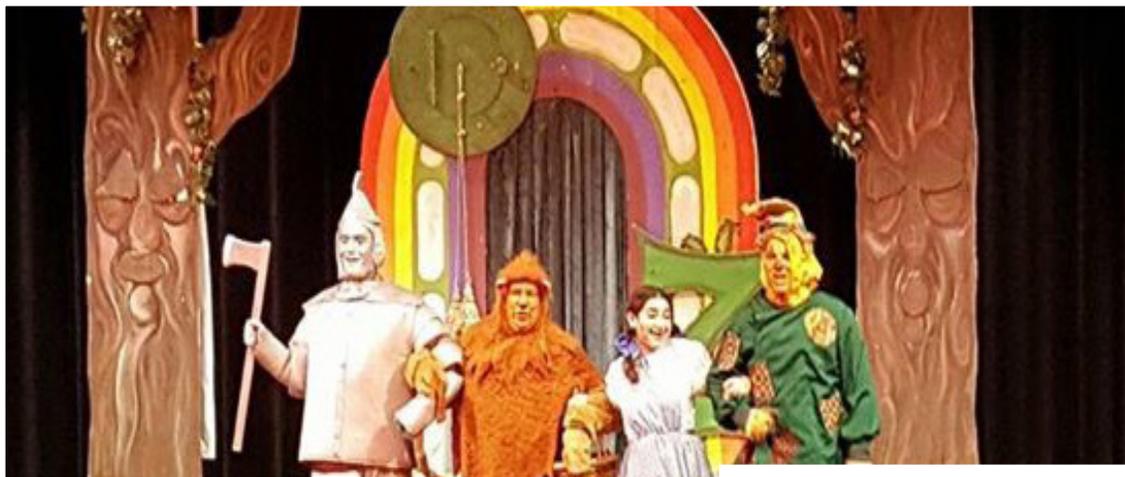
"Being a part of the breast cancer support group committee has been such a meaningful experience for me. It feels really good to know that we're genuinely helping women in our community feel supported through such a difficult time. If we can help just one person leave our support group feeling more encouraged than when they arrived, then I consider our group a success." - **Chair, Julie Harrison**

Support group meetings are held at the Junior League of Greenwich headquarters the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30p.m.

FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD

The Junior League of Greenwich entertained hundreds of families on Saturday, April 29 at its Children's Concert Fundraiser, "Wizard of Oz." Children of all ages "traveled" to the Emerald City along with Dorothy and her friends at the hour-long show that was performed by Plaza Theatrical Production at Greenwich Country Day School's Performing Arts Center.

"What a heart-warming musical with something for everyone," said Debra McLaughlin, President-Elect, Junior League of Greenwich. "All of the funds raised from our Children's Concert go directly toward supporting impactful community projects that are identified, designed and implemented by the Junior League of Greenwich."





positively amazing

a day of girls, giggles and growth

In January and February, the PositivelyMe! program held its first two sessions at the JLG House. Almost 40 enthusiastic third grade girls participated in each weekend.

PositivelyMe! is all about building self-esteem by instilling confidence, encouraging self-expression and developing coping mechanisms to deal with peer pressure and bullying. The two-day program is also a ton of fun, and the girls make new friends while developing skills to last them a lifetime. This year's program has all the favorite highlights from previous years, including the Friday night pajama and pizza party, crafting toys for shelter dogs, breaking boards using karate moves and freeze dancing.

For both the girls and the committee members, a standout of this year's sessions is the art aspect. "The art project, introduced to PositivelyMe! by committee member Joan Stewart Pratt, in partnership with Alex Virvo of KidsDrawFree, is such an important addition to our curriculum," says co-chair Kristi Coffelt,

who has been part of the committee for five years. "Local female artists come to speak to the girls and share their inspiration and the joy of creating, as well as the challenges they may have overcome through art. The girls get to meet these women face to face and see their original artwork up close.

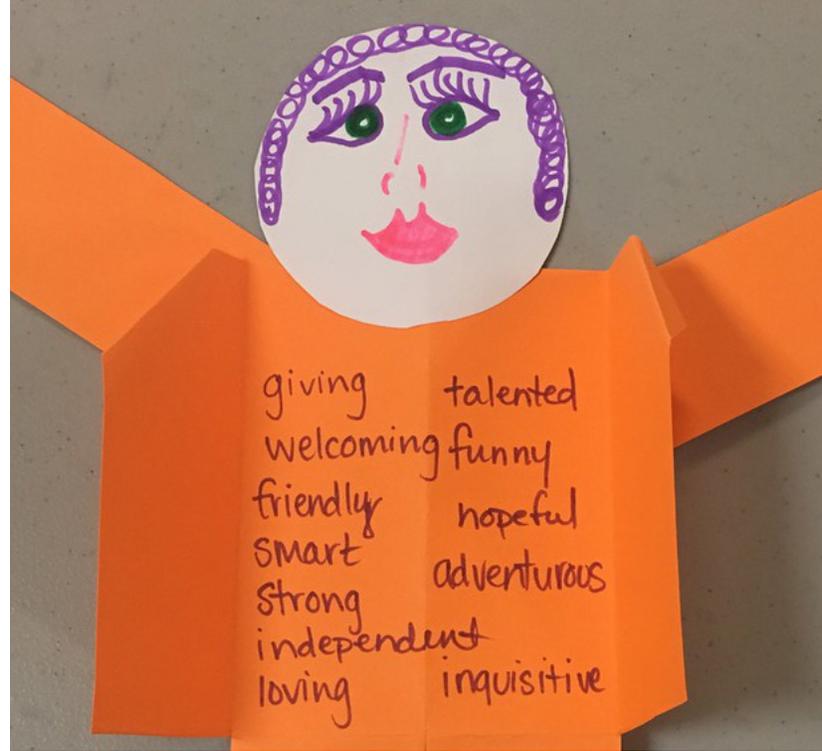
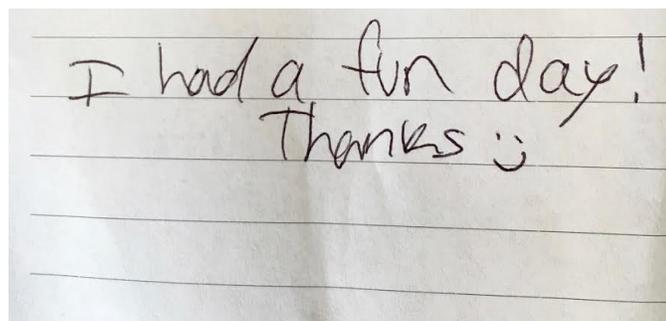
The takeaway is a beautiful book that shows a picture of each artist alongside her artwork. At the end, our participants see their own photograph—a Polaroid we take just for this purpose—next to a brand new work of art they've just created," explains Coffelt. The book prompts attendees to complete phrases such as "I am confident when"...(I sing, etc.) and "I am happy when"...(I'm with my family, etc.) with words and drawings, all while being mentored by the artists.

"We wake up every morning and work hard to make sure every program we take on empowers kids. All of us who genuinely want something better for our kids know that it is an empowered child that will make a difference

in all of our tomorrows!” says Virvo, who has been involved with PositivelyMe! for two years. This year’s fabulous professional artists who shared their time and personal stories included: Mercedes Arensberg of Westport, Norma Stanton of Greenwich, and Inna Linov and Olga Klymyk of Stamford. “Not only did making art make me feel better about myself, more confident, as if I had value—but also, it made me feel forgiveness and acceptance towards others, even the girls or boys who seemed to be mean to me. I felt that I had a sort of secret power that I could use to create a different image, and a different space for myself,” says Arensberg.

A new contributor this year is Theresa Robbins, a JLG member and CEO of Mirror Books LLC, who Virvo brought to the attention of the committee. Robbins created a one-of-a-kind set of LoveSnax emotional vocabulary cards especially for PositivelyMe! These cards are an exciting way to keep the experience alive once the girls leave and return home. “We hope it sparks great conversations with the whole family,” says Coffelt.

The PositivelyMe! team had a blast planning and preparing these sessions while getting to know one another and looks forward to the remaining sessions and continuing to work with all the wonderful contributors. Says Coffelt, “We aren’t just working together as a committee, we are uniting with individuals outside our committee and the Junior League. These people have no stake in this program but are passionate enough about empowering girls that they are coming together to make something really extraordinary.”



wait...there's more

Once again this year, Positively More held three successful sessions. The girls were involved in discussions regarding valuing yourself, self-advocating, the importance of healthy relationships and parameters. Digital reputations were also explored. Role playing and yoga rounded out the special day.



RESIDENTIAL





REFLECTIONS

A former and present leader discuss the differences the decades have made in the role of President

This spring, current Junior League of Greenwich President, **Sue Moretti Rogers**, and Past President **Karen Royce** (1999-2000) sat down to discuss the differences in leadership over the decades.

What were some of the challenges you faced during your presidency?

Sue Moretti Rogers: One of the biggest challenges today is ensuring that people are having satisfactory placements. Sometimes members believe they will have a certain experience with their placement and it ends up being something different. Another challenge we have today is our process; why we have processes in place and helping people understand the importance of having these processes.

Karen Royce: Yes that has always been a challenge for people who have served on Boards where there's a paid staff or when they're coming out of a for-profit career. To be part of an organization that perpetuates itself year after year completely on volunteer talent and time, that's why those processes have to be followed. There has to be a trail that other people can follow and consistency of how decisions have to be made.

SMR: Digital Cheetah has been a wonderful resource, and I know you did not have the benefit of it, but it is only as good as what we put into it. I can go back and see what Chris Zadik said at the opening of the skate park. That is so valuable to have. I know in your tenure everything was in binders but to have these virtual binders at our fingertips is so wonderful. But again, it's only as good as what we're uploading. It's really important for leadership as they're exiting out of their positions this year to upload those documents

so that 5 years from now, when we're still running Touch A Truck or we're still at Christ Church with the Enchanted Forest, those ladies can look back to see some of the activity, challenges and solutions that we recorded.

KR: That's a great tool for the president and other leaders - to have a place to put something immediately and to be able to upload all during the year.

My biggest challenge was raising the money and doing all the planning for Childcare 2000 when I was president. It was a project that happened over several years. We were hoping to start building, but at the end of my presidency the estimates came in for the building costs and they were much higher than expected. I had to push the pause button because I wasn't comfortable going forward spending more than we had planned on. There were all these issues that were coming up that we had not anticipated - like what happens when you change the use of the building because it had originally be a residence for nuns and it had been Hill House before they moved across the parking lot. We were going to use it as a preschool which is a change of use.

SMR: What was the original amount that you had intended to raise?

KR: \$2 or \$3 million. It was a long time ago I don't really remember. We raised a million dollars for the tuition assistance fund so I can't remember if the total was \$3 million and the \$2 million for the building. You want to pass on something good to the next president and I felt like I was passing on something on hold. I left a project for the next year that required further research - they needed to figure out if we really should move forward with the project. In hind sight, I wish I had anticipated it more or maybe it would have happened earlier that year so I could have left the project in better shape to pass on. That really was the biggest challenge. Lots of sleepless nights for me. Do I just go forward or push pause? It was a tough call. We went ahead and did the building but I don't think we brought the cost down a whole lot. But, that due diligence needed to be done before moving forward.

SMR: Sometimes you really need that time to think through the repercussions.

KR: Yes, preserving the integrity of the organization is the most important thing. To go down a road that wasn't as clear as we thought it was going to be and then have a big



Karen Royce
JLG President 1999-2000

hang up in the middle of the construction would not have been a good outcome. It was the right decision even though it was painful to pause.

SMR: The other thing I don't think people realize about being President is that there is a lot of work that we do that people don't know that we do - I'd say 90% of being president is triage.

KR: I have this image of an iceberg and all people see it's what's above the surface. The job of president is being sure we don't run into everything that's below the water. Whatever's above the water looks good, but you can't make everyone happy.

SMR: It's a really humbling job I find. I had extraordinary mentors but it definitely is a lot more of that than I imagined. I'm happily doing it because I feel like that's the president's job.

KR: I think that's what being a good leader is all about.

What would you say is your greatest accomplishment?

KR: I still feel like Childcare 2000 was my greatest accomplishment even though it wasn't finished while I was president. We raised the money and we did eventually go forward with the project. It's a viable vibrant place to this day and we're still administering the tuition assistance fund, which I'm the chair of. There is over \$1.5 million that common fund manages - we've given

out hundreds of thousands of dollars and we still have a great reserve fund to be able to help families that can't afford the tuition there. We also had a fabulous TEF that year. Mary Lee Kiernan chaired it and she had this theme of past, present and future. We had fabulous trees and were at the civic center. It was exciting! The millennial change was exciting too. It was a challenge also though because we were raising money for Childcare 2000 and we had to be very careful about who we approached for TEF. That was one of those that the buck stopped with me and it was tough.

SMR: Yes we have that same challenge with the pool. I think signing the contract for TEF this year with 501 Auction was a big deal. We've taken steps to enter into current technology. Also the decision to leave the Hyatt for TEF was a really big one, but it was very necessary. Again, taking the time to think through the decision was important. We've been talking about moving it for years. There was a fundraising committee one year where we were looking at our fundraisers and where TEF could possibly be. Last year under Alessandra we decided to start the TEF task force. We didn't make a quick decision by any means to leave the Hyatt and how to change and improve TEF. It happened over several years and I think that's really important. There is great support in moving it and I'm looking forward to the next iteration of it at Christ Church. I'm really excited it's going to be there!

Other than that, one of my goals this year was to expand our reach in the community as far as community organizations we partner with, either through DIAD or our new member classes. One of the new member classes partnered with Abilis in April to promote Abilis Gifts. We also had trivia night at the senior center. They were thrilled - men and women were lined up at the door an hour before the doors opened to get their spot! I'm really proud that we have partnered with those two new community organizations and I think that it's really important for us to continue to evolve.

I'm also proud that we have put ourselves out there in terms of seeking recognition. Putting in a submission to AJLI to have a governance visit to have the president of AJLI come and spend the weekend here with us was really wonderful. Actives and sustainers alike benefitting from her being here. We also submitted for 3 awards this year for AJLI. We submitted for a fundraising award for the Enchanted Forest. We also submitted

Positively Me for a community impact award since this is 10 years and we submitted for a grant for the Young Women's Breast Cancer Support group. Whether or not we get the award I'm proud of our organization for submitting!

We are also the recipient for the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce award and I'm really proud of that and our members should be proud of that too! We aren't good about patting ourselves on the back because we're not in it for that that's not what this organization is about. But it's important.

KR: Yes it's important for membership satisfaction, fundraising, community development.

SMR: We've done a much better job in the past few years of getting our name out there. Expanding our social media has been really wonderful too because that's free advertising and free information and we're reaching different generations.

Fun facts

KR: I went to UC Davis.

SMR: That's where my son Matthew is!

What year did you join Karen?

KR: I joined in 1987 and Lori Jackson and Susan Wohlforth were in my class.

SMR: So 30 years?!

KR: I'm toying with the idea of having a reunion!

Karen Royce served as President of the Junior League of Greenwich before the JLG had a house for an office and to hold meetings in. The office was located at Act Two on the second floor and meetings were held around town wherever there was enough parking. Sue Moretti Rogers serves as the current President of the Junior League of Greenwich.

By the Numbers

2017

633 Total Members

195 Actives

32 New Members

448 Sustainers

2000

851 Total Members

261 Actives

48 Provisionals

542 Sustainers



On the Move

The Enchanted Forest planning is already underway as the event gets set for a new look and a new venue!

The Enchanted Forest is making a big move this year. For over 10 years, the JLG's annual holiday event has been held at the Hyatt Regency Greenwich. This year, however, we are moving the event to Christ Church, directly across from the JLG headquarters. This is an exciting change that will have a positive impact on the JLG, the participants in the event, and the community as a whole.

This year's set-up will begin on Wednesday morning, November 15th. The actual event will run from the evening of Thursday, November 16th through the evening of Saturday, November 18th. Traditionally, The Enchanted Forest has been held on Saturday and Sunday so this shift to Friday and Saturday is a big change that will allow our members a day of rest and recovery from their massive efforts on behalf of this event before they start the week of Thanksgiving.

As is the tradition, The Enchanted Forest will feature decorated trees, wreaths and gingerbread houses donated by design professionals, area businesses, schools, community organizations, individuals, and local vendors. There will also be a selection of high quality vendors in the boutique area, children's entertainment, breakfast with Santa, a holiday-themed character lunch, family activities, the Children's Giving Shop (where children can shop for their family with the help of JLG Sustainers), a sneak peek party, as well as a cocktail and auction event.

Over the decade that The Enchanted Forest was held at the Hyatt, the scope of the event grew significantly. The Enchanted Forest is the JLG's largest fundraiser throughout the year and last year was no exception—we grossed the most money in the history of the

event. The funds we raise are used to support all of our philanthropic work in the community throughout the year and are hugely important to the JLG and the community at large. The intent of bringing the annual event to a smaller venue is to make this a more manageable experience for our dedicated JLG volunteer members. The fundamental mission of The Enchanted Forest—festive holiday activities that help raise important funds to support our many significant projects within the community—will remain the focus at this new venue.

The Enchanted Forest Committee is excited about the possibilities of the new location and the positive impact it will have on the experience of the attendees as well as all of our volunteers who work so hard to put together this important annual event.



**The Enchanted Forest at Christ Church
Thursday, November 16th
through Saturday, November 18, 2017**

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OF THE APPEAL

why giving makes all the difference

The Junior League of Greenwich's Annual Campaign has played an integral role in the Greenwich Community, shaping its tapestry and uniting perhaps one of the largest and most diverse towns in Fairfield County.

Recognized nationally for its substantive work in the community, the Junior League of Greenwich has always focused on community needs and projects that have been fulfilling, practical and relevant. League members have been equally as gratified for the work being done as for the wonderful opportunities to meet accomplished, motivated and skilled women. Members have forged new friendships, while learning valuable skills and gaining volunteer experience as added benefits.

In its nearly 60-year history, the League has demonstrated a results-driven, determined group of women volunteers that have methodically and with purpose, provided programs and filled voids that town resources and other nonprofits may not have been able to fill. Understaffed departments and limited volunteers have stretched the town's resources more notably in recent years. When other organizations can't, the Junior League has persevered and achieved. The list of JLG programs launched through the years has read like a town calendar and "who's who," meeting the everchanging, rising needs of the town's growing population.

JLG achievements further demonstrate what a tremendously effective and dynamic organization it has been in the community. Susan Bevan, a sustainer and member for more than 15 years, acknowledged how thorough and impressive the Junior League training has been for its members. She credited the Junior League for finetuning her volunteer skills and preparing her for the work she has done in other nonprofits, both in spearheading projects and in fundraising.

Susan noted, "I believe in supporting organizations that I'm associated with.... I give to the Annual Appeal because of the good work the League does and the long history it has had with the town....The Annual Appeal gives the League a chance to do things--to support things financially in this town. We are lucky to have such an association."

Like Susan, Amy Carbone underscored the Annual Appeal's importance in funding and doing great work in the community. As a sustainer and member since 2001, Amy has given to the Annual Appeal for two reasons. "First, I believe in the League's long lasting research-based projects," she said. "The fact that we do so much research before launching the projects is a real mark of the League." She further explained, "It costs a lot to do that kind of research and we need to donate to fund it... our organization needs to be funded." Amy also noted, "When you get hired by a company, you may not have the opportunity to transfer into a new department, but at the Junior League, you are encouraged to try something new. These are all important opportunities."

"Whatever amount a member donates, will help get us where we need to be, but we need to get there with 100% participation," explained Amy Carbone. "There are some that love going to events so they will give to The Enchanted Forest or Touch a Truck. Others like to give to brick and mortar capital campaigns, and still others like to give to the Junior League's Annual Appeal which supports the League's programs that have become the backbone of Greenwich life."

Since 1959, the JLG's enduring role as "the little engine that could" has underscored its vital role in the Greenwich community. With expanded support for JLG's Annual Appeal, the longevity of these programs will be secured for years to come.



...ing water over dates, add sugar, butter and soda. Let
add egg, nuts and vanilla. Pour into loaf tin and place in a warm
place 20 min. before baking. Bake 1 hr. at 350°. Good for party
snacks with cream cheese.

Mrs. James Stenson

CRANBERRY-NUT BREAD

- 2 c. flour
- 1 c. sugar
- 1½ tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt
- grated rind and juice of 1 orange
- 2 Tbs. butter, melted
- 1 egg, well-beaten
- 1 c. cranberries, quartered
- ½ c. nuts, chopped

Sift dry ingredients together. Add orange juice to butter and enough boiling water to make ¾ c. Add well-beaten egg. Mix dry ingredients with wet ingredients. Stir vigorously, and add quartered cranberries and nuts. Bake 1 hr. at 325° in well-greased pan. Can be frozen—must let cool completely first. Excellent for tea or as an accompaniment for a salad luncheon.

Mrs. Richard L. Geismar

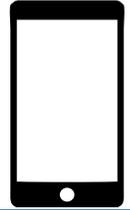


Cranberry-Nut Bread

For months, the Communications team has met in the first floor conference room where we were surrounded by volumes of JLG cookbooks. We decided to try some of the recipes, and one of our favorites was Pat Geismar's "Cranberry Nut Bread" published in the *Busier Gourmet*. We reached out to Pat to ask her thoughts on the recipe and the *Busier Gourmet* project. The recipe came from her mother, and Pat still makes it to this very day. She loves that it only has two tablespoons of butter, and if tightly wrapped, it freezes very well!

The JLG published three cookbooks in the 1960's. "The projects were fun but challenging," Pat said. "All recipes had to be tested after their submission. When they didn't seem quite right, the committee was faced with the question of going back to the source and tweaking it, or not accepting it. The last option required some diplomacy!"

Get Outside!

	7 hrs average time children spend in front of a screen	7 min average time children spend in unstructured outdoor play	
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37%
of Americans do not know basic water safety skills

A connection to the natural world is a vital part of a healthy life.

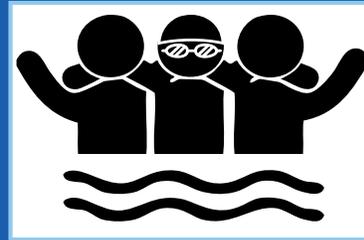
Spending time in nature increases creativity, curiosity and problem solving ability.

Children

Unstructured play improves school performance and aids children's emotional development. Lack of free time and a hurried lifestyle can contribute to anxiety and depression.



Children's stress levels fall within minutes of seeing green spaces.



Seniors who socialize are less depressed and have better quality of life.

Seniors

Swimming helps circulation, slows loss of muscle mass, lowers high cholesterol and the risk of diabetes, aids in the prevention of heart disease and promotes longevity.

DIVING IN and Making a Difference

The Greenwich Pool in Byram Park Capital Campaign is in the "quiet phase." Major gifts are being sought and will lay the groundwork to reach the \$2.5 million campaign goal.

This project has far-reaching benefits for all Greenwich residents. Soon it will be time to enjoy long days at the pool, walks on the beach and sunset picnics in Byram Park. Can you feel that warm breeze and smell the ocean? We're getting closer every day. Help us keep up our pace and stay posted for updates.

What can YOU do to ensure the campaign's success?

- 1) Pick up a wallet size card at the League headquarters that outlines the key benefits of the new pool.
- 2) Educate family, friends, neighbors and co-workers about the project.
- 3) Let our Co-Chairs, Carisa Sykes or Debby Lash know if you have any donor prospect suggestions.

Touch A Truck!



Junior League of Greenwich

SUNDAY, JUNE 4th

10am - 2pm

Rain or Shine!

Town Hall

101 Field Point Road, Greenwich, CT

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We're Hitting the Road

Every child dreams of sitting behind the wheel of a fire truck, honking the horn of a dump truck or riding a roaming railroad. These dreams can become a reality at the Junior League of Greenwich's 17th annual "Touch A Truck!" We asked some of our favorite Touch A Truck Partners to participate in a questionnaire. We were excited to learn what TAT means to them and we are so grateful for their participation!!

Phil de Terlizzi, Sales and Marketing Director at County TV & Appliance:

1. How did you get involved in Touch a Truck? County TV & Appliance participates in many community events. Members of our management team have young children that had attended previous events and suggested it would be great for our company to be involved.

2. What is your favorite part of Touch a Truck? Seeing the kids faces light up when they come to visit is priceless. What more do you need?

3. Why is Touch a Truck a meaningful event to you? Touch A Truck is a great event for kids and families. The kids get to experience all kinds of fun things; we bring a portable theater with seating and a sound system. They love it! The kids can sit and be safely entertained while their parents can ask some questions about our services and offerings.

4. Are there any additional comments you'd like to include about your experience with Touch a Truck? Our experience with Touch A Truck is always positive. The group at the Junior League is always helpful, and the participants become a mini family that meets for a common goal/reunion every year.

About This Sponsor

County TV & Appliance is celebrating its 65th Anniversary this year. Their showroom has been newly remodeled with 5 Live Luxury Kitchens SubZero/Wolf, Thermado/Gaggenau & Miele. Monthly cooking events and a Smart Home Technology showroom make us the smart choice for all your home appliance and electronics needs. They deliver, install and facilitate service for all their customers.

Dan DeCosmo, Manager at Roaming Raceway & Railroad LLC:

1. How did you get involved in Touch a Truck? A member of your organization saw my train at a local event and asked if I would be interested in attending your event.

2. What is your favorite part of Touch a Truck? The smiles on the kid's faces when they sit behind the wheel of the vehicles.

3. Why is Touch a Truck a meaningful event to you? Seeing all the families out together having a great time and raising funds for a great cause at the same time is wonderful

4. Are there any additional comments you'd like to include about your experience with Touch a Truck? Touch a Truck is one of the few events I do each year that is a blast to do rain or shine!

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Roaming Raceway & Railroad is available for private parties as well as public events, for more information please visit www.roamingrailroad.com or www.roamingraceway.com

The Gibbons Foundation:

1. How did you get involved in Touch a Truck? We heard about it from our daughter, Jenny Forti, who is involved with this project.

2. What is your favorite part of Touch a Truck? Walking around with our grandchildren, seeing their eyes light up at all the trucks, the trolley car, the bounce house and the games on the playing field.

3. Why is Touch a Truck a meaningful event to you? It's great to see so many young children enjoying the activities plus knowing the admission fees go to many worthwhile Junior League projects.

4. Are there any additional comments you'd like to include about your experience with Touch a Truck? Love what you do for the town! Keep it up!

About This Sponsor

The Gibbons Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to improving quality of life, services and access to services in Fairfield Community. In addition to the JLG, The Gibbons Foundation supports many local organizations such as Greenwich Education Alliance, Safe Rides, and Abilis.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

New member projects have enriched the community





LOOKING AHEAD

While we have spent our spring issue looking back at a fantastic 2016-2017 Junior League season, we are so thankful and excited to briefly look forward to the year ahead. The leadership of the JLG will be transitioning, but our commitment to making our community great remains the same. Thank you to everyone for making this an amazing year. **Have a Great Summer!**

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