

# League Lines

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## Letter from the President

Dear League Members, Community Partners, and Friends of Junior League,

This League year has flown by! As I write this, I realize how long I have been planning for this year. I have spent countless hours over the last several years with other Board Members, Committee Members, Community Partners, and other trusted advisors to make sure we are doing all that we can to be the best League we can be. This year's Board of Directors continues to work diligently on several projects that will help make next year and subsequent years even better!

We still have some very exciting things going on before the end of the year. Our Nominating Committee has been working on slating our new Board of Directors. We presented those at our March General Membership Meeting and will vote on them at our April General Membership Meeting. Our Nominating Committee has also been working with our Board of Directors on updates to our Bylaws and Policies that will allow for more flexibility for our membership opportunities. These were also presented at our March meeting. On March 28, we will be partnering with Alabama Power on a Kids in the Kitchen program that will take place at Noble Street Festival. We had so much success with this program at Weaver Elementary last year that we wanted to do it on a bigger scale this year. Please come by to see us! We are also sending two members of our Board of Directors Lana Smith and Amanda Martin to the Association of Junior Leagues International Annual Meeting in Los Angeles in April. We can't wait to hear all about their trip!

On a sad note, we lost two very special ladies in February. Mrs. Helen Reynolds and Mrs. Sharon Rauch were both founding members of the Anniston Calhoun Junior Service League. They remained a part of the Junior Service League through our transition into the Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun, Inc. Mrs. Reynolds was an Active member for a year and then became a Sustaining member and eventually a Sustainer Emeritus member. Mrs. Rauch put in quite a few active years and then became a sustainer. She left the League for a bit and rejoined this year as a Sustainer. She sent us some very kind words of encouragement upon rejoining. Both of these ladies will be missed greatly by their community and the League. Please keep their loved ones in your prayers.

Please mark your calendar to join us on Saturday, March 28 at Noble Street Festival and on Tuesday, May 12 for our Annual Dinner. We have some wonderful surprises planned for both. We look forward to seeing you there! If there is anything I can do for you, please let me know.

Best regards,



**Maryann Deason Gendron**  
President 2014-2015



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## Community Impact ~ VP. Kristi Yates

I can't believe it is already March! Spring is just a few weeks away, and I am ready for the warmer weather. We have our Spring Project this Month –Kids In the Kitchen at Noble Street Festival. We are looking forward to this great event. We have been blessed with two sponsorships for this event from RMC and Alabama Power. Alabama Power will be teaming up with us and providing a cooking demo. We will also be teaching kids about healthy lifestyles in a fun, hands on environment. We hope everyone signs up for a shift to help. We will be in the Kids Zone at Noble Street Festival from 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM. If you have not signed up, please contact me as soon as possible to do so. You will want to be a part of this fun day! Contact me at khy4au@gmail.com to sign up for a shift.

Our last Done In A Day of the year will be a Work Day at Weaver Elementary School on April 11th. Time to be announced. This work day will be only 2 hours, and we would love to have everyone join us.

I look forward to the next two months and fun projects ahead!

## Nominating Committee

Thank you to everyone who turned in nominations for our 2015-2016 Board of Directors Slate. The committee has been working diligently over the past month to put together the best group of women to lead our League. This Slate proposal was presented at our March General Membership Meeting and will be voted on during our April Meeting. Please plan to attend to make your voice heard in our League.

## Need to Know Info

- Save the date for our JLAC Annual Meeting (May Dinner) on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at 6:00 pm. Location to be announced soon.
- 2015-2016 League year Membership Renewals will be coming to you soon. Be sure to check your mail/email for those.
- Any current Active member that has fulfilled her membership requirements to become a Sustaining member and would like to be considered for Sustaining Membership for the 2015-2016 League year needs to turn in her request by May 1, 2015.
- A new JLAC website is in development! Be on the lookout for the debut of our new site around May Dinner.

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## Active Member Spotlight ~ Tina Roberts



Tina is married to Allen Roberts. They reside in Golden Springs, and she is a step-mom to two young men. Her youngest is attending the University of Indiana-Southbend, where he is majoring in vocal performance and music therapy. Her oldest is attending Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. Tina is currently an attorney at the Roberts Law Firm, LLC. She holds board membership status with the American Red Cross (Calhoun County Chapter) and Grace Place of Alabama. She is also member of the Strategic Planning Committee for the City of Anniston. Her hobbies include dancing and traveling. Tina's favorite color is green because it reminds her of her birthstone (peridot).

Tina's favorite JLAC event is Kids in the Kitchen. She says, "It was a great opportunity to bond with other JLAC members, and I met some really amazing kids at the event". Her favorite JLAC placement is the Community Impact Committee where she works with ladies that are "phenomenal powerhouses". She likes being a part of a committee that researches the needs of the community and gives suggestions to the members on how we can make a bigger impact on the lives of the individuals who live in Calhoun County. Tina loved the self-defense class and hopes this will become an annual training. She believes it is very important for women to know how to defend themselves.

Tina's closing words include a quote from Dr. Maya Angelou: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." She loves being a part of an organization that promotes empowering and encouraging women and wants us to continue to strive toward being kind to one another.

## Sustaining Member Spotlight ~ Vickie Simmons



Vickie has been married to her husband Robert for 20 ½ years and they have one daughter, Olivia, who is 16 and in the 11th grade at Sacred Heart Catholic School. They also have 3 furry friends with which they share their home: Sophie, Bo and Pretty Kitty. Vickie was hired as the Executive Director of the Foundation at Regional Medical Center in 1994 and is presently the RMC Director of Development. She is currently a member of the Anniston Noon Rotary, WEN (Women's Executive Network), and the Anniston Museum League Board, in addition to being a Sustaining Member of the Junior League. Vickie loves working in the yard, reading, and completing DIY projects. Her favorite color is orange – it is proven that colors influence the way that we feel and orange is a natural stress reliever and mood elevator. Vickie's favorite event from her active member JLAC days were the GED graduations at the Coosa Center because "they were very rewarding and the appreciation on the faces of the families and graduates were very memorable to this day."

Vickie cherishes the friends she made in Junior League that she otherwise would not have crossed paths with as well as the mission of teaching and practicing the appreciation of our community. "By investing in our community's children we can break cycles and grow a stronger population."

She wants us all to remember that "We need to be the change that we wish to see in the world." Mahatma Gandhi

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## Moments & Milestones

### Deepest Sympathy:



#### **Sharon Anne Rauch**

Mrs. Rauch passed away on February 5, 2015. She taught at The Donoho School for 24 years, where she cured countless cases of hiccups. She served her church as choir director for many years and in January 2015 Sacred Heart dedicated the choir loft in her name. She was a multitalented seamstress. In her community, she volunteered with various organizations. She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Mrs. Rauch was a member of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival Guild and helped the Guild transition into the Anniston Calhoun Junior Service League. She was an Active Member of the Junior Service League throughout its lifespan. When the Junior Service League transitioned into Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun in 1992, she became a Sustaining Member. She remained a Sustaining Member through the 1997-1998 League year. When we started our Friends of Junior League campaign last summer and invited our past Sustainers to rejoin our League, Mrs. Rauch gladly accepted.



#### **Helen Garber Reynolds**

Mrs. Reynolds passed away on January 31, 2015, at the age of 93. In 1950, Mrs. Reynolds and her family relocated to her husband's hometown of Anniston. She served as the Treasurer of the Anniston Memorial Hospital Guild, operated the hospital coffee shop, and established scholarships for nurses. She also worked as a Gray Lady at the Noble Army Hospital at Ft. McClellan. In 1958, she helped to establish The Episcopal Day School at The Church of St. Michael and All Angels. In 1962, she and her husband helped found The Anniston Academy, now The Donoho School, where she served in the school library. She served her church and her community in many capacities such as being a representative from The Cheaha Convocation on the Diocesan Board of The Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, being a founding member of The Alabama Shakespeare Festival of Alabama, and served as one of three sustaining representatives on the executive committee of The Anniston-Calhoun Junior Service League, now The Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun. She was a life-long member of our Junior League and helped it transform from the Alabama Shakespeare Festival Guild to the Anniston Calhoun Junior Service League and eventually to the Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun, Inc.

### Community Achievements:



Congratulations to our Active Member **Amber Reynolds** for being named as the Director of the Northeast Alabama Cinderella Scholarship Pageant. This local pageant is a part of the International Cinderella Scholarship Pageant that was founded in 1976 and has grown into the world's largest and most prestigious pageant system of its kind in the world. More than just a beauty pageant, Cinderella is a youth development scholarship program that offers many opportunities for achievement and recognition to deserving children, teens and young women. It is a natural pageant with emphasis on the total contestant including their personality and talents, Amber is a veteran of this natural pageant system and is following in her late mothers footsteps, who directed the pageant since 1988.

## Moments & Milestones Continued

### Member of the Month: January 2015

**Alyson Mims** for going above and beyond to her in-league service. Alyson serves on both the Nominating and Marketing committees and has been a hard working and dedicated member to each!

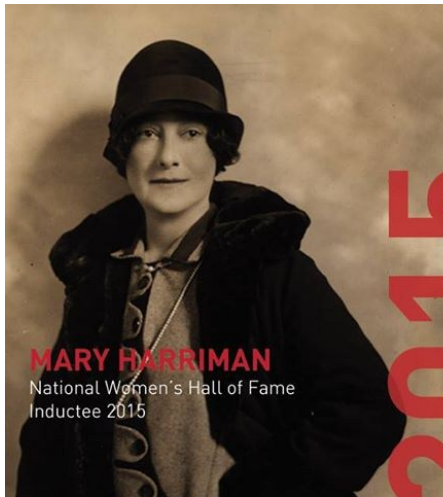
### Little Leaguers:



**Avery Grace Jinks** was born February 27th at 9:30 am weighing 7 lbs 11 oz and 20" long. Congratulations to mommy **Karen Jinks** (Active Member), dad Clark, and big brother Jace!



## Junior League founder, Mary Harriman, inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame



The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI) is pleased to announce that Mary Harriman, the Founder of The Junior League, has been chosen for induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, NY, the birthplace of the American Women's Rights Movement. AJLI Executive Director Susan Danish said, "This is a great and timely honor for a remarkable woman whose life in public service began in 1901 at the tender age of 18 and ended, with her untimely death at 53, as one of the highest ranking women in the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt." She added, "Born into a family of great privilege and wealth, Mary took a path that was 180 degrees from what was expected of a woman from one of New York's most powerful families. While studying at Barnard College, she embraced the settlement house work of Jane Addams and was inspired to do something to better the lives of the largely European immigrants living in squalid conditions on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. She rallied her young friends (including Eleanor Roosevelt) and thus was born the Junior League for the Preservation of the Settlement Movement. Today, the organization she founded is now 292 independent Junior Leagues in four countries."

Mary Harriman's achievements also have been recognized by the National Women's History Museum. The National Women's Hall of Fame is the nation's oldest membership organization dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the achievements of great American women. It was created in 1969 in Seneca Falls by a group of local women and men who believed that contributions of American women deserved a permanent home in the small

village where the fight for women's rights began.

The 2015 Induction Ceremony will be held October 2-4, 2015 in Seneca Falls. The other inductees are Tenley Albright, Nancy Brinker, Martha Graham, Marcia Greenberger, Barbara Iglewski, Jean Kilbourne, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Philippa Marrack and Eleanor Smeal. They join other notable women such as Margaret Sanger, Sojourner Truth, Maya Angelou, and past Junior League members Eleanor Roosevelt, Sandra Day O'Connor and Julia Child.

### **About The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc.**

Founded in 1901 by New Yorker and social activism pioneer, Mary Harriman, the Junior Leagues are charitable nonprofit organizations of women, developed as civic leaders, creating demonstrable community impact.

Today, The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI) is comprised of more than 150,000 women in 292 Junior Leagues throughout Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom and the United States. Together, they constitute one of the largest, most effective volunteer organizations in the world.

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**Dates to Remember:**

March  
**28th** -Spring Project - Kid's In  
The Kitchen @ Noble Street  
Festival

April  
**7th** -Board Meeting 6 P.M.  
**11th**-DIAD @ Weaver Elem -  
Spring Clean-Up  
**14th** -General Membership  
Meeting 6 P.M. (VOTING MTG)  
**16th-18th** -AJLI Annual  
Conference in Los Angeles ,CA

May  
**5th** - Board Meeting 6 P.M.  
**12th** - May Dinner & Annual  
Meeting 6 P.M. - Location TBA

## 2015 Nancy Julian Distinguished Young Woman Award

The Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun, Inc. is excited to announce that our 2015 Nancy Julian Scholarship application is now online and available through The Community Foundation of NE Alabama's website. The Nancy Julian Distinguished Young Woman Award was established by the Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun, Inc., in 1996. It honors the memory of Nancy Julian, a very active member of our League and community.

Each year the award goes to an outstanding high school senior who has maintained an excellent academic record and has displayed a willingness to serve her school and community through volunteerism and extra-curricular activities. Applications along with supporting documents are due by March 27.

If you have any questions please contact us at [jlanniston@gmail.com](mailto:jlanniston@gmail.com).



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