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Letter from the President

Hello Members, Community Sponsors, and League Friends!

Spring is a time of renewal and blooms. What better time to see the seeds we planted in seasons before than right now! I hope you all have enjoyed our spring season with our Nancy Julian Distinguished Young Woman Scholarship process, mentor training, Kids in the Kitchen event, final GMMs, and our May Dinner.

At the core of the League is our membership. We are all volunteers and we give our resources to make this League and our community a better place. Each lady is an OWNER and MEMBER of our League. The financial dues we pay each year are an investment in ourselves and our community!

Because we are owners of our League experience, we must cultivate meaningful, respectful, and solid relationships with each other and with the League. The League is truly a place where you get out of it what you put into it. We are doctors and lawyers, educators and analysts, moms, wives, grandmas, and everyone in between!

Please join us next year as we will have another wonderful League year. Our summer will slow down, as we won't have GMMs, but there will continue to be opportunities for socials and development. As placements go out, engage with your committee. It's a great time to be in the League. Reach out to the woman you know who has a heart for others and a desire to make new friends and invite her to our summer social events.

The League wouldn't exist without our dedicated, passionate members. Thank you all for a wonderful year. As the League begins our 25th year in the Association of Junior Leagues International, let's celebrate our mission and our vision - The Junior League: Women Around the World as Catalysts for Lasting Community Change.

Warmest Regards,

Lana O. Smith
President, 2015-2017

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Fund Development

Our monthly Restaurant Riots continue to be successful and tasty! Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun “rioted” at Peerless Saloon in January, Applebee’s of Oxford in February, and Thai One On of Anniston in March. We have raised over \$350 in this quarter. Thank you to all who have joined us - supporting JLAC while enjoying a delicious meal!

On March 11th, JLAC partnered with The Fairytale Project to bring our first Princesses and Superheroes Party to life at the Anniston Country Club (see more details on Page 3). JLAC raised over \$1400 from this event. We thank all those who volunteered and supported this fundraiser to bring such a successful event to the children in our community.

On April 6th, JLAC hosted Blacklight Zumba at Premier Ballroom in Jacksonville. Our attendees covered themselves in neon paint and glow sticks, and followed the dance moves of local Zumba instructors. We had fun with fitness, while raising over a hundred dollars. As word spreads, we anticipate this event growing in the future, in both attendance and funds.

JLAC gained two new Community Sponsors this spring - New Flyer and Eastman Chemical. Thank you both for your contributions to our League. Kohl’s also gave us a \$500 grant through their Kohl’s Cares program. Your investment into this community is greatly appreciated. For more information on how to become a Community Sponsor, or how to support our League, visit: www.jlanniston.org/community-partners/

Princesses & Superheroes Party

Our first Princesses & Superheroes Party was held on March 11th at the Anniston Country Club. We teamed up with Princesses from The Fairytale Project, and donated a portion of our ticket sales back to their organization to help other children with their mission. The Princesses in attendance were Queen Elsa, Cinderella, Jasmine, Anna, Rapunzel, Snow White, and Ariel. The Superheroes all donated their time for this event. They included Batman, Batgirl, Spiderman, Captain America, and Wonder Woman. We provided 2 separate ticket options: VIP and general experience. The VIP option allowed the young "princesses" to attend a coronation with Queen Elsa, take royal lessons from Cinderella, have their make-up done by Jasmine, attend a tea party with Anna and Rapunzel, and play games with Snow White and Ariel. We provided our young princesses with goodie bags full of items donated from a couple of our members! The

second portion of the day consisted of the general princess/superhero experience. These young children took royal lessons, attended a meet and greet with the princesses and superheroes, participated in crafts, and played an assortment of games.

We offered a few concession items, donated by members of our League.

We thank Katy Burley and Alyson Mims for their work putting together this event. And thank you to Candace Finley for being our photographer, and creating a special event video, which can be found on our Facebook page!



Blacklight Zumba

In early April, JLAC hosted Blacklight Zumba at Premier Ballroom in Jacksonville. Zumba is a dance workout that combines various elements of fitness for a calorie-burning dance party. We had a blast dancing the night away!

As our guests arrived at the studio, they signed in and then covered themselves in neon pant and glow sticks to start the party off BRIGHT! We had Zumba dancers from age 4 to... well, let's just say over the age of 25 ;-). Guests enjoyed the dance moves and music, while making a healthy lifestyle choice. Fun fact: You can actually burn up to 1000 calories per hour doing Zumba dancing.



Prior to the event, JLAC members brought snacks, Gatorades, and glow stick bracelets and necklaces to a GMM to be sold to our event attendees. Committee Members gathered door prizes and custom made gift baskets. We thank Salon Alon, Premier Ballroom, Tropical Heat, YMCA of Anniston, Honda Manufacturing, and 31 Gifts for their generous door prize donations! Three Zumba instructors also volunteered their time and talents: Charlanda Engram, Natasha Hammock, and Mylie Johnson. As an additional treat, attendees enjoyed a belly dancing preview by Julie Brown.

This event would not have been possible without the work of Mylie Johnson, who served as the event chair. Thank you, Mylie, for putting together such a fun event!

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Community Impact

The spring of 2016 was a busy time for Community Impact! Below are some details about our events:

BOOK STUDY: We participated in a book study of *A Framework for Understanding Poverty* by Dr. Ruby Payne. Our facilitator was Mrs. Debbie Clonts. We appreciate Mrs. Clonts and her hard work in helping us acquire a better understanding of how to effectively interact with individuals from different socio-economic backgrounds.

MENTOR TRAINING: We held a training session for JLAC members in April. This was a 4-hour block of interactive training to provide members with knowledge, skill set, resources and confidence to become positive, life changing mentors for Girls Graduate (G2) program at Anniston High School. Members of the Community Impact Committee served as presenters at the training. Members gained perspective from guidance counselor (Mindi Amberson), behavioral specialist (Kalie Bible), social worker (Jamila Duncan), and teacher (Lyndsey Key). We also learned the importance of being mindful of how we communicate with others (Jasmyne Turner, Crystal Vinson, and Kassie Harrell). Every member of the Community Impact Committee played a key role in the planning and execution of this event.



FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA (FBLA) TUTORING: Members volunteered to assist Anniston High School students prepare for FBLA competition. Members helped these students prepare in the areas of Career Portfolio, In-Depth Interviews, Marketing/Entrepreneurial Plans, and Public Speaking. The Anniston High School FBLA Chapter has been very successful this year! At the state competition on April 7th, Tykea Swain made it to the top six finalists in Public Speaking, Entrepreneurship Group. Garrett Watkins, Jordyn Johnson, and Royale Cotton placed third, and Madison Wilson was elected District VI Vice President. The members advanced to national competition held in Anaheim, California from June 29 to July 2, 2017. We wish Mrs. Bell and the AHS FBLA all the best at nationals!

Kids in the Kitchen



Kids in the Kitchen was at the Noble Street Festival in Anniston. On this sunny April day, we served over 380 kids from the community! We had a wonderful time interacting with these children as we taught them about

eating healthy. We provided snacks, pencils, erasers, bracelets, glow sticks and also gave them a free cookbook to take home. We taught them how to plant, water and grow small tomato plants, which they were able to take home with them. We had the opportunity to dance in the streets with the children. The kids really

enjoyed this, and thought it was fun! But, we all know that dancing also counts as exercise, so we were encouraging healthy, active lifestyles. Additionally, this was the first year that we partnered with Colgate Bright Smiles Dental Bus. Parked downtown and manned by local dentists, Dr. Karen Connell and Dr. Whit Welch, who volunteered their time to provide dental screenings to children in the community at no charge. For the children who did not participate in the dental screenings, we provided toothbrushes and toothpaste, donated by Sarrell Dental of Anniston. Congratulations to the Kids in the Kitchen chair, Laura Jones, for planning such a successful event!



Membership

Spring was a whirlwind of activities and meetings. In January, we proudly inducted 26 new members into the League! This class presented a slideshow of their completed New Member Project (updating, remodeling, and beautifying the 9th Grade Girls' Bathroom at Anniston High School) during the General Membership Meeting (GMM).



At February's Mardi Gras themed GMM, the ladies enjoyed king cakes and learning about upcoming trainings, events and fundraisers. In March, members wore green, enjoyed lucky green treats, and celebrated St. Patrick's Day while slate was presented. April's GMM was focused on kicking off our 25th Anniversary Year of continued celebrations. Members enjoyed nostalgic Kool-Aid and Fruit Roll Up snacks, and were dressed in 90's fashion while the guest speaker, Mrs. Nicole Bell, shared the results of the AHS FBLA recent statewide competition. Three of our JLAC members volunteered to help prepare students and the entire League was excited to hear that these students were invited to compete at nationals in California.

Sustainer Spotlight: Becky Ledford

Mrs. Becky Ledford was born in Mobile, Alabama and moved to Huntsville at the age of 10. In 1977, she made Anniston her home. She graduated from Auburn with a BS in Recreation Administration, and moved to Anniston to work for the Anniston Parks and Recreation Department as a Program Director. She earned her Master's Degree in Public Administration from Jacksonville State. She has been a stay-at-home mom since her second child was born. Mrs. Ledford has been married for almost 38 years, and has 3 grown children. Her children live in Italy, Atlanta, and Oxford. They are expecting their first grandchild in August!

Mrs. Ledford joined JLAC as a provisional in 1990. She joined because she wanted to be involved in projects that helped our community. Her favorite JLAC memory was chairing the Bargain Bazaar one year, and her favorite JLAC placement was working with the Coosa

Valley Youth Services. One thing that she learned from being a member of JLAC is that there are always opportunities to volunteer in our community. The JLAC was a stepping stone to learn about the different organizations in our county and the volunteers they need. Since her years as an Active Member, she has volunteered with numerous groups and organizations, including Knox Concert Series and Anniston First United Methodist. Mrs. Ledford has been a JLAC Sustainer for 20 years!

Her free time is filled with volunteer work, gardening, reading, running, walking, weight workouts, and home decoration projects. Lastly, she says her favorite Calhoun County restaurant is a tie between Classic on Noble and Garfrerick's.

Member Spotlight: Timeka Toyer

My name is Timeka Williams Toyer, and I am honored to be featured in the Spring Issue of League Lines! I was born in Anniston to two awesome parents, who are both natives of Anniston and have served in the community for years. I am proud to say I graduated from Anniston High School (Bulldog Proud). I joined the United States Navy after high school where I served as a Dental Technician and Field Medic attached to a Marine Corp Battalion. I am now medically retired from the Military. I am a part of another amazing nonprofit organization, WWAP (Women with a Purpose), where I serve as the Vice President. I have also been a member of the Big Sister Program, and a High School Cheerleader Coach in Iwakuni, Japan. I have been over church youth dance ministry, church singles ministry coordinator and teacher, sung in church choir, and a part of church dance ministry. I have a wonderful, loving and supportive husband, Walter L. Toyer III, from Munford. We have a miracle baby, who is now 4 years old, and her name is Miracle Abigail Toyer. My first baby is Ms. Diva Toyer, our 9 year old Cocker. This is my 1st year in JLAC. I joined the League because I have always enjoyed mentoring and empowering young women, and our G2 program really inspired me. Those young ladies are from the same community I grew up in and I could relate to some of the obstacles they may face in order to succeed. The most memorable moment in JLAC thus far was being voted New Member Class President, and the confidence these awesome ladies had in me to help make sure our New Member Project was executed and successful. Our New Member Project was so inspiring in the way it brought us together. The hard work that each of these ladies contributed in making sure the young ladies at AHS were inspired and encouraged will be remembered for years to come. I am honored to be a part of such an awesome group of rockstar ladies, and I look forward to working closer with each of them.

Moments & Milestones

JESSICA REED:

New Little Leaguer

Jessica and Robby Reed welcomed Elizabeth Caroline Reed on May 8, 2017! She weighed 7lbs, 5oz. Both Mom & Elizabeth are doing well!



LINDSAY TYSON:

New Little Leaguer

The Tyson Family welcomed Amelia Rose on March 3, 2017! She weighed 9lbs, 1oz and was 20 inches long. They are over the moon of their newest edition!



JORDAN PILKINGTON:

New Little Leaguer

Mary Sloane Pilkington was born February 14, 2017! She weighed 8lbs, 6oz and was 20.5 inches long! The Pilkington Family loves their Valentine baby!



JACLYN WILLIS: New Job/Promotion

Jaclyn received a promotion and new job opportunity at Target, which is closer to her home! She's also celebrating her 1 year anniversary! Congratulations Jaclyn!

MELANEE SUMNER: Promotion

Melanee has been promoted to Service Manager of Jacksonville Main Wells Fargo! Way to go, Melanee!

Welcome New Members

On January 10, 2017, the Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun inducted 27 ladies from the New Member Class into Active Membership. We are so excited about what these ladies have accomplished as New Members, and can't wait to see how they grow in both our League and community.

The new active members include: Kaitlin Barber, Jilian Baugh, Casey Bedford, Kasha Bennett, Brittain Benton, Kalie Bible, Susan Grace Catrett, Jamila Duncan, Amy Edwards, Katie Exum, Candace Finley, PJ Floyd, Kasie Harrell, Lauren Johnson, Deanna Jones, Nikki

Macon, Frances McCormick, Courtney Peppers, Linda Reeves, Kelly Scott, Melanie Sumner, Timeka Toyer, Jasmine Turner, Crystal Vinson, Amber Walden, Kandi Williams, and Jaclyn Willis!



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Dates to Remember:

June

6/8 - Member Social: Wine
Tasting, Tyson's Fine Wine &
Things, 5:30- 7:30pm

6/25 - Member Family Fun Day,
Details TBA

6/27 — Restaurant Riot,
Panera Bread Oxford, 4 - 8pm

July

7/21 — Summer Social

7/25 — Restaurant Riot,
Location TBA

August

8/22 — Restaurant Riot,
Location TBA



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