

League Lines

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Letter from the President



Happy New League Year! Welcome to our potential New Members, Active and Sustaining Members, and Community Sponsors. Thank you for initiating and re-newing your membership and sponsorship with our wonderful League.

Summertime is traditionally similar to a student's break from school where we have less League events. Well, we are shaking things up this year! We will take a brief summer break from GMM's but we will still have member events. The Fund Development committee are hosting monthly 'Restaurant Riots.' Throughout the year, every 4th Tuesday the League will be at a restaurant that offers a portion of the evening's profits to the League. It'll be a fun evening for member recruitment and member socializing!

Since 1901, The Junior League has been on the forefront of social reform, identifying problems and finding solutions. Since 1984, as a Service League, members of this dynamic organization have served our community with much passion and dedication. When we were admitted to the Association of Junior Leagues in April of 1992, we joined over 200 Leagues committed to being 'Women Around the World as Catalysts for Lasting Community Change.' Here in Anniston and in Calhoun County, we continue in our mission to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women, and improve our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

I encourage each League member to set goals for her time in the League. Starting with this year, what can you contribute to your committees? How can you get involved in our League community impact? How can you commit to personal development through training?

You invest not only in our community when you join the League, but possibly greater than that, you invest in yourself. Therefore, you are the owner of your League experience; let's go ALL IN and create another year of bettering our League and our community!

Lana Smith

President, 2015-17



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Welcome New Board Members



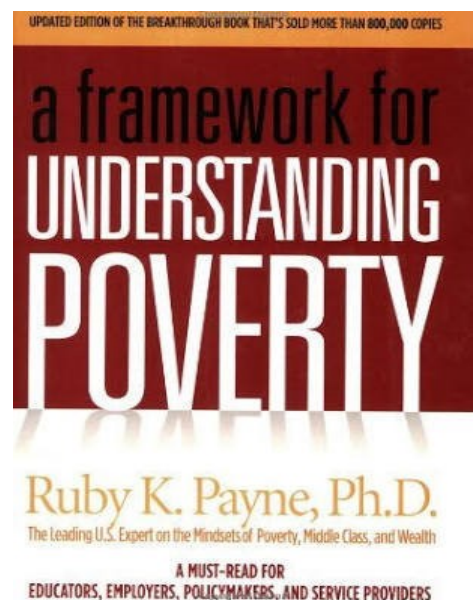
The Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun installed officers for the 2016-2017 year at the League's Annual Dinner in May.

The Board of Directors officially met on June 11th and held a retreat to prepare for the year. Lana Smith seemed enthusiastic after the retreat stating, "This incoming Board is strong and diverse. We are all expecting great things from each other, from the Board as a whole, and from the League. I'm excited to be a part of this team!"

Pictured: Tina Roberts, Lorii Ellis, Lana Smith, Lindsay Tyson, Kendra Lackey, Kristi Goodson, Jennifer Jones, Amanda Martin, Casey MacAllister

This year membership will be encouraged to read ***A Framework of Understanding Poverty, 4th Edition***.

Thanks to the Clonts' ladies, we will have facilitated discussions about the book at membership meetings. Used copies of the book are available on Amazon for less than \$5. Membership is encouraged to purchase the book as soon as possible and begin reading the book prior to September's general membership meeting. Should any member need assistance in acquiring a book, please contact Tina Roberts.



Fund Development

This summer JLAC launched a new fundraiser called Restaurant Riot. Each month we will be traveling around the county to support local restaurants and, in return, these restaurants will donate a portion of their sales back to JLAC.

June's Restaurant Riot was held at 32 Degrees in Oxford and it was a great success.

July's Restaurant Riot will be at the Peerless Grille on Tuesday, July 26 between 5pm-8pm. JLAC will receive 20% from all sales of the evening.

August's Restaurant Riot will take place at Mama Goldberg's on August 23 in Jacksonville. This will be an all day event and JLAC will receive 5% from the sales for the entire day.

The Fund Development Committee is working hard at planning a brand new fundraiser for this fall. Be on the look out for more information coming soon!

For more information on how to become a Community Sponsor or how to support our League, visit: www.jlanniston.org/community-partners

Membership

In June, Membership hosted a Family Fun Day at Oxford Lake where their family and friends could join in the cook-out and fellowship. The potluck was well organized with so many delicious dishes, and the remaining food was taken to the Oxford Fire Department for them to enjoy lunch as well. After enjoying lunch, everyone helped create 100 sand buckets filled with assorted items such as fruit snacks, beach balls, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, bottled water (compliments of BB&T bank) and pencils (compliments of Honda). The next day, these sand buckets were given to the children attending Anniston YMCA Summer Camps. The event coordinator, Mylie Johnson, explained that this event provided a social event for the members, advertised the league in the community and gave them opportunity to give back to the kids and meet the parents as they picked them up from the summer camps.



Finance

Membership renewals for the 2016-2017 League year have been emailed and/or mailed out to all Active and Sustaining members. If you are on payment plan, please have your payments made by September GMM. We appreciate all our members and the support they provide for our League as we make a difference in our community.

To make payment arrangement contact Jennifer Jones at treasurer@jlanniston.org

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Community Impact

The Community Impact Committee has had a very busy summer. At the April 2015 general meeting, the Community Impact Committee presented the Girl Graduates mentoring program, formally known as Every Girl Graduates, to membership for its consideration and approval. With the blessing of membership, the Community Impact Committee has met with Anniston City Schools on numerous occasions since May to work on a Memorandum of Understanding for the partnership between Anniston City Schools and Junior League Anniston-Calhoun. Since May, the Girl Graduates executive committee, consisting of JLAC President, Lana Smith; members of Community Impact: Laura Jones, Jennifer Maddox, and Tina Roberts; and administrators from Anniston City Schools: Dr. Sherron Jinadu Principal of Anniston High School; Joyce Hudgins, graduation coach; Yolanda McCants, Anniston school improvement coordinator; and Kimberly Garrick, Anniston Middle School principal. The executive committee has agreed that the mentoring program will be referred to from this point forward as Girls Graduate, which will be abbreviated as G². Once the Memorandum of Understanding is signed, JLAC and Anniston City Schools will issue a press release announcing the partnership and Girls Graduate.

On August 19, 2016, Junior League Anniston-Calhoun will participate in the Girls Graduate (G²) kick off. The program will start at 9:00 a.m. and will end at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the kick-off is to introduce the 9th grade through 12th grade female student body to the JLAC and to give the student body more information about Girls Graduate. Students will be welcomed with women power anthems, like Who Runs the World by Beyoncé and Roar by Katy Perry. Dr. Sharron Jinadu, Anniston High School principal, will introduce JLAC to the student body. JLAC will educate the student body on the statistics of students who drop out of high school i.e. number of students that drop out, how dropout rates affect job opportunities, etc. JLAC will explain why we decided to start a mentoring program. Students will participate in games that encourage self-esteem and sisterhood. Students will write a 9-month vision for the school year. The 9-month vision will outline each student's personal goals for the school year. Lastly, JLAC will advise the students that they will see us on campus from time-to-time throughout the year, including graduation in May of 2017. It will be a very exciting event. Any member, active or sustainer, who is interested in assisting with the kick off are encouraged to contact Tina Roberts, VP Community Impact, at community@jlanniston.org for more information.

May Dinner

Our Annual Dinner was held on May 10, 2016 at Hubbard's Off Main. The keynote speaker was Anniston's mayor, Vaughn Stewart. Awards were given to membership at the dinner: Sustainer of the Year, Leann Emrick; New Member of the Year, Mindi Amberson; Natalie Henderson Award, Casey MacAllister; Volunteer of the Year, Lindsay Tyson; President's Award, Alyson Mims. Also at the dinner, Haley Cotton of Jacksonville High School was awarded the Nancy Julian Distinguished Young Woman Award.



Moments & Milestones

LITTLE LEAGUERS:



Henry Steven "Hank" Gendron was born on June 13th, weighing 5lbs 8oz and 18" long. Congratulations to proud parents **Maryann** and Steve!

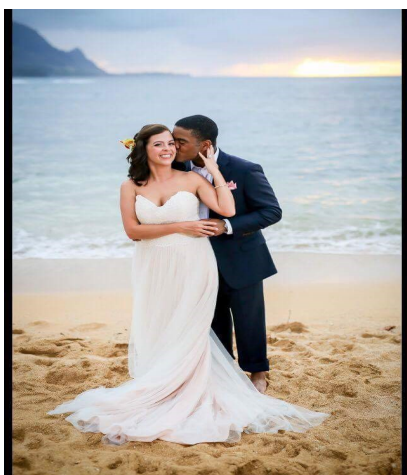


Shiloh Ahbriella Amberson was born on July 17th, weighing 5lbs 8oz and 18" long. Congratulations to proud parents **Mindi** and Justin!



Angie and Randall Moore welcomed their adorable daughter, Naomi Elizabeth, into the world on June 29, 2016 at 11:57 am. She weighed 7lbs 14oz and was 20 ½ inches long. Congratulations, Moore family.

WEDDING BELLS:



On April 27, 2016, **Katherine Davidson** married Evan Jackson in Kauai, Hawaii at the St. Regis. The wedding had originally been planned to be in the Dominican Republic, but they had to change it last minute because of the zika virus. Congratulations to the newlyweds!!

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MOVING ON UP:



Congratulations to **Lindsay Ward** who accepted the position as the Senior Project Manager for the Southern Mississippi Planning Development District. She will be working with the Economic Workforce Development Division and her territory is the 6 Mississippi coastal counties.



Katy Cairo is in the process of transferring to the Junior League of Birmingham after accepting a job offer with BBVA Compass. Congratulations, Katy!

Member Spotlight



Kara Silvers is our sustainer in the spotlight this month. She is from Gadsden, Alabama, but moved here with her family after she graduated high school. Her family seems super fun. Her mother is always smiling and showing up at many of the fun events around town and her dad has an unbelievable trophy room that looks like a museum. She also has a younger brother, Morgan, who is cute and single....hint, hint to the single JLAC girls.

Kara currently works from home teaching online classes and developing curriculum. Her mother inspired her to be a teacher by raising her to be the best she can be and to be happy at whatever she does.

Kara's hobby is shopping followed by a meal at her favorite Calhoun County restaurant, Mexico Lindo. Since shopping is her hobby, it is no surprise that her book recommendation for fun reading is the Shopaholic series.

Kara is a member of Maskers, Revelers, Parnassus Study Club, Wednesday Study Club and she is a volunteer for the St. Michaels' Health Clinic. She joined JLAC about 10 years ago because she wanted to meet friends and do social things.

Winter treasures was her favorite JLAC event and she also enjoyed being on the hospitality committee. When asked what she has learned from being a JLAC member she said, "That everyone is different and everyone has an opinion and point of view that is worthy of respect and being heard."

Her favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths."

Annual Conference

The Association of Junior Leagues International's Annual Conference was held in May in Atlanta, Ga. The League was able to send 5 members to the full conference and an additional 4 joined them for the Awards Banquet. Some of the ladies were delighted to share their personal experiences.

Casey MacAllister: Thank you for the opportunity to attend AJLI's Annual Conference in Atlanta in May on behalf of the league. While attending the Membership Engagement Showcase, we learned of a new online recruitment event that has proven to be successful for another league. During the Achieving Diversity and Inclusion session, we worked together as a combined group to discuss how to audit procedures and processes to ensure that we are allowing all members the opportunity to thrive during their league years. I had many takeaways from the entire event, but overall, learning how AJLI is a resource for all 200+ leagues, whether big or small, was very helpful.

Lana Smith: This year's Annual Conference was a Junior League weekend to remember! From sending so many members to attend to presenting JLAC as a showcase League for "Member (RE)Engagement", we had a big weekend. Lori and I went to a training session in Birmingham with a Junior League consultant in January. In sharing with her what all our League has done recently to revive membership and to become relevant, she encouraged us to share our story and asked, "Does AJLI know about you?! You all have an amazing story!" So from that I was inspired to submit our League as a potential presenter at AC. As Chief Spokeswoman for the League, she did not have to tell me twice how fabulous we are- I already knew but it was validating to have an outsider who is familiar with other League's say it. From my presentation, we had lots of encouraging feedback and requests for more information at conference as well as several inquiries after conference! When considering that we went to our first-in-years Annual Conference only 3 years, we owe a lot to attending AJLI conferences. I don't see this conference as our goal, but as a fun, refreshing stop on our League timeline. Our members who have been to AJLI conferences already cultivate relationships with AJLI and other Leagues for continuous improvement of our League, and to share our best practices. I hope to see more of this League love in the future; we have much to be proud of within our League, and much to be inspired by from other Leagues!

Kristie Goodson: Attending AJLI's Annual Conference this past May was an enlightening experience for me, in many ways. I've attended an area conference before, and that was a great learning tool, but Annual Conference truly makes you understand the breadth of benefits we receive as members of AJLI. Even before I arrived at the conference, we were already being linked in by the AJLI team with presentation information, scheduling our many seminars, and starting to socialize with our other attendees. Once the three days of learning began, it was almost overwhelming at the amount of things you had the opportunity to learn. From seminars on League best practices to ones on personality differences and dealing with them, they truly touched on all aspects of the League as well as how you could grow as a leader. It took several days for all of it to 'gel' in my head once I returned. Since then, I've referenced my notes and the Conference app many times to look up information, as well as found myself using the website and all its learning tools much more – even in my work and personal life. I encourage all of you to attend an Annual Conference if you are ever offered the chance & definitely research the hundreds of webinars available to us on the AJLI site – there is so much AJLI invests in developing us as leaders & the women who will change our communities.

Tina Roberts: I had a rewarding experience at the AJLI Annual Conference. I attended training sessions about the importance of education and the impact that it has on our communities, making community impact through lobbying, diversity and inclusion, and making the most of grant opportunities. The Conference gave me a lot of perspective and insight on how to be a better leader. I look forward to implementing some of the policies and procedures that I learned. Thank you JLAC for the opportunity to attend.



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Dates to Remember:

August

13: New Member Retreat
19: G2 Kickoff
23: Restaurant Riot

September

6: Board Meeting
8: New Member Meeting
13: General Membership Meeting
14: AJLI Webinar
27: Restaurant Riot
28: AJLI Webinar
AHS Tours: Every Friday in September

October

4: Board Meeting
11: General Membership Meeting
12: Webinar Wednesday
13: New Member Meeting
25: Restaurant Riot
26: AJLI Webinar



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