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DEDICATION

We dedicate this edition of Women Elevated to all the incredible and inspiring Junior League members who came before us;

To the women who worked tirelessly to build our League into the organization it is today, allowing us to continue building better communities;

To the efforts of the 2022-23 Communications Council for giving life to this project through interviews, long writing sessions and sincere dedication to creating what is surely to be a legacy of Women Elevated publications.

Finally, to all current and new Junior League of Salt Lake City Members who continue our organization's mission of building better communities while empowering women. May this issue bring you joy and remind you that

#TogetherWeRise

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Whitney Fenech, President

Whitney joined the Junior League in the fall of 2014. Her family had just moved back to Salt Lake from Las Vegas. Whitney knew several women that were part of the Vegas League and had always wanted to join but needed the opportunity to participate in Vegas. She has been on both Projects and was the Director of Women Helping Women. She has also been a member advocate, Nominating Director, and Membership VP, and now serves as President.

Hannah Eldredge, President-Elect

Hannah joined the Junior League in the spring of 2017. Her mom was a member of JLSLC in the 1980s, and when she relocated from Washington, D.C., she knew the League would be the perfect way to meet new people while making a positive impact on the community. Before joining the Membership Council, Hannah served on the Fundraising Committee and Programs & Arrangements Committee. She has collaborated closely with members as an Advocate, the Nominating & Placement Director, and the Membership VP. Professionally, Hannah is the Executive Director of the Marriner S. Eccles Foundation, which provides grants to nonprofits throughout Utah.

Bridgette Ferrier, Finance VP

Bridgette has been a member of the Junior League since 2017 and has loved being able to make an impact within the community and share her passion for volunteering while creating new friendships. Originally a Junior League of Fort Myers, Florida, member, she transferred to the Junior League of Denver before moving to Utah and joining the Junior League of Salt Lake City in 2020. She has served on various committees as a member in Fundraising and Communications, as well as on the Board as Treasurer with the Junior League of Fort Myers, and is now the VP of Finance with the JL of SLC. Bridgette is excited to continue giving back and is passionately focused on the areas of domestic violence, mental health issues, suicide prevention, and homelessness. When not working or volunteering with the League, Bridgette is an assistant scoutmaster and single mom to an amazing young man and two rambunctious canines. The friendships, experiences, and leadership skills she has been able to grow and develop throughout her time within the League have been truly inspirational and unforgettable.

Karmel Harper, Communications VP

Karmel joined the Junior League in 2019 and was named Provisional of the Year for her work with Encircle in Salt Lake City and

Board Member of the Year in 2022 for the Junior League of Salt Lake City's Moving Mountains television branding campaign and the opportunity to present at AJLI's Annual Conference in Dallas, Texas. She has served on the CARE Fair Committee and as External Communications chair. Her role as Communications VP for two years has allowed her to work with the various League committees and their efforts in the community. Outside of the League, she works as Director of Marketing and Public Relations at Loveland Living Planet Aquarium. This career combines her passion for animals, plants, education, and our world.

Angie Cloyd, Training VP

Angie has been a Junior League of Salt Lake City member since 2017. She initially joined to network with like-minded women and to give back to the community through volunteering. After a tour through the Women Helping Women (WHW) boutique, she asked about placement on that Committee for the remaining League year. After six months on the WHW Committee, she became the WHW Co-Director and WHW Director the following year. Angie was then on the Training Committee before accepting a position on the board. The League has given Angie leadership training and lifelong friendships. She has enjoyed partnering with local organizations to make a difference in Salt Lake City and the surrounding areas.

Hallie Taylor, Fundraising VP

Hallie has been with The Junior League of Salt Lake City since 2018. She initially joined with a friend, and she admits she never would have without a push. She struggled with making friends. The Junior League saw something in Hallie that she would not recognize. Her service has sparked a new love of fundraising and a new love of self.

Devon Callens, Project VP

Shortly after moving to Utah, Devon joined the Junior League of Salt Lake City in 2019. She was excited to meet like-minded women with a passion for volunteering and a heart for their community. Upon completing her provisional term, Devon selected the Community Council and has been serving on that committee ever since. She first served as an engaged member, then as Director, and currently serves as Project VP. Devon has been an advocate for service since childhood and was awarded the United Way Volunteer of the Year award in 2006. Outside of the League, Devon serves as a teacher, coach, and mentor in the Salt Lake community. She is also a new mom and loves spending time with her

growing family. She is excited to continue to build community relations and coordinate projects as we transition into the next chapter of JLSLC.

Amy Giuliano, Membership VP

Amy joined the Junior League in the Spring of 2018. Having family involved in other Leagues, she knew she wanted to join. Growing up in Park City, Amy wanted to create a whole new community of friends and connections when she moved to Salt Lake City. As a member, she started in Special Event Fundraising and then moved into leadership as the Training Director. As the pandemic hit, she took the New Member programming virtual. From 2020 to 2022, she was the New Member Director and, in 2023, moved into the Membership VP role.

Sasha Goupee, Recording Secretary

Sasha grew up in Boise, Idaho, and has lived in Salt Lake City for seven years. Upon moving to Utah, Sasha joined the League to make new friends. She has been a part of the League for six years and has enjoyed volunteering on Special Events, SPAC, and Nominating and Placements. Outside the League, Sasha loves traveling, trying new restaurants, her career as a realtor, and spending time with her husband and two kids, exploring Utah.

Kristin Kraus, Sustainer Advisor/VP

Kristin started her career in the JLSLC by assisting with indexing the reprint of the Heritage Cookbook and then served on the Communications Council for several years. After that experience, she joined the board as the Communications VP for two years before serving on several project committees (Women Helping Women, Mini Projects, and RISE). Kristin again served on the board for a year as the Recording Secretary and then as President of JLSLC in 2013-2014. Even after becoming a sustainer the following year, Kristin continues to be involved with the League on the Investment Committee and, most recently, as Sustaining Advisor/VP for two years. During her time in the JLSLC, Kristin has named one of our community projects (EPIC) and cooked every recipe in our Always in Season cookbook! She says it's been a great privilege to join the board again to help guide the JLSLC as it nears its centennial. **J**

Celebrating Our Accomplishments

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What a year the League has had! We started the 2022/2023 League year off right with the return of our beloved CARE Fair in its traditional format. This was the first full-service CARE Fair since 2019. Our members and the community showed up in full force to support the needs of Salt Lake's most underserved families. Even with a three-year absence, this year's CARE Fair met the same success as previous events with a total of 707 volunteers, serving over 2,100 clients during the two-day event. Twenty-eight community agencies attended, 290 children received a new car seat, and 150 kids were fitted for a brand-new bike helmet. In addition to providing on-site services, JLSLC was able to hand out vouchers for follow-up care totaling more than \$25,000 for medical needs and over \$60,000 for dental patients.



The League didn't stop with the return of the CARE Fair. Our Fundraising Committee brought back the annual Touch-a-Truck event with huge success! Through a partnership with Valley Fair Mall, the League took over the mall's south parking lot for a day of Halloween-themed fun. West Valley City showed up in force, bringing squad cars, fire trucks, ambulances, and more. Many other local businesses offered up their vehicles for the day including UDOT, the Army National Guard, UPS, and even the Oscar Meyer Weiner Mobile!

In the midst of the return of these two events, the League building underwent a facelift. We removed the facade, installed a new fence and new outdoor lighting, and repaved the parking lot. These renovations have not only given a fresh new look to our headquarters, but have also significantly reduced issues with crime and made the location safer for our volunteers, staff, and Women Helping Women clients. With a refreshed building and two major events successfully completed, JLSLC was given a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity when Salt Lake City hosted the NBA All-Star Tournament in February. The League partnered with the NBA Wives Association and #HashtagLunchbag to provide 1,200 meals to local agencies serving women and families in need.

Throughout all the excitement this year, we have stayed true to our mission. Our League members have worked tirelessly to improve our community — while still fitting in a little bit of fun at our Annual Spring Gala. Our League is an unstoppable force for good, and our members will continue to be the change-makers in our community. As you read through this magazine, please enjoy the stories and memories shared by our members and take a moment to reflect on your experiences with the League. Whether you are an active member, a sustaining member, or a friend of the League, you are a part of our story and your contribution to our legacy is invaluable.

As this year comes to an end, and I reflect on all the accomplishments our members have achieved, I look forward to all the opportunities that await the Junior League of Salt Lake City ... All the challenges and triumphs we will take on ... All the talented women who will lead this organization through trials and celebrations. Together, we can move mountains!

With Gratitude,

Whitney Fenech
JLSLC President 2021-2023

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Whitney Fenech". The signature is written in a dark ink or color.

EMBRACING

Camaraderie & Connection

By Karmel Harper

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The Junior League of Salt Lake City is not just about philanthropy and volunteer work; it is a vibrant community of women who value camaraderie, personal growth, and social connection. Social events organized within the league provide members with an opportunity to forge lasting friendships, celebrate achievements, network, and pursue personal enrichment. By embracing these social events, Junior League women create a supportive network that bolsters their commitment to community service, enhances personal development, and enables them to make a profound impact on society. From Sunday brunch to evening Happy Hour to enjoying a beautiful fall day at Oktoberfest to exchanging "Favorite Things," the Junior League of Salt Lake City's social events create lasting memories and lifelong friendships. **JL**



Impacting the Community *One Day at a Time*

By Sofia Fouquet

It's no secret that the Junior League is renowned for its lively social events and impactful community projects. However, not every member finds complete fulfillment in a whirlwind of Sunday brunches or committing to long-term committee roles such as Women Helping Women or CARE Fair. For those seeking low-commitment ways to connect to the community, the solution is simple: Done-in-a-Day projects.

As the name suggests, Done-in-a-Day projects enable Junior League members to engage with the wider Salt Lake City community through short, manageable periods of community service. Typically lasting a few hours in the evenings or weekend mornings, these projects provide ample opportunities to make a difference. In the 2022–2023 year, the Membership Outreach Committee organized a diverse range of Done-in-a-Day projects to cater to various interests and schedules.

For those yearning to bask in the sun and contribute to the environment, the Jordan River Clean-up and Wasatch Community Gardens volunteer day offered the perfect chance to soak up the sunshine while tending to lush greenery. Meanwhile, members with a passion for supporting women's causes joined the Planned Parenthood Gala as volunteers, embracing a glamorous evening dedicated to championing women's health. They also had the opportunity to refresh their closets while supporting Women Helping Women through the Junior League clothing swap.

Addressing the issue of food insecurity, the Junior League welcomed members to participate in can sorting at the Utah Food Bank or serve food at Fill the Pot Ministries. These projects allowed women to directly impact individuals and families facing hunger in the community. Additionally, for those who enjoyed imbibing at the Oktoberfest social, the opportunity to pour beer at the American Cancer Society Beer Fest provided a delightful way to support a worthy cause.





Not all Junior League projects require active participation; passive forms of support also make a significant impact. Throughout the past year, the league collected can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and household goods for the University of Utah Feed U Pantry, providing members with opportunities to contribute in ways that fit their schedules and preferences.

For many women who join the Junior League, the desire to engage with the community on a deeper level and forge meaningful social and civic partnerships is a driving force. Done-in-a-Day projects offer an accessible entry point into the community, allowing members to explore philanthropy without the pressure of committing to recurring volunteer positions.

Whether you decide to serve at CARE Fair, Women Helping Women, or participate in a Done-in-a-Day project, each experience is guaranteed to leave you satisfied and eagerly anticipating future opportunities. By embracing these short-term volunteering opportunities, Junior League members can broaden their impact, foster deeper community relationships, and experience the immense satisfaction that comes from making a difference in the lives of others. And of course, after each hard-working community shift ... there's always the promise of happy hour or brunch. **J**

Women Helping Women Continues Its Tradition of Empowerment

By Karmel Harper

Since 1996, our Women Helping Women boutique has served over 17,000 women by providing professional attire and other essential items to assist them with re-entering the workforce as they transition to self-sufficiency. The 2022-2023 league year continued in this effort as we returned to our full-service hours after limited access during the pandemic.

Since June of 2022, Women Helping Women:

SERVED

450 clients



PROVIDED

3,400
items of clothing
and other
necessities

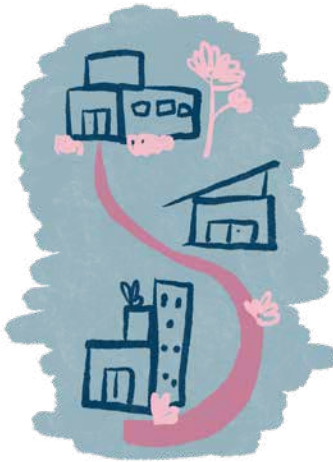


Currently, the Junior League of Salt Lake City partners with

53 agencies

10 of which are new this year

to connect women with the necessities they need to feel their best.



COMMUNITY
VOLUNTEERS
PROVIDED

72 hours
of service



LEAGUE
MEMBERS
PROVIDED

2,604 hours
of service





This family-friendly event invites kids of all ages and those young at heart to explore vehicles such as a firetruck, ambulance, police vehicle, life flight helicopter, various construction equipment and so much more.

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Touch-A-Truck Returns

By Jolyn Matthews

The 12th Annual Touch-A-Truck fundraising event returned this year after a two-year COVID precautionary postponement and remains a favorite of both league and community members.

This family-friendly event invites kids of all ages and those young at heart to explore vehicles such as a firetruck, ambulance, police vehicle, life flight helicopter, various construction equipment and so much more. Attendees are also able to talk to those leaders and operators who build, protect and serve the Salt Lake area, learning about their important roles in our community.

Hallie Taylor, JLSLC's 2022–2023 Vice President of Fundraising, shared, "Seeing so many happy children and families makes this event, by far, one of my favorites. Seeing the immediate, positive impact our League has brings me great pride and joy. I couldn't be prouder to be a member of The Junior League of Salt Lake City. You're more powerful, able, and worthy than you realize."

Touch-A-Truck is our largest fall fundraiser and is a great opportunity to connect with our community and potential members and to promote our League. This year was even more special with added costumes, Halloween decor, and trunk-or-treat goodies.

Keep an eye out for this event again in the fall of 2023 — you won't want to miss it! **JL**

CARE Fair 2022

By Jennifer Fitzgibbon



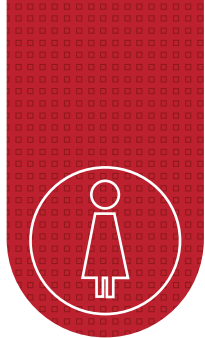
In July 2022, the Junior League of Salt Lake City once again completed another successful CARE Fair that served the community in more ways than one.

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The Junior League Community Assistance and Resource Event (CARE) Fair lasted two days from Friday, July 29 to Saturday, July 30 at Horizonte Instruction Center in Salt Lake City.

The two-day event served families needing routine medical, dental, and vision services along with community assistance information. Typically, major barriers (i.e., time, language, financial and transportation constraints) prevent some Utah families from receiving many basic health and human services. The Junior League CARE Fair eliminates many of those barriers by bringing together community agencies and medical service providers together in one place.

To prepare for the 2022 event, CARE Fair Co-Directors, Lindsey Whinnery and Leigh Huynh, chatted with KSL's Brooke Walker in Studio 5 about CARE Fair's mission and services.



Appointments and insurance are never necessary when attending CARE Fair. The event always provides FREE medical and dental services including adult and child physical exams, vision and hearing screenings, breast exams, pap tests and more.

Childcare during parent exams was once again offered and interpreters for various languages were available to assist the immigrant and refugee population.

Free bicycle helmets and professionally installed car seats were distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

This year, The League was grateful to have Nomi Health provide COVID rapid antigen testing, Paxlovid treatment, and diabetes and cholesterol screenings.

The Junior League of Salt Lake City and the CARE Fair Committee are committed to helping those who need it most and are always looking for volunteers. Tasks include, but are not limited to, handing out bags, instructing attendees on completing paperwork, interpreting (mostly Spanish), assembling car seats, assisting attendees with navigating the event, traffic flow and ensuring attendees are familiar with all services that CARE Fair has to offer. Responsibilities are assigned at the start of each volunteer shift. This helps ensure the event runs smoothly. **J**

A Legacy of Impact and Service

By Kristin Kraus

Junior League of Salt Lake City Sustainers come in 182 different packages: each one entirely unique, but all committed to the mission of the League to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration and training. Active members may not know much about the Sustaining members of the JLSLC since they don't see them regularly at General Membership Meetings. But the Sustainers have a rich history of supporting not just the JLSLC but the entire community. Many Sustainers stay involved in other community organizations such as The Sharing Place, the Girl Scouts, or the United Way.

In order to fulfill new commitments to these worthy groups, Sustainers step back from day-to-day involvement in the JLSLC. They bring to these other organizations the skills they learned while volunteering at CARE Fair, Women Helping Women, past projects or while helping develop the JLSLC's cookbooks from piles of recipes to a gorgeous bound book.

Many Sustainers parlay their JLSLC experience into leadership roles on the boards of other nonprofits. Their love for Salt Lake and its residents drives our Sustaining members to work hard to make the valley a better place for everyone.

The most recent JLSLC Sustainers changed their status from Active last June. The most senior Sustainers are lifelong members who are over 80 years of age. Clearly, the JLSLC has undergone many changes during their careers.

Terrell Dougan, who was an Active member in the 1960s, remembered their Flea Market project which helped fund the Columbus Community Center on the west side of Salt Lake City:

"Picture Junior League Provisionals in 1962, getting our picture taken for the Salt Lake Tribune. Some were seated on a loveseat, others standing. We all had white gloves on. Some wore hats. We were mostly homemakers. We had the time to invest in projects for the community, and we launched several projects, among them Columbus Community Center, donating \$18,000 of the \$28,000 we made on our huge Flea Market, held first in 1967, and again in 1968.

In a warehouse on the west side, we collected used clothing, purses, toys, books, baby clothes, shoes, jewelry and even silver (the sustainers had polishing parties!). We even had a hat booth! After two years of collecting, we got the Job Corps to come help move our huge inventory into moving vans donated by Redman





Their love for Salt Lake and its residents drives our Sustaining members to work hard to make the valley a better place for everyone.



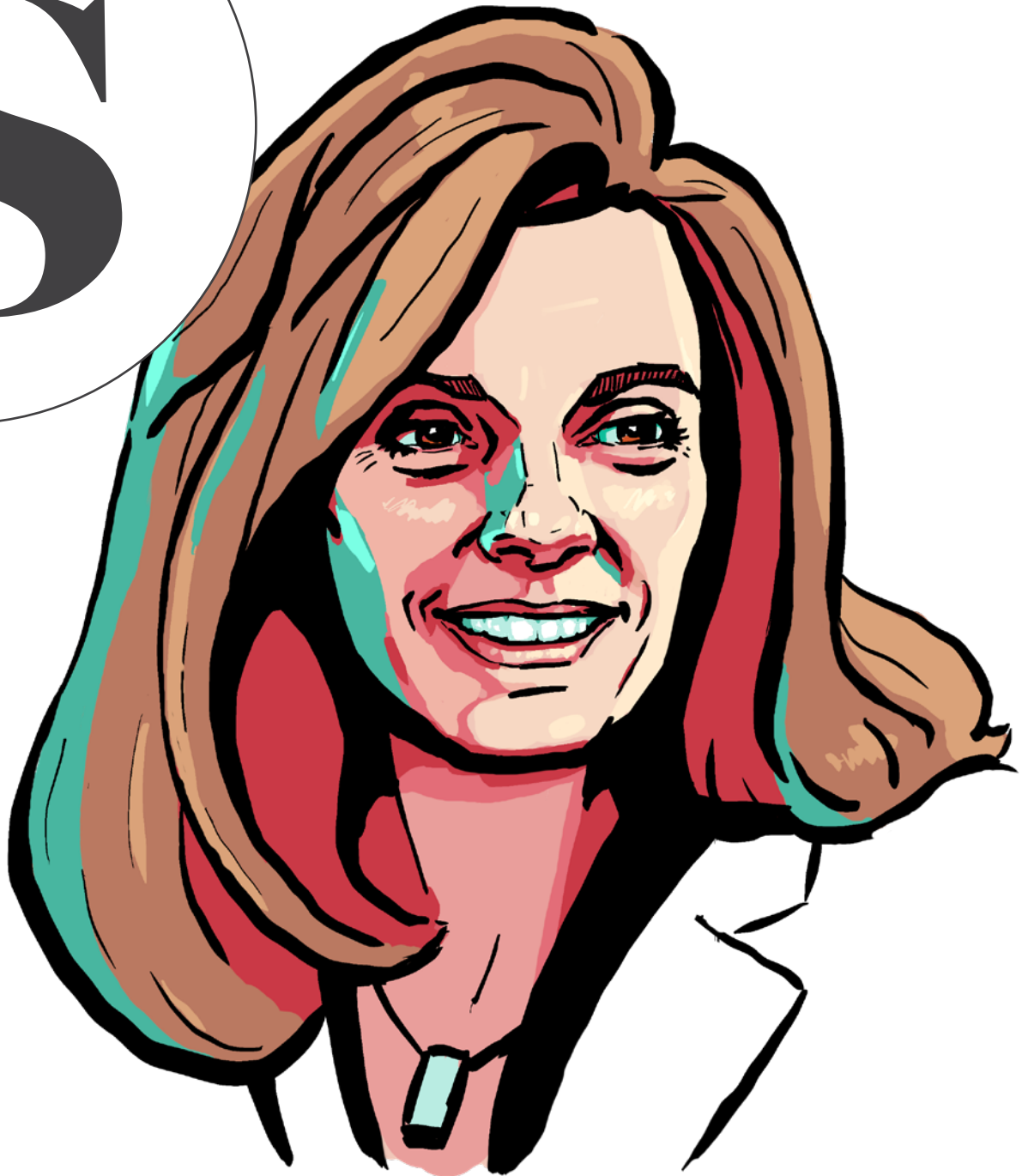
Moving. They drove it to the Terrace Ballroom, where we set up clothing racks made by our husbands out of PVC pipe. Everyone who had card tables brought them for the booths. We set up four different restaurants, sprinkled among the booths, where you could sit down and have a hamburger or a pizza or other nationalities' food, donated and run by local restaurants. We operated for three full days. People from the west side flocked into the Ballroom, where they could buy their kids' shoes for \$1.00, baby clothes for \$3.00 or less, and onward like that. At the end of the three days, everything left was 25 cents.

As we were closing, a mother of three carrying two huge bags of shoes and clothing for her children asked me, tears in her eyes, "When are you doing this again? You don't know what this means to me and my family." Her husband had a large sack of his own, with shoes that fit him. He was grinning from ear to ear. I said, "This may be the last one we do because it engages our entire League for one project, and we have about 20 projects we have to service. But we thank you for coming and buying all this. Your money has contributed to vital services for the whole community." They looked delighted that they had been able to contribute to the city and county. It empowered them and exhausted us, but in the end, we made \$28,000 the first year we did it, and \$32,000 the second year. That was the end of our huge project, but it brought all our members together for this one big effort. We made lifelong friends working on it. And I think it was the most fun we ever had, in or out of the League."

Whether they were Active 10 years or 40 years ago, the League remains an important part of who these members are. "I still get together monthly for dinner with a group of fellow Sustainers. Seeing them reminds me of our hard but fun work in the past, and their current volunteer work inspires me to stay involved," said Jennifer Gaskill, who became a Sustainer in the 2010s.

Although their League participation may seem limited in the eyes of Active members these days, today's Sustainers have a love for the JLSLC with deep roots. We look forward to Active members joining our ranks when the time is right for them and showing them how to champion the League in a new way. **J**

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In Memoriam

Saundra Stroope

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Saundra Stroope was a fierce and brilliant advocate of the Junior League of Salt Lake City and an active member for 20 years. She served on the board and various committees, impacting her community significantly. In her career, she was an HR Leadership Development Specialist, and she was the author of a book, *Breakthrough: Career Strategies for Women's Success*, as well as articles about career development.



Originally born in Dallas, Texas, Sandra moved to Salt Lake City in 2003. She loved living in Utah, where she skied, hiked, attended the Sundance Film Festival regularly, and frequently gathered her friends together to socialize. With her insatiable appetite for adventure, Sandra wasn't one to miss an opportunity to enjoy life and she traveled the world, making friends wherever she went. Her beloved dog, Charlie, often accompanied her on trips exploring Utah and surrounding states.

Sandra's family and friends will never forget her laugh. She was petite, but she had a laugh that was unique and boisterous. Her passion and dedication will be deeply missed. 🐾

MAKING STRIDES WITH

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)

By Jolyn Matthews



This past year, the JLSLC created a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee to create awareness of differences, provide fair treatment, and include each and every one of our members. The Diversity Committee holds regular meetings, leads icebreakers at monthly general membership meetings and writes a diversity corner article in the newsletter. Our League also had our first diversity brunch on Jan. 21, 2023.

Thanks to enthusiastic participation and support, we have been able to establish a positive, open dialogue and highlight how differences can strengthen relationships.

Carolyn Hayden Garner, 2022–2023 Diversity Equity and Inclusion Director, shared, “The Diversity Committee is not just a committee that has been assembled to change the organization. It is a committee that has a common goal to bring



awareness of our internal differences within the League with the hope that it will propel to our communities. When we are talking about diversity, we are not here to check a box. The intent is that it is deeply felt, valued, and has a commitment to enact change by all of us.”

We encourage all members and sustainers to become more involved and attend future DEI events because together we continue to rise: building better communities, elevating women, and moving mountains. **J**



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JLSLC Welcomes NBA Wives During All-Star Weekend

By Karmel Harper

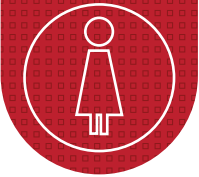
Junior League of Salt Lake City and the National Basketball Wives Association (NBWA) assembled over 1,200 meals and delivered them to six local Salt Lake organizations on Friday, Feb. 17, 2023. Collaborating with #HashtagLunchbag, the day was an act of love and service during the NBA's All-Star weekend.

The NBWA is the official 501(c)(3) charitable organization comprised of the wives and significant others of NBA and NBA G-League players and traditionally holds local community service events during the All-Star weekend. JLSLC's resources, which include volunteers and partner organizations, provided the perfect venue for the event at our Salt Lake City headquarters. The two organizations' shared missions of advancing women's leadership, lifting the underserved, and building better communities, contributed to a perfect collaboration.

The women of both organizations prepared sandwiches, assembled sack lunches, and wrote "love notes" to place in each bag. They then delivered the meals to the following six organizations: Midvale Family Resource Center, YWCA, Pamela Atkinson Resource Center, Gail Miller Resource Center, Neighborhood House, and Rescue Mission.

JLSLC President Whitney Fenech said, "The Junior League of Salt Lake City was honored to partner with the NBWA to further our shared missions of women's empowerment and community impact. This event greatly benefited local organizations in need and provided a lasting and memorable experience for all involved." **J**





DELICIOUS RECIPES

A Lively and Unique Brunch Combination
Picked from *Salt To Honey, Recipes For Great
Gatherings* by Junior League of Salt Lake City

Curated by Jennifer Fitzgibbon



Perfect Waffles

There is nothing better than making a lovely plate of waffles during a weekend brunch date. The following recipe from the Junior League's cookbook is something you, your family or your group of friends will love.

Ingredients

- 1 ⅓ cups steel-cut oats
- ½ cup cottage cheese
- 4 egg whites
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ cup cake mix, flavored or vanilla flavored
- 1 cup water

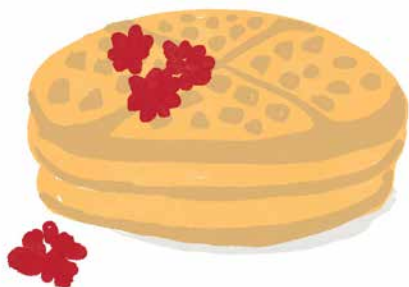
Directions

Preheat the waffle iron. Grind the oats in a blender. Add the cottage cheese, egg whites, vanilla, olive oil, baking powder, cake mix and ½ cup of the water and process until smooth. Add enough of the remaining water gradually until of the desired consistency, processing constantly.

Pour about ⅓ cup at a time onto the greased hot waffle iron. Cook using the manufacturer's directions until medium brown.

Note: Reduce the cooking time if you wish to store the waffles in the freezer and reheat them later.

Serves 6 to 8



Raspberry Mojito

Who says you can't have a drink with waffles? This raspberry mojito goes great with anything. Don't brunch without it!

Ingredients

- 3 or 4 sprigs of fresh mint
- 8 raspberries
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 ½ ounces white rum
- 2 ounces fresh lime juice
- Soda water to taste

Directions

Muddle the mint, raspberries and sugar in a tall glass until mixed and fragrant. Add the rum and lime juice and mix well. Add a handful of ice cubes. Top with soda water. Garnish with a sprig of fresh mint and 2-3 raspberries.

Chocolate Nut Meringues

What better way to end brunch than with a few delicious Chocolate Nut Meringues.

Ingredients

- 4 egg whites, room temperature
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- ½ cup walnuts or pecans, chopped
- 1 cup (6 ounces) chocolate chips

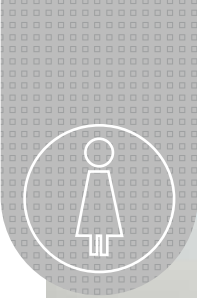
Directions

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees. Beat the egg whites, salt, cream of tartar and vanilla at high speed in a mixing bowl until soft peaks form. Add the sugar gradually, beating until stiff peaks form. Stir in the walnuts and chocolate chips. Drop by spoonfuls onto a cookie sheet lined with baking parchment.

Bake for 25 minutes or until firm to the touch, but not too brown. Cool on a wire rack.

Makes 2 dozen cookies





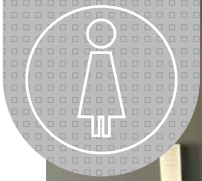
A NIGHT OF Glamour & Giving

By Karmel Harper



Draped by the setting sun and the beautiful downtown Salt Lake skyline, the Junior League of Salt Lake City's Spring Gala on May 20 was an unforgettable evening of live music, gorgeous attire, and entertaining games. It was a dazzling evening of entertainment, glamour, and philanthropy as the Spy Hop Rooftop played host to an extraordinary casino night fundraiser. Serenaded by the smooth sounds and vocals from the Riverton Jazz Band, we enjoyed delicious food, played games, and raised money for the Junior League of Salt Lake City. Championed by the tremendous efforts of the Fundraising Committee, led by Fundraising VP, Hallie Taylor, and Fundraising Director, Alyx Park, the party included an open bar with signature cocktails; traditional casino games such as blackjack, craps, and roulette; a silent auction; fun neon sign prank games; a clever wine pull; opportunity drawings with fantastic prizes; and, of course, a room (and rooftop) full of friends who share the vision of a worthy cause.

This memorable evening seamlessly blended entertainment, philanthropy, and community engagement. Through the support and generosity of attendees and sponsors, funds were raised to continue the Junior League of Salt Lake City's mission to build better communities while empowering women. **J**



Rolling Membership Implementation at Junior League of SLC

By Amy Giuliano

For years, the Junior League of Salt Lake City has welcomed new members through a 6-class Provisional Course. In June of 2022, we changed our model to a Rolling Membership admissions process. Over the last year of having this program in place, we have welcomed over 20 dedicated women into our League. As we work to improve and continue this program, I am inspired by the potential growth our League will see.

The reason for the change comes from the needs of our potential new members. For the last few years, more women have been reaching out throughout the typical “semester” of Provisional Courses and have been told to wait until the next session begins. We were losing contact with these women and wanted to make a change. Plus, the 6-class structure is not the most accommodating for the new hybrid lifestyle we have become accustomed to over the last few years.

After adapting the Provisional Courses into a virtual format over the pandemic, the materials were already there for us to make the easy transition to the Rolling Membership model. Many leagues across the nation also use this model and have found great success.

All of the important information is still shared with each new member, they still have a new member advocate to guide them through the first bit of their Junior League Journey, and they still have new member expectations to fulfill. But now, we immediately place each member onto one of our Project Committees such as CARE Fair and Women Helping Women.

Women joining during the year are asked to attend quarterly orientations. As we experimented throughout the year, a more casual and laid-back format worked best for us as well as the new members.

Allowing women joining the Junior League to get hands-on experience almost immediately has proven to be an effective model. The women who have joined over the last year have been more engaged, feel more empowered and live our mission every day — from the start.

Change can be hard, but as we’ve seen throughout this past year, this change has been smooth sailing. The New Member Director and New Member Advocates worked hard to create and implement a new way of welcoming our members. Their success is the League’s success, and they have contributed greatly to our membership and mission. **J**

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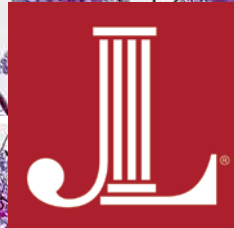
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