

# League Lines

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## Letter from the President



Dear League Members, Community Partners, and Friends,

Our 30<sup>th</sup> year is underway! What a year it has been so far! We have 13 New Members joining us this year, and they already completed 2 of their 3 classes. We completed 2 of our 4 Done-in-a-Day opportunities for the year. We started the conversation of what our next focus area for future years will be. We held our annual Murder Mystery Dinner Theater fundraiser. We have some busy ladies making these events happen!

I am sure you have all heard the expression "It takes a village." That is exactly how our League operates. It takes all of our League members, their families, our Community Partners, our Friends of Junior League, the silent auction donors, the staff at the Anniston Country Club, the faculty and students at Weaver Elementary, and more to afford our League the opportunity to fulfill our mission. We are grateful to each of you.

As we move into the season of Thanksgiving, please know that the Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun, Inc. is thankful for each of you reading this newsletter. We are grateful for your contributions to our community, no matter how large or small. We are proud of the work we have done together and look forward to the work we will do together in the coming months. If we can do anything for you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Maryann Deason Gendron*

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President 2014-2015

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## Community Impact ~ VP. Kristi Yates

Fall is In the Air! I love this time of this year, Football, Festivals, and Fun Junior League activities! We have already had two DIAD (Done In A Day) opportunities this fall. We were able to raise enough money to supply 3rd and 4th grade classes at Weaver Elementary School with art kits that will allow the students three different art lessons. Thank you to those that participated!

We have our Fall Project November 8th at Weaver Elementary School. We will be helping Weaver Elementary School plant a butterfly garden, help maintain the existing outdoor classroom space, add a walkway, and more. Everything we do will help the school get two accreditations in having an official "Outdoor Classroom". We have an awesome opportunity to help Weaver Elementary students and teachers have an accredited outdoor classroom space that they can be proud of. They would like to have the accreditation by Spring and without our help that will not happen.

We will have two more DIAD projects in the Spring and our Spring Project will be a Kids in the Kitchen Event at Noble Street Festival in March.

## Fund Development ~ VP. Lori Ellis

Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun, Inc.'s Annual Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre and Silent Auction took place the evenings of Thursday, October 23rd and Friday, October 24th at The Anniston Country Club. Beginning at 6:30pm, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were enjoyed by attendees while they perused the Silent Auction's many items. Silent Auction Chairwoman Lindsay Tyson and Silent Auction Assistant Elizabeth Kirk delivered an incredible array of desirable auction items. Prepared by local favorite chef Dave Mashburn and his talented team, a dinner of chicken scaloppini and stuffed pasta with white sauce, a chef's vegetable and rolls was served at 7pm. Maryann Gendron, our league's current President, presented the welcome, and the play began at 7:10pm. Written by Mike Stedham, "Unprincipled" was about a bad school in the worst part of town with the most hateful principal...who ends up dead! Sustainer Kara Silvers made the leading role of Principal Peters quite memorable. There was much laughter from the crowd during each Act of the play. The Fund Development Committee hopes that the league was proud of this year's event, which is proving to have been quite a success, both in entertainment and in profit.



2014 Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre Cast and Crew

## 2014 Provisional Class Project



The 2014 JLAC Provisional members have chosen to partner with Weaver Elementary School for their class project. On November 8th, the 5th and 6th grade boys will attend an anti-bullying campaign field day event with the theme "Just Be Brave". The boys will be coached in team-building skills with the volunteer efforts from a local boy scout troop and military personnel. Positive role models will also share information on health, fitness, hygiene and cyber-bullying topics. After lunch, each student will be invited to pledge to not bully by signing their name on the graffiti pledge wall which will be displayed at the school.

## Active Member Spotlight ~ Teresa Ross

Teresa is a single mother of an almost 11 year old boy named Christian, who is her life. She lost her mother to cancer 8 years ago and her father lives nearby. Teresa is a letter carrier for the United States Post Office and is the active treasurer for our local Anniston merged branch 448 at the Post Office. She is an avid supporter of Barbells for Boobs, who raise money for low income women to get mammograms to help prevent breast cancer. Reading and working is something she loves to do in her spare time and her favorite colors are a tossup between purple and green. The Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre is her absolute most favorite JLAC event! She always has a blast and thinks it's a great fundraiser. Her placement in JLAC as treasurer has helped her to learn to budget at home and for her union. Teresa says, "Stick to JLAC! We are a learning and growing group of strong women who are trying to improve ourselves and the community every year! Every year I've been in JLAC has gotten better and better!"



## Sustaining Member Spotlight ~ Marilyn Reynolds



Marilyn and her husband Perry, who owns Dorman & Reynolds Insurance, reside in Anniston. They have two sons, Chris and Andrew. Marilyn is currently serving on the Friends of the Library Board and is in charge of their Book Sale that is held four times a year. She is also very involved at her church, Grace Episcopal, where she is the Treasurer of the ECW women's group, a member of the Wednesday Study Club and sits on the Preschool Friends Board. In her spare time she likes to read and garden and also take yoga classes. Marilyn was a member of the Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun, Inc. Board when JLAC became apart of the Associations of Junior Leagues International! She remembers it being a very exciting time and she was glad to be a part of it. Marilyn says when serving in the League "remember that the littlest thing that you do can make a big difference in someone else's life."

## 2014-2015 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

### Gold Partner:

Webb Concrete  
& Building Materials

### Silver Partners:

Farmers & Merchants Bank

Laser Fabrication

Regional Medical Center

### Bronze Partners:

Center for Domestic  
Preparedness Employee  
Association

ERA King Real Estate

### Supporters:

Anniston Eye Clinic-  
Dr. Dawn Wilczek

NHC Healthcare  
Anniston, LLC

### Patrons:

Davie's School Supply

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## 2014-2015 FRIENDS OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE

**Margaret D. Bateman**

**Debbi Clonts**

**Betty Deason**

**Jennifer H. Easterwood**

**Joyce Payne French**

**Becky Helton**

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**Anna King**

**Mandi King**

**Sally Lewis**

**Gale Saxon Main**

**Sylvia Malone**

**Debby Matthews**

**Gayle McClellan**

**Jeanne Meigs**

**Paige Mooreland**

**Charlotte Mullis**

**Ginger Newton**

**Maggie Burn Ownens**

**Lynn Talbot**

**Gena Vinyard**

**Gina Stephens**



## Moments & Milestones

### MOVING ON UP:

**CONGRATULATIONS to Holly Clonts**, who as of May 2014, is now the Master Scheduler for Bridgewater Interiors. She's been in automotive manufacturing for 16 years. A leading minority business enterprise, Bridgewater Interiors, LLC is a full-service manufacturer of automotive seating.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Christie Welch**, who opened her new store Birds of a Feather on Labor Day. Located in Greenbriar Village Shopping Center on Greenbriar Dear Road in Anniston, Birds of a Feather has antiques, vintage finds, and repurposed items for your home. Visit them online at [www.birdsofafeathervintage.com](http://www.birdsofafeathervintage.com).



### LITTLE LEAGUERS:



**Evans** Jason Hendley was born June 18th at 10:24am weighing 8lbs 4oz and 20" long. Congratulations to mommy **Lindsay Hendley**, dad Dan, big sister Leighton, and aunt **Lauren Miller!**



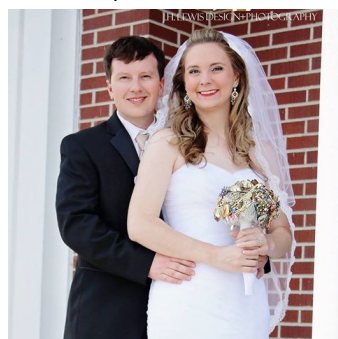
**Eva** Ryan Huff was born August 28th at 10:44pm, weighing 8lbs 15oz and 20" long. Congratulations to mommy **Amy Huff** and dad Ryan who both showed great patience since Eva was 12 days overdue!



**Bennett** Eli Kirk was born January 28th at 11:15am, weighing 6lbs 15oz and 19" long. Congratulations to mommy **Elizabeth Kirk**, dad Jarod, and big brother Bridger with their extra baby excitement on the Infamous blizzard day of 2014!

### WEDDING BELLS AND ENGAGEMENTS:

Lana Hurst and Eli Smith were married October 11, 2014. The wedding and reception were held at Southside Baptist Church in Southside, Alabama.



Mary Martha Hall said "YES" to a marriage proposal from Blake Dalrymple on October 3, 2014. They are to be married in January 2016.



## Members of the Month

**June:** Laurie Freeman for her outstanding job helping us move out of our JLAC building and into storage.

**July:** Angie Reaves for organizing a successful Summer Social for our potential new members.

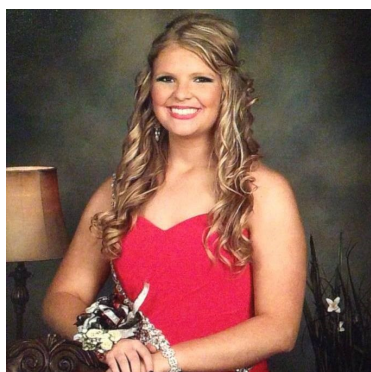
**August:** Haley Gregg for going above & beyond in her work with the Woodstock 5K.

**September:** Lindsay Tyson for her amazing job coordinating the Silent Auction Fundraiser.

**October:** Christi Welch for hosting a Murder Mystery work day at her home and for organizing and hosting our upcoming Christmas Party at her home again this year.

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## 2014 May Dinner Awards



**\$3,000 Nancy Julian Distinguished  
Young Woman scholarship recipient**  
Kaelin Cobb of Ohatchee High School.  
Currently attending Jacksonville State  
University.



**PROVISIONAL OF THE YEAR**  
Lindsay Ward



**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**  
Lori Ellis



**SUSTAINER OF THE YEAR**  
Michelle Wallace



**PRESIDENT'S AWARD**  
Christie Welch

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**Dates to Remember:**

December

2nd -Board Meeting 6 P.M.  
9th -Christmas Party 6 P.M.

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

**2014 Provisional Class**



Pictured from left to right: Top- Jennifer Harper Amanda Young, Casey MacAllister, Mylie Johnson, Whitney Curtis, Kim Davie, Lara Henderson, Mandi Henderson. Bottom: Rachel Kline, Katy Cairo, Jennifer Jones, Kelly Moore. Not Pictured: Charlanda Ingram



**JUNIOR LEAGUE**  
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