

League Lines

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Letter from the President

Dear League Members, Community Partners, and Friends,

Happy New Year! Is it really 2015 already? Where did the time go? I hope you and your families had a delightful holiday season. I hope you were able to spend time with your loved ones and make some lasting memories.

I would like to give a special thank you to Christie Welch for hosting our annual Christmas party "Jingle Bells and Cocktails" for the second year. Christie and her team were fantastic hostesses, as always! I would also like to thank Sustaining Members Kara Silvers and Robin Cooper for joining us. Your support means a lot, and we enjoyed seeing your smiling faces.

In addition, I would like to thank Ashley, Abby, and Amy at Growing Trends for hosting our first JLAC board Christmas party. They provided hors d'oeuvres and painting supplies for us. We brought beverages and our creative talents to paint a Christmas-themed painting. It was great fun, and we each had a beautiful, original painting to display for the holidays.

Even though we are halfway through our 30th Anniversary year, we still have a lot to do before the end of the League year.

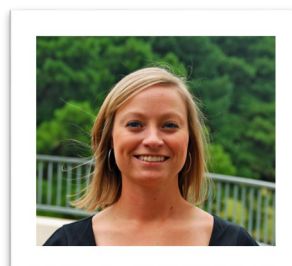
- At our General Membership Meeting on January 13, we will welcome an amazing class of 13 women into active membership. These ladies have already made us proud, and we cannot wait for them to officially join our League! Please welcome them to the JLAC family if you see them around town.
- In February we will be sending several of our board members to the AJLI's Organizational Development Institute in Dallas-Fort Worth. Four of us went to this conference last year in Indianapolis, and it was amazing! I hope the ladies going this year have as wonderful of an experience as we did.
- We will be participating in the Noble Street Festival on March 28. Alabama Power has partnered with us to have a Kids in the Kitchen booth at the festival. There will be a lot more information coming on that, so please stay tuned and make plans to come see us that day!
- In May, we will have our Annual Meeting. There will be more information about this as we get closer to the event, but please mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 12. All Sustainers, Community Partners, and Friends of Junior League are encouraged to attend.

Thank you for your continued support of Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun, Inc. I wish you all a happy, healthy, and blessed 2015!

Sincerely,

Maryann Deason Gendron

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President 2014-2015



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Community Impact ~ VP. Kristi Yates

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Our first Done in a Day for 2015 will be a donation of \$25 for the "Gotcha Program" at Weaver Elementary School. This program is an incentive program started by the school counselor to reward students for good behavior, deeds, etc. The school does not receive funding for this program and we are happy to be helping fund this program again in 2015. We will be supplying prizes that will help the kids stay active and healthy. The prizes we purchased last year were used in a fun day for the students. The counselor raved about what a great day it was stating that the kids loved being able to form kick ball teams, baseball teams, etc. What a way for us to give back to these kids and the school! You can bring your \$25 to the January GMM.

Secretary ~ Mary Martha Hall

Happy New Year!! Time is flying fast, can you believe we are already half way through this League year? This is just a friendly reminder for opportunities to complete Done in a Days, project and meeting requirements. Remember active members are required to complete 2 DIADs and either the Fall or Spring project along with 5 out of 7 general membership meetings. The upcoming DIADs will be a \$25.00 donation to Weaver Elementary GOTCHA program and a work day at Weaver Elementary School. The Spring Project will be a Kids in the Kitchen event at Noble Street Festival on March 28. After January's general membership meeting we will only have 3 general membership meetings left and our Annual Meeting (May Dinner). I look forward to seeing you all at the membership meetings, the DIADs and our Spring Project. You will also not want to miss out on our end of the year wrap up at our Annual Meeting. It is always a special night!



JLAC Board of Directors with their custom Christmas paintings
2014 Christmas Party at Growing Trends in Anniston

Active Member Spotlight ~ Kelly Roberts



Kelly Roberts is a current resident of Anniston, Alabama in the White Plains area. She is an active community volunteer with Leadership Calhoun County and Junior League Anniston – Calhoun. Kelly is a member of several organizations including Alabama Recreation and Parks Association, USA swimming, and Crimson Flame Ministries. She is the Family Care Coordinator for the Alabama Baptist Children's Homes, where she enjoys working with single mothers and foster children of Alabama. Kelly loves to spend time with her husband (David) and 2 boys (Anthony and Kale Bryant). She is a big Alabama fan and her favorite color is Crimson. Junior League has helped Kelly connect and develop new friendships, while making a positive impact in the community.

2014 JLAC Christmas Party ~ Jingle Bells and Cocktails



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Moments & Milestones

Community Achievements:



CONGRATULATIONS to Active Member **Katie Newton**, who joined the admissions office as Assistant Director of Admissions at The Donoho School on January 1, 2015. Mrs. Newton is a magna cum laude graduate of Jacksonville State University where she double-majored in English and Communication/Public Relations. Following college graduation, Katie entered a management program for one of the largest consumer banking programs in the Southeast. She also has experience in community relations, marketing, and as a small business owner. She joined the Donoho family in 2009 and has since held various positions in the business office and in the classroom.



CONGRATULATIONS to Active Member **Lana Smith**, of Anniston Army Depot, who was awarded the Civilian of the Quarter Award from the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Life Cycle Management Command (TACOM). There are approximately 15 organizations including Anniston Army Depot in this Command. Lana is the first person from Anniston to receive this award. The ceremony was held at TACOM in Detroit and the Anniston Army Depot Commander presented her award through a video-conference with those in Detroit.

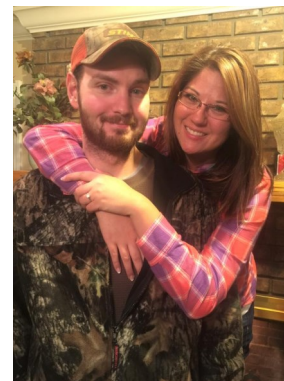
CONGRATULATIONS to JLAC Sustainer Emeritus **Juliette Doster**, who was recently appointed to the Longleaf Botanical Gardens board.

CONGRATULATIONS to Friend of Junior League **Maggie Burn Owens**, who recently celebrated 25 years of employment with the YMCA of Calhoun County.

ENGAGEMENTS:



Best Wishes to Active Member **Angie Reaves** on her engagement to Randall Moore on 12/19/14! We are looking forward to their "Top Notch" wedding.



Best Wishes to Active Member **Holly McCormick** on her engagement to Neal Hurst (brother of active member Lana Smith) on 12/31/14!

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Dates to Remember:

January

6th -Board Meeting 6 P.M.

13th -General Membership
Meeting 6 P.M.

New Member Induction @ GMM
DIAD @ GMM - \$25 (Gotcha
program at Weaver Elem)

February

3rd -Board Meeting 6 P.M.

10th -General Membership
Meeting 6 P.M.

20-22nd- AJLI Organization
Development Institute Dallas-

Fort Worth, TX

March

3rd -Board Meeting 6 P.M.

10th -General Membership
Meeting 6 P.M.

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



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