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## JLM Turns 85!

Inside...Celebrating a Strong Tradition of Service

Background: A partial listing of all JLM community projects through the years. Above: Historic photos from JLM archives.

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

*"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." –Anne Frank*

The holidays emphasize giving and sharing our time and talents with family and friends. The Junior League of Montgomery (JLM) has been helping the Montgomery community for the past 85 years, not just during the holiday season, but all through the year. Many JLM members spent their summers planning and preparing for College and Career Night, where over 1200 parents and students were able to obtain information from over 60 universities and technical schools. Other members worked to present the successful Taste of the River Region event. Some members even started planning our annual Holiday Market at the end of last year!

Throughout the history of the Junior League of Montgomery, our members have been helping to strengthen families in the Montgomery area. I hope you'll enjoy reading about some of our past projects, as well as wisdom shared from past presidents and other sustaining members of the League. We've also included a fun article about famous women who served as members of other Junior Leagues throughout the US. The JLM is a local organization of women that is a member of The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc., which is comprised of more than 155,000 women in 292 Junior Leagues throughout Canada, Mexico, the UK and the US.

The Junior League of Montgomery continues to take an active role in the Montgomery community. Read about how we are helping to bring community theater back to Old Cloverdale. Review the list of 2011-12 grant recipients to see where we'll be giving and sharing our time and talents throughout the year.

I'm so excited to present this Holiday issue of League Logs! I hope you enjoy reading about where the JLM has been, and where we're heading in the future. The New Year brings more opportunities to serve. Look for us lending a hand and working to strengthen families and improve our community.



Jenny Thiessen  
League Logs Editor



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### LEAGUE HISTORY:

# 85 Years of Service

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We all seem to search for purpose and meaning in life. Isn't it amazing how meaningful one's life can seem when committing to something larger than one's self?



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*"So many people walk around with a meaningless life. They seem half-asleep, even when they're busy doing things they think are important. This is because they're chasing the wrong things. The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning." –M. Albom*

Junior League women have found meaning in serving the Montgomery area for eighty-five years. Much has changed over eight decades, but the passion for making our community a better place remains a constant.

In our rich 85-year history, the Junior League of Montgomery has contributed more than 1.5 million volunteer hours and has raised millions of dollars for many area agencies that

improve the quality of life in the River Region. Many of these agencies were started by the Junior League and continue their important work today.

And our work continues. This year we are giving volunteer and financial support totaling over \$100,000 to eleven area agencies and programs, continuing our Innovative Teachers awards program, and hosting a College and Career fair for area youth.

We find meaning in our focus—strengthening area families. You help us achieve our mission when you attend one of our events, such as Taste of the River Region, Holiday Market, and Bloomingdeals. On behalf of the over 700 members of the Junior League of Montgomery, please accept our warm greetings and best wishes for a meaningful Holiday season.

Marnie Smith Dillon  
*President*  
*Junior League of Montgomery*

### Looking Ahead...Upcoming JLM Activities and Events

December 1 – Holiday Open House

January 10 – General Membership Meeting

February – February Follies

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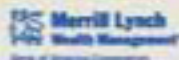
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# Leigh Anne Nevins

## SUSTAINER OF THE SEASON

By Jenny Thiessen

The Junior League of Montgomery is proud to select Dr. Leigh Anne Nevins as our Sustainer of the Season.

Dr. Leigh Anne Nevins is a 1993 graduate of the UAB School of Dentistry. She has practiced General Dentistry in Montgomery for over eighteen years and has owned her practice for over fourteen years. Dr. Nevins has served in her community by not only being a sustaining member in the Junior League of Montgomery (JLM), but also as a member of the Montgomery Symphony League, and she currently serves as President of both the Auburn University and the Auburn Montgomery Schools of Nursing Community Advisory Board, which helps sponsor the Blue Jean Ball Fundraiser at Coach Pat Dye's ranch.

Leigh Anne also enjoys giving back to the dental profession by serving in various organized dentistry roles such as Treasurer of the International College of Dentists; Past President of the Alabama Academy of General Dentistry; Past President of the Second District Dental Society; Past Chair of the UAB School of Dentistry Leadership Council; and now as Immediate Past President of the UAB School of Dentistry Alumni Association.

She was honored to be the Outstanding Young Alumnus of the School of Dentistry in 2000 and to be inducted into the International College of Dentists in 2003 and inducted into the American College of Dentists in 2010. She was the Girl Scouts of South Central Alabama's Woman of Distinction in

2007. Her greatest joy and honor is being a grandmother to Harper Nevins, whom she and her husband, Guy, along with their son, Holder, and daughter-in-law, Kendra, welcomed into their family in April of 2010.



Recently, I had the pleasure of interviewing Dr. Nevins for our magazine. She is an engaging woman who is still a great supporter of the JLM. I hope you'll enjoy learning more about her through the following questions.

*JT: How did you get involved with the League?*

LAN: The Junior League of Montgomery always had a very strong and dynamic presence in our community and as a young girl, I was "in awe" of the JLM's wonderful mission of service, especially when I would go to their annual rummage sale. As I began my professional career, I wanted to give back to my hometown community. When Sally Kimbrough McCauley and Betty Bobbitt Byrne sponsored me, it was really a "dream come true."

*JT: What was the most important thing you learned or discovered in the League?*

LAN: If you need a job done, ask a busy person to do it! The League has exceptional leaders who have so many things to juggle, yet they do it all so well with such beautiful smiles.



*JT: How do you think your contributions have changed our community?*

LAN: I have been very active in dental leadership and I feel that I have helped to empower other women to be dental leaders. Traditionally, dental leadership has been males because the dental profession has been mostly men, so the women did not participate in leadership. I was the first female to be president of the Alabama Academy of General Dentistry and the second female to be president of our district dental society and of the UAB School of Dentistry's Alumni Association.

*JT: How has your volunteer work affected your life?*

LAN: I believe we are here to glorify the Lord with our lives and we each are here for a special reason. One cannot place a value on the great reward of helping others because it has a wonderful rippling effect throughout your entire life.

*JT: Any advice to current actives regarding volunteer work?*

LAN: To be a part of something greater than yourself and to accomplish a mission together is the essence of living life to the fullest! Your volunteer work really touches countless lives, especially your own life!

*JT: What placement did you enjoy most?*

LAN: My favorite placement was working the special events at the Montgomery Zoo because the children's faces would just show their joy and excitement when they experienced the zoo's fun and great learning environment! I even enjoyed making close to 200 funnel cakes one warm afternoon; however, as I was leaving to go home, several of the animals thought I was dessert because I was covered in oil and powdered sugar! My entire time at the zoo was like a second childhood to me!

*JT: What are some of your favorite memories of the League?*

LAN: The year I was the Publicity Chair of Holiday Market was a challenge but it was very rewarding to see the successes of our team. You really depend on each other to accomplish a daunting mission and when you realize that you are a part of such a special group, you really feel like you've made a difference in your community.

*JT: What are your hobbies/what do you like to do in your free time?*

LAN: I feel that cooking is my therapy whenever I have the time to do it. Also, I enjoy traveling to historical US cities to learn more about our amazing American history.

*JT: What was the last book you read?*

LAN: I am a huge fan of Malcolm Gladwell so I recently read *Outliers*. I am currently reading his latest book, *What the Dog Saw*.

*JT: What is your favorite vacation spot?*

LAN: My husband, Guy and I spent our 20th wedding anniversary in Savannah, Georgia, which is a lovely and historical city. We could walk just about everywhere, so we really were able to take in the sheer beauty of our surroundings. We even went on a walking ghost tour one night since Savannah is the most haunted city in the country!

*JT: Who are your role models?*

LAN: My daily role model is my dental mentor and partner for fourteen years, Dr. Thomas Moseley, who inspires me each day to do my very best and to have a passion for dentistry and compassion for our wonderful patients. Dr. Moseley will never fully understand how thankful I am for the great opportunity he gave me fourteen years ago when I bought his dental practice. He has been my "rock" and he has been such a marvelous inspiration to me and to our staff.

Also, I am inspired by another great role model in my life, Dr. Mary Lynn Capilouto, who was one of my instructors in dental school. She later became the first female dean of the UAB School of Dentistry. Dean Capilouto taught me by example how to be a Southern lady yet a diplomatic and strong leader.

*JT: What's your favorite quote?*

LAN: Even though she was deaf and blind, Helen Keller had great vision and insight. She knew the importance of an individual's contribution and commitment to a higher purpose. She stated, "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do." I think that quote is great advice for us all to follow.



# Extraordinary VOLUNTEERS

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The following is a list of our members who have gone above and beyond regular membership requirements and have chosen to serve in more than one placement. Thank you for your dedicated service to the League and the Montgomery community!

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- Suzanne Davidson
- Anna Dees
- Lisa Fiore
- Laurel Floyd
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- Bernadette Hollinger
- Renee LaBaza

- Tait Lachney
- Virginia Lucci
- Lindsey Jinright
- Theresa Patterson
- Liz Quinn
- Jennifer Rogers
- Susanne Shamburger
- Julie Spraggins
- Dawn Stephens

- Jenny Thiessen
- Marie Wise

### *Triple Placed*

- Michelle Mowery
- Suzanna Wasserman

### *Quadruple Placed*

- Tonda West

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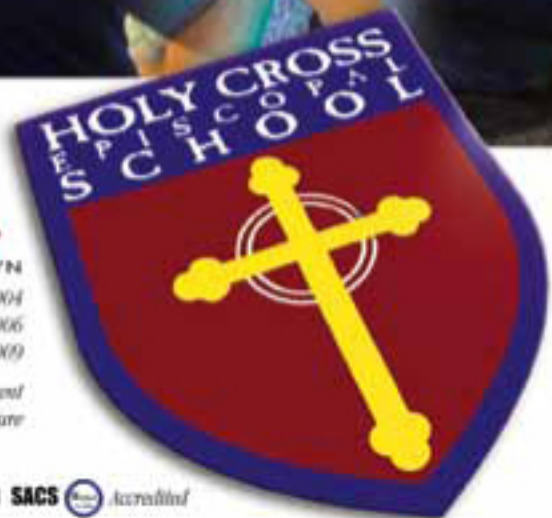
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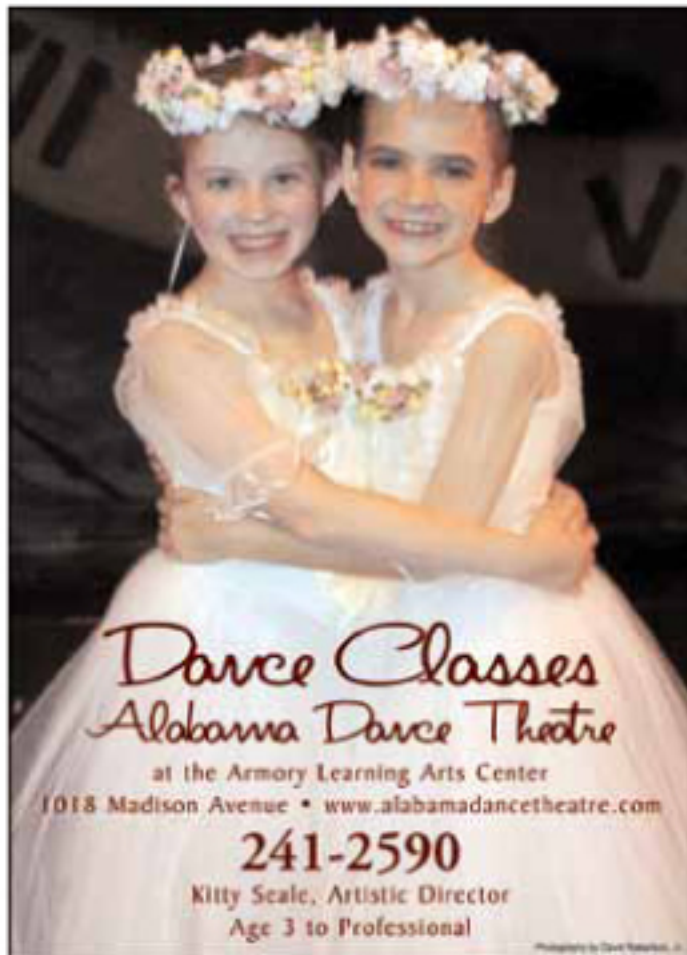
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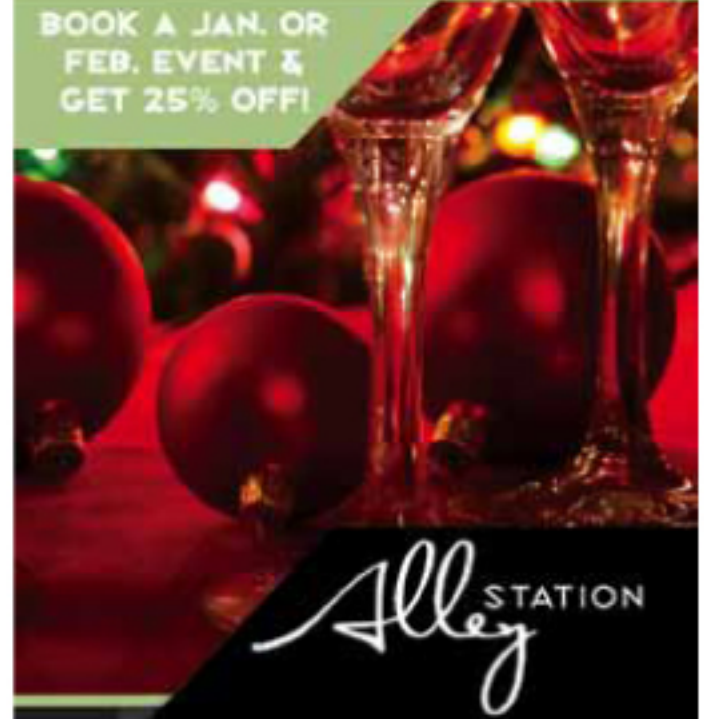
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## JLM WELCOMES

# New Transfers

*By Christen Price*

Each year, the Junior League of Montgomery welcomes women that transfer from different leagues around the country. We are proud to have Emily Meister, Amber Dennis, and Candice Butterfield as some of our newest transfers.

Emily and Amber are both transfers from Texas, and Candice joins us from Tuscaloosa. Even though Candice loves the University of Alabama, she would rather enjoy art than football! She has a career as an art director and loves to sketch and work on illustrations in her free time. Candice rarely has time to read but when she does, she goes straight for design books like "Creative Workshop," "Communication Arts," and "Print and How." She loves anything that has to do with art and graphic design. When she isn't studying art, she enjoys playing tennis and spending time with her husband.

Emily says that one of her favorite things about her hometown of Dallas is the shopping. When she isn't shopping, she enjoys volunteering. She loves to read (currently "The History of Love") and travel to her husband's hometown of Chicago. She, along with Amber, loves to eat Mexican food.

As a transfer from Fort Worth, Amber also loves the live music and the history of her hometown. She enjoys being outdoors and some of her favorite hobbies are running, biking, and hiking. Amber is quite the traveler, having been to London and Montana. When she isn't trotting the globe, she loves spending time with her friends and family and is currently reading "Lethal" by Sandra Brown.

Transfers are lovely additions to the JLM, so find Emily, Amber, and Candice at the next meeting or event and help us welcome them to Montgomery!

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# Who's that girl?

*By Cindy DeLongchamp*

The mega entertainer Madonna made "Who's that girl?" a popular song to sing along with on the radio in 1987, but she never quite made it into the Junior League office in her hometown of Bay City, Michigan to volunteer with the organization. But while Madonna may not be a Junior Leaguer herself, there are still plenty of other famous women who wanted to be in "Vogue" and join the League—some of which may surprise you!

One of the most famous witches in big screen history, in fact, was a member of the Junior League of Cleveland. Margaret Hamilton was best known for her iconic part of *The Wizard of Oz* as the despised and feared villain, the Wicked Witch of the West! Truly, could there have been a better character to play in 1939? Imagine Margaret's opportunity to promote joining the Junior League in her area—"We want YOU...and your little dog, too!"

Other notable actresses of the same era who joined the Junior League include Academy Award-winners Katharine Hepburn and Shirley Temple Black. Julia Childs, arguably the most famous female chef in the world, was a member of the Junior League of Pasadena.

Many have heard and spoken the words "I'm too busy to join the Junior League" but several prominent, famous women who (we all can agree) were very busy with their own careers or active participants of their husbands' careers, also made time to be active Junior League volunteers. Barbara Bush, mother of George W. Bush, wife to George H. Bush, and mother-in-law to fellow Junior League member, Laura Bush, made time to serve her community and establish the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy in 1989. Mrs. Bush may



have studied her predecessors' resumes to discover that Eleanor Roosevelt, Betty Ford and Nancy Reagan also made time to fulfill their First Lady duties and participate in the League. Sandra Day O'Connor, the first female U.S. Supreme Court Justice, may not have lived at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue like these other well-known ladies in politics, but

she was another famous, yet "very busy", lady of the Junior League.

Junior League volunteers know that their membership is much more than "doing lunch with the girls." They know that through their organized efforts, a significant impact is made each year in their local community. In Montgomery, the Junior League has donated thousands of dollars and committed hundreds of volunteer hours to area projects such as the Family Sunshine Center, Meals on Wheels, Bridge Builders, Rebuilding Together, Impact Alabama, the Rosa Parks Museum and Aid to Inmate Mothers. These are just a few of the local organizations that have benefited, and continue to receive support, from Junior League of Montgomery grants and volunteers. For more information, visit [www.jlmontgomery.org](http://www.jlmontgomery.org) for a complete list of community and signature projects.

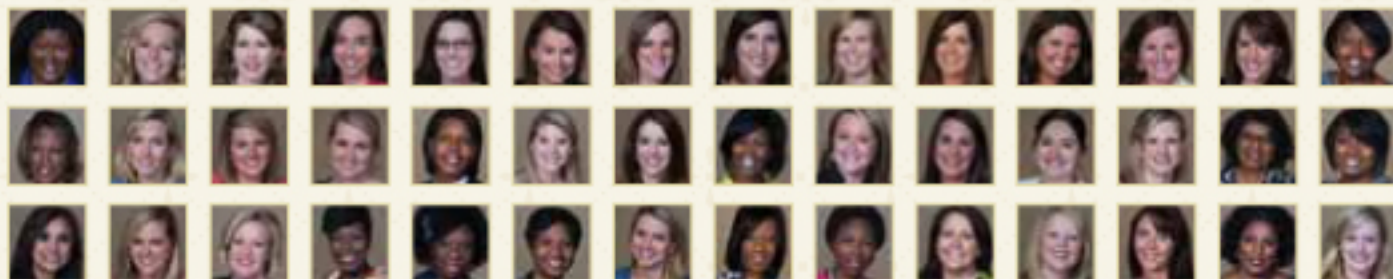


# Provisionals

## HAVE JUMPED IN TO Live. Learn. Lead.

*By Elizabeth Lawlor*

The forty-eight FABULOUS ladies who make up this year's JLM provisional class are well on their way to learning the ins and outs of being a GREAT Junior League of Montgomery member!



With two provisional meetings, two general membership meetings and Taste of the River Region checked off in their obligations boxes, these energetic women were ready to take on Holiday Market with gusto!

This year's provisional class is enjoying a refreshing approach to joining our community service organization by learning how to "Live. Learn. Lead." by taking advantage of networking exercises and fellowship-building games during their meetings. At their first meeting in August, the provisionals were welcomed with costumed provisional committee members who were sporting the dresses and pearls donned by "Junior Leaguers" of yesteryear! Committee members offered up good southern hospitality by first introducing themselves to JLM's newest members using formal names and offering iced tea to the ladies! Complete with a crown and gloves, Provisional Chair Elizabeth Lawlor gaveled in the meeting with the zeal of a sorority pledge and led the room in several rounds of "polite applause."

Why the silly act? The provisional committee wanted to emphasize the growth of our League's membership to be more reflective of the community in which we live – in age, background, race, experience, education, occupation and interests. Today's Junior League celebrates the differences in our members while appealing to our common interest in helping improve our community.

The second meeting in September was equally entertaining with a "get to know you" bingo game to open the evening. During our "Show Me The Money" themed meeting, the provisionals learned a great deal about the sources of JLM's funds and where those dollars go. Provisional committee co-chair Melissa Bowman and members Marie Wise and Tina Nixon skillfully described the dues and fundraising income that is used to fund the organization's administrative budget and community grants.

Taste of the River Region gave the new provisionals their first whack at volunteering as a member of the Junior League of Montgomery. Welcoming guests, selling tickets, collecting tickets, distributing plates, serving food, and cleaning tables were among the provisionals' jobs for the event. These enthusiastic ladies came early and stayed late to work their shifts and enjoy the festivities. Proudly showing off their new T-shirts, the provisionals could be seen everywhere at Alabama Restaurant Association's annual fest as they worked to ensure the guests had a great time.

Holiday Market was followed by a November provisional meeting titled "Make Your Mark!" which gave the ladies an overview of our community and in-league placement opportunities.



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Congratulations to the following women who persevered through their provisional year of membership and are now called Active members! We're so excited to see how you help us continue the mission of the Junior League of Montgomery!

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# Cyberbullying

## HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND PREVENT ONLINE BULLYING

By Dawn Stephens

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If it seems to you that bullying is getting worse, you are probably right. It seems to be happening at earlier ages and with more frequency. For the most part, our legal system has not yet caught up with technology, and in many states these crimes not only go unpunished but they aren't even recognized as crimes.

Cyberbullying simply refers to the act of bullying online. This type of bullying can consist of any of the following actions committed by an individual or group to another individual or group:

- Threats of violence
- Hate speech
- Harassment
- Peer pressure
- Bribery
- Psychological abuse
- Extortion

Further, these offenses are often committed by people impersonating someone else, anonymously, or under the guise of a group, making accountability and preventability difficult. This anonymity gives the bully more of a feeling of power and can make them bully "under the radar" when they might not bully in person. This capability has caused an increase in bullying in the last 20 years. When we were young, bullies were mostly on the playground, at school, and in our neighborhoods. Today, things are different. Most homes and schools have broadband connectivity and portable Internet enabled computers and devices prevail. Now, most cell phones have photo, video, and data services, and socializing online has long hit mainstream. Given the pervasiveness and social acceptance of these technologies, it has become very easy for one person to not only capture and share information easily, but for that information to spread almost instantly. Kids often don't understand the implications of their actions.

*Cyberbullying can take many forms:*

- Sending mean messages or threats to a person's email account or cell phone
- Spreading rumors online or through texts
- Posting hurtful or threatening messages on social networking sites or web pages
- Stealing a person's account information to break into their account and send damaging messages

- Pretending to be someone else online to hurt another person
- Taking unflattering pictures of a person and spreading them through cell phones or the Internet
- Sexting, or circulating sexually suggestive pictures or messages about a person

Cyberbullying can be very damaging to adolescents and teens and the effects can hurt quickly. There have been numerous stories in the news of children, teens, and young adults who have been driven to suicide or violent crime as a result of being bullied online. While these tend to be the more extreme cases, it can have a serious detrimental effect on a victim's self-esteem, emotional well-being, and sense of personal safety. As a result, this can often lead to any number of further negative consequences including, but not limited to depression, dispondence, self-destructive behavior and poor performance in school or work.

Also, once comments are circulated on the Internet, they may never disappear, resurfacing at later times to renew the pain that was originally caused. Many cyberbullies think that bullying others online is funny. Cyberbullies may not realize the consequences for themselves of cyberbullying. The things teens post online now may reflect badly on them later when they apply for college or a job. Cyberbullies can lose their cell phone or online accounts for cyberbullying. Also, cyberbullies and their parents may face legal charges for cyberbullying, and if the cyberbullying was sexual in nature or involved sexting, the results can include being registered as a sex offender. Teens may think that if they use a fake name they won't get caught, but there are many ways to track someone who is cyberbullying.

Despite the potential damage of cyberbullying, it is alarmingly common among adolescents and teens. According to cyberbullying statistics from the i-SAFE Foundation:



- Over half of adolescents and teens have been bullied online, and about the same number have engaged in cyberbullying.
- More than 1 in 3 young people have experienced cyber threats online.
- Over 25 percent of adolescents and teens have been bullied repeatedly through their cell phones or the Internet.
- Well over half of young people do not tell their parents when cyberbullying occurs.

The Cyberbullying Research Center also completed a series of surveys that found these cyberbullying statistics:

- Over 80 percent of teens use a cell phone regularly, making it the most popular form of technology and a common medium for cyberbullying.
- About half of young people have experienced some form of cyberbullying, and 10 to 20 percent experience it regularly.
- Mean, hurtful comments and spreading rumors are the most common type of cyberbullying.
- Girls are at least as likely as boys to be cyberbullies or their victims.
- Boys are more likely to be threatened by cyberbullies than girls.
- Cyberbullying affects all races.
- Cyberbullying victims are more likely to have low self-esteem and to consider suicide.

### *Recognizing if cyberbullying is a problem with your child and how to stop cyberbullying*

Parents and teachers are best equipped to recognize changes in behavior that might be the result of cyberbullying. Communication with your child, his/her teachers, coaches, and friends is a must. Also, make sure your child knows you are there and will monitor their activity online at any time if needed. Being "friends" with your child online is a good idea as well and understanding your child and how they "live" offline will also help you stay informed. Opinions for cyberbullying safety in this way vary greatly, but it is better to be safe than sorry. Internet freedom should vary based on the age of the child in question. Even if you don't want to become "friends" with your child online, a discussion about internet safety and boundaries can't hurt.

Parents and teens can take action to help reduce the cyberbullying statistics:

- Talks to teens about cyberbullying, explaining that it is wrong and can have serious consequences. Make a rule that teens

may not send mean or damaging messages, even if someone else started it, or suggestive pictures or messages or they will lose their cell phone and computer privileges for a time.

- Encourage teens to tell an adult if cyberbullying is occurring. Tell them if they are the victims they will not be punished, and reassure them that being bullied is not their fault.
- Teens should keep cyberbullying messages as proof that the cyberbullying is occurring. The teens' parents may want to talk to the parents of the cyberbully, to the bully's Internet or cell phone provider, and/or to the police about the messages, especially if they are threatening or sexual in nature.
- Try blocking the person sending the messages. It may be necessary to get a new phone number or email address and to be more cautious about giving out the new number or address.
- Teens should never tell their password to anyone except a parent, and should not write it down in a place where it could be found by others.
- Teens should not share anything through text or instant messaging on their cell phone or the Internet that they would not want to be made public - remind teens that the person they are talking to in messages or online may not be who they think they are, and that things posted electronically may not be secure.
- Encourage teens never to share personal information online or to meet someone they only know online.
- Keep the computer in a shared space like the family room, and do not allow teens to have Internet access in their own rooms.
- Encourage teens to have times when they turn off the technology, such as at family meals or after a certain time at night.
- Parents may want to wait until high school to allow their teens to have their own email and cell phone accounts, and even then, parents should still have access to the accounts.

### *Laws that help*

Cyberbullying legislation is becoming more common as this problem has increased. In June 2008, Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-Calif.) and Rep. Kenny Hulshof (R-Mo.) proposed a federal law that would criminalize acts of cyberbullying. States have also beefed up their legislation. According to the website [www.bullypolice.org](http://www.bullypolice.org), a watchdog organization advocating for the harassment of children, the state of Alabama gets a grade of B+ on their law. The Alabama Student Harassment Prevention Act - HB 0216 was signed by Governor Bob Riley on May 20, 2009.



### *What to do if you discover your child is involved in a situation involving cyberbullying*

Don't freak out...talk to your child, make sure they are OK, and make sure they know you are on their side. Some children can be embarrassed or ashamed of the situation in which they find themselves. It is important to have an open dialogue with them to ensure their cyber safety.

Next, if the offenses are serious enough, consider contacting your child's school and/or your local law enforcement agency. Just because it happens online, you should not take these offenses lightly. Be sure to NOT erase any traces of what you find online as these traces (e.g. comments, messages, photos, etc.) can help in taking action against a cyberbully.

Also, you can contact the website(s), social networks, or mobile phone providers that might have been used as a platform for these offenses. They most often take these offenses seriously and are willing to help stop and prevent these behaviors.

Hopefully, cyberbullying will not get any worse in the years to come. Bullying and violence are very difficult issues to deal with. It can be heartbreaking to learn that your child has been bullied, and frustrating if he or she is the one doing the bullying. But with positive intervention, you can help improve the situation. If your child is prepared to deal with negative situations, he or she will be better able to handle bullying, and may even have a positive influence on the bully. And if you know when to step in, you can help prevent further violence from occurring, no matter whose child is involved. Have conversations with your children about boundaries, and how to treat other people. And finally, remember to remind your kids of the old saying "If you wouldn't say it to someone's face, don't say it anywhere else." This is a rule we all should live by.

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# Holiday Market 2011

## THE START OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

*By Marcy Ingram*

There are some traditions that hail the coming season; for example the first cookout of summer or autumn leaves and a chill in the night air to welcome football season. Holiday Market is a tradition the Junior League of Montgomery (JLM) brings to the River Region that kicks off the holiday season.

Each year the excitement we remember as children in anticipation of the holidays comes back as we enjoy this wonderful annual tradition. This year's event at the Montgomery Convention Center at the Renaissance Hotel & Spa brought together vendors from across the state and the nation, welcoming back past favorites and some new special surprises. Whether your favorite Holiday Market tradition is Girl's Night Out, or the Preview Party and Silent Auction, or just marveling at the yearlong hard work that comes together for four days of holiday cheer - there really is something for everyone.

Each year League members proudly wear a red apron, decorating, organizing vendors, and coordinating entertainment, with enthusiasm that is contagious to all.

This year, the Merry Merchants had everything to get you in the holiday mood from the hard-to-find holiday gift to the jacket that was a must-have for this year's holiday wardrobe. As you walked through the aisles, merchants showcased jewelry, fashions to turn heads, holiday décor, unique spices and foods and much more. One new feature this year was the opportunity to take pictures with and obtain autographs from certain members of the University of Alabama football team. This addition was a big hit with Alabama fans. Fans lined up to take a picture, get an autograph or to just "talk a little football." Alabama football fans knew this booth was their first stop.

Molly Stone, this year's chairperson for Holiday Market stated a very exciting new addition was "Market Mystery

Money." Shoppers could purchase Market Mystery Money at the JLM information booth for \$25 and select by category (i.e. home, children's, women's or men's) a box that contained gift certificates to two of the merchants for a total of \$50. What a great value for shoppers!

The Market Preview Party and Silent Auction on October 12 had a lot to offer with exciting auction items and a first look at the vendors as well as an opportunity to meet and mingle with friends. At the Preview Party, guests ate delicious food and enjoyed a wide variety of cocktails while shopping for the perfect gift or holiday décor.

Café Louisa prepared a delicious holiday brunch for the JLM Sustainers on Thursday. This event was a great time for Sustainers to enjoy visiting with each other, and also included their own special shopping time.

Girl's Night Out has been a favorite among groups of girlfriends who have made this a tradition for real shopping fun. Enjoying a glass of wine with the girls and finding the perfect wrapping paper to match this year's color theme or finding this year's best gift idea.

This year, as in the past, the most popular activity with the children was Santa's Workshop. This year featured a new theme - the Christmas Angel. The book was on sale along with a special visit from the Christmas Angel at Santa's workshop. Over 100 children took part in Santa's workshop with activities and many fun-filled memories.





The children enjoyed making reindeer food and an ornament to take home. However, nothing compared to having cookies and milk with Santa. The event at Santa's workshop ended with Santa reading *The Night Before Christmas* to an audience of wide-eyed children complete with mom or dad with camera in hand for memories to long be treasured.

As we wistfully wonder how we can ever top this year's Holiday Market, we know we will be asking that same question next year at the close of next year's Holiday Market, because of all of the hard work and dedication by League members. Thanks for ANOTHER fabulous year at Holiday Market!





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# JLM PARTICIPATES IN 4TH ANNUAL Diversity Summit

*By Christen Price*

The Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce presented the Fourth Annual Diversity Summit at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa on September 15. Presented by Troy University, this Summit focused on understanding what the term multicultural means within each organization and how to create a work environment that encourages honest dialogue around sensitive issues that are critical to business success. JLM members Sandra Washington and Jennifer McDonald attended the event where they learned how to engage in a multicultural workforce.

Sandra, an employee with the Alabama Department of Youth Services said that attending the event gave her a perspective as to what is happening in the workforce as it pertains to employees' turnover, productivity, work environment, and skill enhancement. She enjoyed listening to top executives discuss issues concerning diversity and possible solutions. Sandra enjoyed all of the sessions but particularly found keynote speaker J. Phillip Holloman most engaging. Holloman is President and Chief Operating Officer at Cintas Corporation, a Nasdaq-100 company based in Cincinnati, Ohio. Cintas provides highly specialized services to businesses of all types throughout North America. Holloman led the company's Uniform and Facility Services Operations to generate \$3.5 billion in revenue for fiscal year 2010. Holloman was instrumental in establishing Cintas' diversity initiative and is a founding member of the company's Diversity Committee. In 2007, Holloman received the Excalibur Award, Cintas' highest award reserved for business executives who demonstrate excellence during their tenure with the company. After his session, Sandra said, "I have been in work environments that were not very diverse. I can relate to being the only African American on the staff."

Besides the keynote speaker luncheon, break-out sessions were presented throughout the day by leaders in diversity. Some workshops provided at the Summit focused on barriers

characterized as stereotypes held by individuals or groups about other groups. There was also a workshop that dealt with generational differences rather than similarities. League member Jennifer McDonald attended Mrs. Debra Nelson's session on "Being Open to Diversity in a Multicultural Workplace" (Nelson is VP for MGM Mirage.) McDonald attended the Summit as an education and training event to gain knowledge on the topic of diversity. Another favorite speaker of Jennifer's was Ronald Garcia who provided "food for thought" in his session about how the Tolerance Scale can be a foundational model for establishing a common language that helps articulate conscious and unconscious reactions we have toward others. Jennifer said that he identified five levels of awareness and associated treatment/behaviors related to bias and its effect on employee development, contribution, and engagement.

The Diversity Summit challenged businesses to engage in a multicultural workforce in order to reduce turnover, maximize productivity and embrace diverse markets. Jennifer believes that League members would benefit from attending the Summit because training and development is important for any organization as a tool to learn and grow. Diversity comes in many forms and as an organization of women, diversity is a topic that should resonate across all members of JLM. Jennifer says, "Diversity training and knowledge is for everyone!"



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# JLM Wisdom FROM THE PAST

*By Christen Price*

## Sustainers and Past-Presidents Share their Wisdom

Over the years, our organization has been graced with many inspirational women leaders who have dedicated themselves to the advancement of the League. Because of their commitment to our community, the JLM is an organization that truly makes a difference in Montgomery. League Logs had a chance to interview sustainers Lynn Beshear and Vera Jordan, as well as past presidents Lu Ann Cobb and Laura Crum to hear some of their wisdom gained from being leaders of the League.

Candidly, Laura Crum said that her first bit of League wisdom is to not procrastinate. After graduating from law school at the University of Alabama and New York University, she joined the League in 1985. Today, she works as an attorney with Hill, Hill, Carter, Franco, Cole & Black, P.C. The year that she was president of JLM, Crum said that she did her best to check in on the various League projects and placements. Crum said, "It really made me appreciate the broad and significant impact the League makes each year throughout the Montgomery community." She said that some of the best lessons she learned that year were that truly effective meetings usually last no longer than an hour. She also said that she was amazed by what happened when a group of great ladies got together and committed to a worthy goal – "You could just sit back and watch outstanding things happen."

Before becoming president, Crum served in various placements throughout the League, one being a tutor for Laubach Literacy program, where she continued to tutor for years after her placement was completed. She humorously added that one year she served on the Holiday Market board and was in charge of organizing the setup and breakdown. She got to have a walkie-talkie for the entire Holiday Market and Crum reported, "Personally, the walkie-talkie thing did nothing for me."

Sustainer Vera Jordan joined JLM in 1996 and is employed as State Representative for US Senator Richard Shelby. She is

native to Montgomery and has three sisters, two of whom are also members of the League. Jordan's mother, a retired educator, has been inspirational to her by teaching her the importance of helping others. Over the years, Jordan has been a volunteer for her church, Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist, her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, and a board member with the Metro Board of the Montgomery YMCA, Greil Memorial Foundation, One Montgomery and BONDS Neighborhood Program. Jordan has served as the JLM Fund Development Chair, on the Signature Project Committee, DHR Back to School Committee and on the Lee High School Special Instruction Program. She said that the most valuable lesson she has learned through her service is to be flexible. Some of her fondest memories are the friendships made and rekindled in the League.

Another sustainer, Lynn Beshear, has been a member of the League since 1980. Today, she is proud to be the Executive Director of Envision 2020, which is the visioning and planning process for the River Region. She said about her job, "Piece of cake, huh?"

When Beshear isn't busy planning for our community, she enjoys spending time with the most inspirational person in her life, her husband Bob, and three children Beth, Courtney, and Ross. Beth home schools her two girls and has submitted her PhD dissertation to be published as a book. Daughter, Courtney, has a degree in ballet from the Music School at Indiana University and danced professionally after college. Ross lives in New York City where he is an actor.

Beshear served as the first Community Vice President when JLM was totally reorganized in the eighties. She said that her fondest memory of the League was "the hope I felt when the League committed to public education." The wisdom that she gained as a member of the League was that life is a journey and we should always be "becoming."



Former President Lu Ann Cobb loved our work with public education. She said that her fondest memory was the partnership between JLM and Morningview Elementary School when we awarded them \$100,000 as the 21st Century Model School. She also chaired Holiday Market when it was a new fundraiser for JLM. As president in 1994-1995, Cobb said that the best thing she learned was to listen to other people and slow down to process before making a big decision. She advised, "When you do not agree with someone, it is important to really listen to them and try to understand where their ideas are coming from."

Cobb works in the accounting department at Montgomery Aviation and has two sons, Spearman and Pierce, who are the most inspirational people in her life. She said that they are strong young men who know how to "land on top." And of course, they love their mother.

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# River Bank & Trust

*By Cindy DeLongchamp*

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Once again, River Bank & Trust, the grand sponsor in 2010, graciously agreed to play "Santa" for the 2011 Holiday Market! They are truly a superior community bank and valued partner to the Junior League and the entire River Region.

In anticipation of Holiday Market, hosted each year by the Junior League of Montgomery, serious shoppers prepare their Christmas lists early to take advantage of the selection of unique merchandise and vendors that make Holiday Market so special each year. So much goes into the three day shopping experience, beginning with the fundamental question of "how do we pay for this event?" Once again, River Bank & Trust, the grand sponsor in 2010, graciously agreed to play "Santa" for the 2011 Holiday Market! They are truly a superior community bank and valued partner to the Junior League and the entire River Region.



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treasurer for the Central Alabama American Red Cross and former Board member and Chair for the Elmore County Community Foundation. He serves as a deacon at the New Home Baptist Church in Titus and holds active membership status with the Montgomery Area Committee 100, Wetumpka Lions Club and the Montgomery, Prattville and Wetumpka Chambers of Commerce.

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## Children's Center

Aid to Inmate Mothers \$10,000

Children's Center of Montgomery \$2,000

## CLOVERDALE PLAYHOUSE — THE ELIZABETH CRUMP THEATER —

Cloverdale Playhouse \$15,000

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Members of the Junior League of Montgomery also serve in other unfunded community projects, including Impact Alabama and College and Career Night.



If you are part of a non-profit organization that may want to request a grant from the Junior League of Montgomery, please visit our website [www.jlmontgomery.org](http://www.jlmontgomery.org) for more information. Click on the Community Impact tab on the left side of the page and then click on the Request a Grant tab to download a grant application form.



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# UNDERSTANDING THE Community Assistance Fund

*By Dawn Stephens*

In 1989, Junior League of Montgomery members approved a \$5,000 Community Assistance Fund (CAF) to be administered during the 1990-91 fiscal year by the Community Assistance Committee. In 1991, these funds were awarded to the Voluntary Action Center, the Montgomery Area United Way, and the Special Olympics of Montgomery. The idea behind starting a Community Assistance Fund came because of the numerous requests received every year from agencies asking for funding. This fund provides a means for the Junior League

of Montgomery, Inc. to respond quickly to limited funding needs of non-profit agencies. A volunteer component is not required and requests may come from outside the Junior League of Montgomery focus area. The CAF enables the Junior League to share resources without project commitment and increases Junior League impact and visibility in the community. The Community Council meets monthly and reviews requests from agencies requesting funds. The council votes on whether or not to give funding and for what amount is awarded.



The following guidelines are used to determine funding for projects:

1. Applicants must have a 501 (c) (3) status or the legal equivalent with the IRS.
2. Grants shall be restricted to agencies which operate within a 35 mile radius of Montgomery.
3. All requests will be screened by the Community Assistance Fund Committee consisting of Community Council members. This council will make recommendations to the Board for approval.
4. Requests will not be considered from annual fund raising drives or campaigns.
5. The recipient of funds may not reapply to CAF within 12 months from initial application.
6. A collaborative effort between the agency and the Junior League is requested for publicity.
7. Additional funding will be denied if currently being funded as a Junior League project.



Currently, the Community Council receives \$10,000 each year to be awarded to the community. The Junior League of Montgomery has built a solid reputation based on not just giving money back to the community, but also from the many volunteer hours our League members give to various projects in Montgomery. Community Assistance funds allow us to make a small difference to agencies that have immediate and urgent needs.

Requests for funding should be submitted to Dawn Stephens, Community Council Vice-President, and sent to the League office at 3570 Carter Hill Road, Montgomery, Alabama 36111. You can call Stephens at 334-558-7232 or the League office at 334-288-8816 if you have any questions.



# TASTE OF THE River Region

SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES THROUGH TASTY FOOD AND DRINK

*By Anna Kate Bowen*

The River Region Chapter of the Alabama Restaurant Association hosted its annual Taste of the River Region event on Sunday, October 2.

This marked the fourth year the event was held at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Montgomery. This was also the fourth year the Junior League of Montgomery was honored to help host the event and be the recipient of the proceeds generated by the event.

This year's event was noted by many as the best ever. There were over 30 vendor booths with a wide variety of foods to choose from. The food ranged from Casa Napoli's famous lasagna, Bombay Masala's chicken masala, Ixtapa's quesadillas, Wintzell's famous seafood gumbo, Dreamland's award-winning barbecue, and LongHorn Steakhouse's beef roast. Some of the other popular restaurant booths included the following: Farmhouse Kitchen, Ox Yoke, Ham & High, Super Suppers, Jim 'N Nick's, Salsarita's, Baumhower's Restaurant, and The House. There were also several yummy dessert booths including Roux, Ligers Bakery, California Yogurt Kraze, Venice Gelato and Blue Moon Solutions. To wash down all of these delicacies there were several beverage booths, including a wine tasting from Bodega De Mendoza Wines. While Bama Budweiser offered margaritas and a variety of beers, S&D coffee had a selection of teas and coffees.

Jazz music filled the room as the band Souled Out played through the evening. Door prizes were awarded to guests as the evening progressed. Some local celebrities, including Sally Pitts and Mark Bullock, turned out to enjoy the great food and music. Over 1000 guests attended, and the event was not only great fun but also a huge success for local charities.

The Junior League and the River Region Chapter of the Alabama Restaurant Association would like to thank the many sponsors that helped make this a wonderful event: Goodwin Brothers, WSFA News, ITEC Institute for Total Eye Care, Mix 103, Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa, Bell Media, Delta

Printing & Signs, ServisFirst Bank, The Montgomery Independent, IN Montgomery, and Baptist Health.

The following Junior League members served on the Taste of the River Region committee. Congratulate them on a job well done!

Jennifer McDonald, chair	Jessamyn Boyd
Kynasha Brown	Laura Erwin
Sommer McKenzie	Shea Perkins
Amilee Sedberry	Julie Spraggins
Carina Tolliver	Felicia Tyus









# College and Career Night

## PLANNING FOR A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT'S NEXT STEP

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*By Britney Garner*

Savings is a key word in almost every household these days. With the cost of college rising, parents and students are searching for new and innovative ways to pay for college.

The Junior League of Montgomery has recognized the need and has answered the call for the tri-county area by providing the annual College and Career Night. The event was held on September 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. downtown at the popular Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center. This is the twenty-seventh year that the League has hosted College and Career Night. The event serves as a valuable resource for students and parents, providing them with key information to make the next step an easy transition. Participants gained knowledge on different college and career opportunities as well scholarship information and financial aid options. The financial aid track was highly attended; parents and students came away with new ways to save money as well as the belief that college still can be affordable.

Sixty-two colleges, universities, and military organizations participated in the event. The University of Southern California and the University of Miami were added to the list of participating universities, which helped local students see more variety than was provided at the previous year's event. The committee hopes to continue to grow this event by adding new universities and colleges from around the country.

Bernadette Hollinger, chair of the College and Career Night, reported that the committee was pleased with this year's event, but could see the impact the economy had played in our local community. She continued to say that this placement

is most fulfilling and makes her feel good because the League is able to provide a free service which helps out our local neighbors. The committee began work in July and was able to net \$10,000. This is the second year that the College and Career Night event has paid for itself. The women worked hard, and their efforts proved to be successful in collecting over \$11,000 in ad sales.

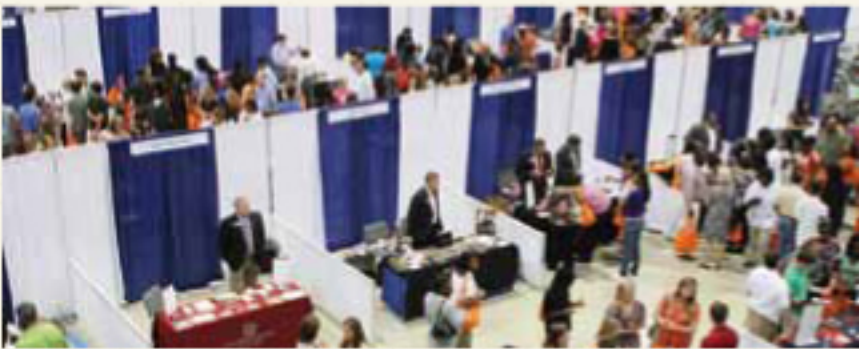
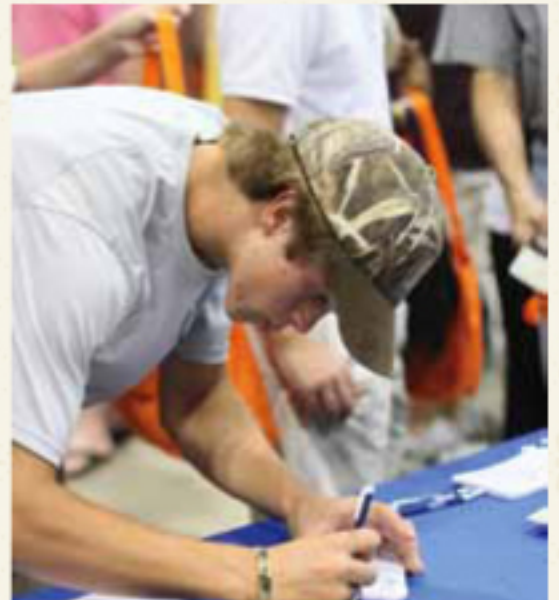


The committee is extremely grateful for the help of the Montgomery Police Department and hopes to gain the Sheriff's office as a sponsor next year. The League would also like to thank MC-2 for providing bags for participants to gather information, as well as Steak Out for providing a large food donation for participants. The committee is looking forward to touching the lives of all those in our community as the Junior League of Montgomery carries on the tradition of College and Career Night for years to come.

### *College & Career Night Committee*

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| Laurel Crawford             | Michaeline Fuller       |
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| Nancy Shinbaum              | Faith Terry             |
| Sandra Washington           |                         |







# CLOVERDALE PLAYHOUSE

— THE ELIZABETH CRUMP THEATER —

## BRINGING BACK COMMUNITY THEATER

*By Britney Garner*

The Junior League of Montgomery is about to take a step back in time to a place of yesteryear. This year a new placement has been added which will take center stage in sprucing up the Montgomery Old Cloverdale community.

The Cloverdale Playhouse was formed in early 2010 with the intention of bringing back community theater to Montgomery for the first time in 20 years. Many may not know the history of this great jewel. But, shortly after Montgomery was incorporated, the theater became a place for entertainment. On December 17, 1822, at Freney's Bell Tavern, two later famous thespians performed Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. These two performers were Benjamin Fitzpatrick, a future governor of Alabama and senator, and G.W.B. Towns, a future governor of Georgia.

During the Civil War, the theater was a source of relief from the battles that were being fought throughout the country. Women and children would gather at the Montgomery Theatre on the corner of North Perry and Monroe streets. One famous actor who performed on that stage was none other than John Wilkes Booth. In 1907, the Grand Theatre opened on Dexter Avenue. Here the theater flourished for over forty years; it was so popular that the McDonald's Opera House opened where Oscar Wilde gave a lecture to many during the 1880s.

The Little Theatre continued to blossom during the 1930s, but in the late 1950s the company acquired the historic Carpenter Gothic Church on Goldthwaite Street, which was later turned into the playhouse. In the 1990s the theater closed. Wynton and Carolyn Blount saw the need for the performing arts and created the Alabama Shakespeare Festival where children and adults of all ages could enjoy the arts. However, there was still a need for talented members of the community to share their creativity with locals here in Montgomery. In the words of Mary Ann Neeley, local historian, "This opportunity is now being reborn. Those who thirst for creativity, those who understand that 'the play is the thing', to borrow from Hamlet's immortal words, will find a new home at the Cloverdale Playhouse." The Junior League is partnering with the community to make this a reality.

The women of the League are eagerly waiting to begin their work on making the inside look like a masterpiece. Wynn Dee Allen, chair of the Playhouse placement, is in the process of organizing "purchasing teams" for the scene shop and costume shop. The women of the League hope to complete painting the costume shop, dressing rooms, as well as the scene shop this fall so that the Playhouse can open for their first season in January 2012.

The committee hopes that the community will join them in this year's first season as we support the arts and our community making Montgomery a place once again for community theater.

### *Cloverdale Playhouse Committee*

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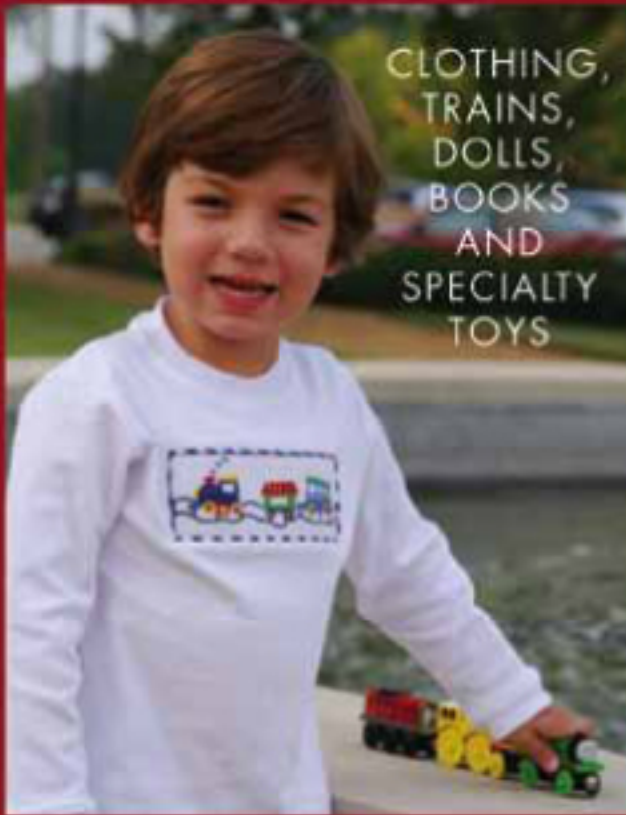
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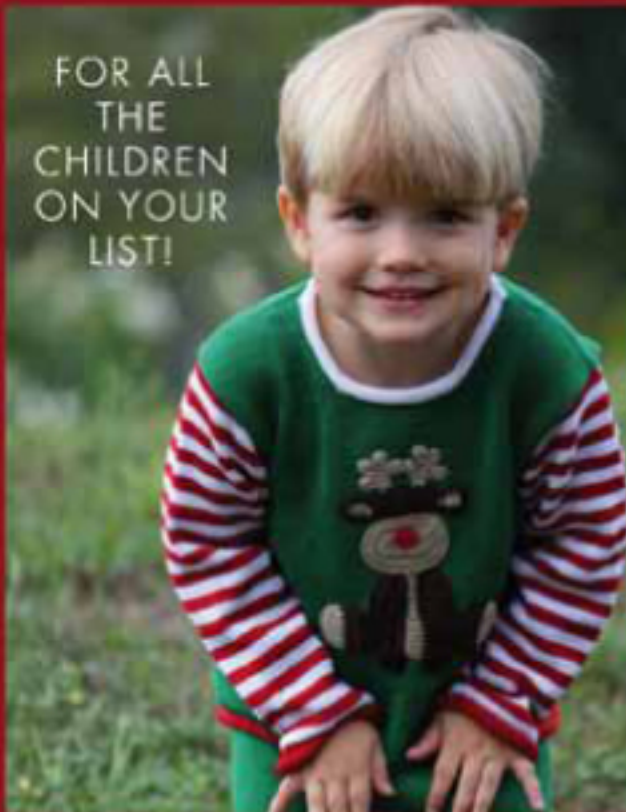
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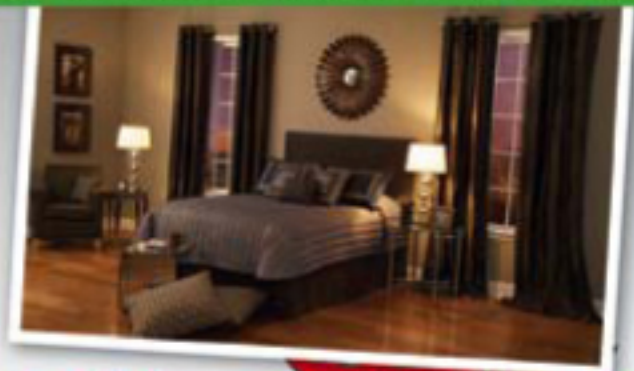
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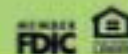
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## CELEBRATING A STRONG TRADITION OF SERVICE

# JLM Turns 85

By Anna Kate Ingram



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The Junior League of Montgomery (JLM) has proudly been serving the Montgomery area for 85 years. Since first established in 1926 the women of League have been volunteering in all areas of the community and have been working hard to raise funds to help improve areas of our community.

Starting out small, the first money making project recorded was in 1926. The League had 30 members at that time and together they established a rental library for the purpose of raising funds for their philanthropies. The rental library

charged a small fee to rent books. This income, along with other donations, helped pave the way to the opening of The Children's Theatre in 1927, where League members put on free plays for children in the community. During the Great Depression, the JLM continued to pour into the community even though fund raising was difficult. They started The Junior League Home for Girls in 1930 and gave a home for six teenage girls who were orphaned. Then in 1934, the JLM worked with area health care professionals to open 12 specialized health clinics for the public. These health clinics included two each of the following clinics: prenatal, medical,



# Junior League planning 28th Rummage Sale



In Connecticut they are known as tag sales. In New Jersey they are called garage sales. In Vermont they are called barn sales. Everywhere in the country they are called backyard sales. The women, white elephants and junk peddlers.

But here in Montgomery, the largest sale of discarded collectibles in California is conducted by the Junior League each year and it's called the Junior League Rummage Sale. Thousands flock to Central College each September for this sale.

Preparations for the 28th annual Junior League Rummage Sale, which will take place at a one-day sale on Sept. 23, began as soon as the clothes were cleaned from last year's sale. League members have been busy collecting their own pieces from attics as well as soliciting donations from individuals and stores throughout the city and placing it in the very equipped warehouse which will store the merchandise until the sale.

The sale, which was first held in 1951 at the City Auditorium, coincided with the Third Class show which was staged at the time. Many League members had initial thoughts about the idea of a large rummage sale, but the sale has proved over the years to be a tremendous gift to the community as well as a profitable endeavor for the Junior League.

The Rummage Sale has made it

shoes, plants, books and records at the Value Shop which displays other items and other relations. This year sale will feature a Christmas 'n' One Day.

Another first for the sale is "Market Day," which will allow the buyers to buy their items from the buyers at the corner of Lawrence and Monroe streets in the College. It's only one month, shoppers can visit the College, load up on all the bargains, and return downtown. The first sale will begin at 9 a. m. and will be followed by one every twenty minutes for two hours. At 2:30 a.m. the sale will depart the corner of Lawrence and Monroe streets.

The proceeds raised by the 28th Rummage Sale will be used by the Montgomery Junior League to support undertakings which are of major importance to the community.

Since its organization in 1951, the Montgomery Junior League has supported projects that include the Noble George Community Center, the LightHouse Inn, Remedial Reading program and a Cultural Arts Center. It has supported the establishment of a Junior Program at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, a school volunteer program, a Neighborhood Service program, and a Global Education program for public junior high schools. In addition it has partially funded the Archaeological Laboratory of the University of Maryland.



The annual Rummage Sale started strong with the very first event being packed out by attendees (bottom photos).

tonsil, dental, tuberculosis, and disabled children. In 1941, when the rest of the country was at war, the JLM pitched in their part by volunteering 40,000 hours of wartime services during World War II from 1941-1945. By the end of 1941, 90% of League members signed up for volunteer courses at the Red Cross. League members not only worked with the Red Cross on the home front but worked overseas as well. League members also made scrapbooks with jokes, short stories and cartoons to send to injured servicemen in hospitals overseas. A library was started by the JLM for soldiers at the local recovery ward. The Junior League of Montgomery members

also worked diligently with local government to sell War Bonds to help pay for the enormous expense of the war and make sure soldiers had the latest and best equipment needed to win the war and return home safely.

In 1945, the League, in conjunction with the State and County Health Department, managed bi-monthly Well Baby Clinics for low income parents who could not afford health care and immunizations for babies. The very first Junior League rummage sale was started in 1951. League members were asked to bring in donations to sell and also asked to find items



TODAY'S LIVING **The Montgomery Advertiser-Journal**

Sunday Morning, July 8, 1978

**Junior League takes over Charity Horse Show**

After 10 years as president and general chairman of the Southern Championship Charity Horse Show in Stone Mountain, Ga., the Junior League of Montgomery is taking over the show of approximately 100 horses and 100 exhibitors on Oct. 6-7. The show, which has been held for 10 years and is one of the largest horse shows in the area, will be held at the Stone Mountain Race and Horse Park. The Junior League of Montgomery is taking over the show from the Southern Championship Charity Horse Show, which has been held for 10 years and is one of the largest horse shows in the area. The show will be held at the Stone Mountain Race and Horse Park on Oct. 6-7.

The Southern Championship Charity Horse Show was organized in 1968 by William J. Davis, Jr., president of the Junior League of Montgomery. The show has been held at the Stone Mountain Race and Horse Park and has been a success. The show will be held at the Stone Mountain Race and Horse Park on Oct. 6-7.



H.O. Davis with Mrs. Robert J. Jolly and Mrs. L. D. Fitzpatrick.



Horses, Horses, Horses

**Horse show coming up**

AT RIGHT: Mrs. Robert J. Jolly, president, chairman of the upcoming Southern Championship Charity Horse Show, and her co-chairman, Mrs. L. D. Fitzpatrick, right, discuss plans for the show with Mrs. Clifford B. Burt, chairman of the Stone Mountain Race and Horse Park, at a news conference Sunday, Oct. 2. The event has recently been authorized by the American Horse Shows Association, the governing body of horse shows in the United States. The affiliation means the Southern Championship meets the strict standards set by the Association and also gives the Montgomery organization the chance to host special classes. The classes are given to only certain shows and a rider must qualify for the national finals by winning one of these classes. The show will be at Garrett Coliseum, Oct. 6-7.



**Horse Show sponsors honored**

The Southern Championship Charity Horse Show sponsors a news conference in the Stone Mountain Race and Horse Park. The show will be held at Garrett Coliseum, Oct. 6-7. The show will be held at Garrett Coliseum, Oct. 6-7. The show will be held at Garrett Coliseum, Oct. 6-7.

Horse Show Newspaper Clippings from 1978

to be donated to the sale. The famous rummage sale now called Bloomingdeals is still one of the League's largest fundraisers and has been running for 60 years.

Beginning in 1958, League members volunteered for several years as "Pink Ladies" for St. Margaret's Hospital. The "Pink Ladies" served as a volunteer staff doing everything from admitting patients to entertaining children in the pediatrics wing. In 1960, the JLM sponsored a Remedial Reading Program for children and awarded scholarships. In 1964, League members continued their volunteer work with area hospitals,

and even helped orchestrate rural vaccines and vaccine delivery for those unable to come to a clinic. Then in 1977, the League sponsored its first of many Southern Championship Charity Horse Shows. This successful charity ran annually for over 10 years.

Beginning in 1989, the Junior League of Montgomery held its first ever Holiday Market and made a profit of approximately \$62,000. That same year also brought the first College and Career Night, which serves as a resource for high school students as they research their next step in education.



## 'Southern Keepsakes' debuts; recipes from Montgomerians

"Southern Keepsakes," the Junior League of Montgomery's cookbook, made its debut this week at the Southern Championship Charity Horse Show, and will now be offered in several book stores and shops throughout the city.

The collection of over 500 delectable recipes has taken over two years in the making, and the book is illustrated by a Mobile artist.

According to a Junior League spokesman, recipes were submitted, tested, rejected, selected and retested many times, so that those included are "truly the best" with easy to follow instructions producing predictable results.

Some of Montgomery's best cooks have shared their culinary talents by contributing recipes. Several come from the League's first cookbook, "Southern Recipes," published in 1948 and now out of print. Other recipes are from League members, their mothers, and grandmothers; from favorite restaurants; and from famous persons.

Mrs. Tom Chapman, cookbook chairman, began the task of compiling the



Martha Ann Bach, Horse Show



## IN DRIVE TO RAISE \$107,000 HERE



Something to see here today, the Red Cross staff has taken special quarters in the First National Bank Building, where the volunteer workers have been held since an intensive drive to raise the \$107,000 and an Montgomery quota. Dr. Arthur Cook, war fund chairman, is sitting at the desk by the door. Others in the picture are Mrs. E. L. Ginn, Mrs. J. C. Rogers, Mrs. Mary Hall, Mrs. Albert Brown, Mrs. James Johnson, Mrs. Ann Marie, Mrs. J. E. Roberts, Mrs. H. J. Smith, Mrs. Price Foster, etc. The board of directors was established to meet here will participate in furthering the drive. A warning of the volunteer display committee will be sent. The Junior Red Cross will meet at 10 a. m. Saturday at the Whittier to help plan for the campaign.

## TWELVE Crown Rallies Capital Behind 2nd War Loan

Mayor Proclamation In Which He Urges Full Support Here

Mayor Curtis B. Brown today issued a proclamation asking Montgomeryans to cooperate fully in the Treasury Department's 12th War Loan Campaign which opens April 15. He said that the flag is destined to fly over the ruins of the city.

The Mayor's proclamation follows:

Mayor of Montgomery I call on you for better action, for a full effort of great financial aid to the Treasury Department's 12th War Loan Campaign which opens April 15. I say that when the struggle is in, and patriotism is high among us, and we are all united in our support of the Government in this great patriotic drive. The Government is asking the aid of the citizenry to raise 12 billion dollars to help prosecute the war.

All of us here in Montgomery are in our respective ways to help our fellow citizens and friends all over the world to win the war.



UNDER HIS HAND AND SEAL—Mayor Curtis B. Brown signs proclamations calling on city to back the second war loan. Looking on are Mrs. Ann Marie (left), president of Junior League, and Mrs. Clyde Pearson, Junior League war chairman.

The Junior League of Montgomery was honored in 1998 by The Central Alabama Chapter of National Society of Fund Raising Executives for Outstanding Civil Philanthropy. In 2007, a special celebratory League meeting was held as the JLM donated a remarkable \$216,500 to the Children's Museum of Alabama. Today, the Junior League of Montgomery has over 700 members who donate approximately 20,000 hours of volunteer service to the community annually. In the last 10 years, the JLM has donated over a million dollars to the charities of the Montgomery area.

This year, League members continue serving their volunteer hours in projects with community organizations including the following: Aid to Inmate Mothers, Children's Center of Montgomery, Cloverdale Playhouse, Easter Seals - Dogs on Call, Family Sunshine Center, Impact Alabama, Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless, Montgomery Education Foundation, Montgomery Area Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, One Place Family Justice Center, Rebuilding Together, Troy University - Rosa Parks Museum. Look for League members serving throughout the community!



## Salute to Junior League

By WAGGLESPICKER  
Times-Today's Living

This is Junior League Week in Montgomery, proclaimed by Mayor Jim Robinson and dedicated to the thousands of members of the Montgomery Junior League, past and present, who have contributed more than 1,200,000 hours of volunteer work to the city and more than \$75,000 to the community over the past 70 years.

Organized in 1916, for the first four years the League was comprised of youth, establishing a children's center, a Pledge Committee to take progress in schools, and a home for the aged.

In 1916, activities branched out into the field of health care, with prenatal, tubercular, dental, medical, psychiatric, and hospital districts being established.

Through the years activities just grew and grew, and in 1972 the League gave \$200 to the Montgomery State Bar, and \$50,000 to the



J. President Mrs. W. S. Brewster Jr.  
With Mayor Jim Robinson



At a "Media Workshop for Public Service" sponsored by The Montgomery Junior League and WISN-TV, David Ben Rubin, Alliance Director, WISN-TV, director of the (L.A.) Lyons Institute, Anne Leverage, vice president, WISN-TV, director of League Advertising Service, and Howard Morley, Production Director, WISN-TV, are in the production studio.



The Junior League of Montgomery has a long tradition of helping the Montgomery community. Our mission is to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women, and improve communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. If you would like to join us in serving the Montgomery community and making a difference in the lives of children and families in the region, please visit our website ([www.jlmontgomery.org](http://www.jlmontgomery.org)) or call our office (288-8816) to obtain more information about membership. We host an information session regarding membership in February of each year.

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# Provisional Class

2011-2012

*Compiled by Virginia Lucci*

In each issue of League Logs, we want to feature a few of our provisional members so that we can all meet them and welcome them to the League. Please greet these new members when you see them at our next event! *Photography by the Robertsons.*



Sheena Allen is from Muscle Shoals, Alabama. Her hobbies include shopping, reading and cooking. Her favorite books are "The Color Purple" and "The Invisible Man." She hopes to make new friends and help our community this year.



Blake Eatman is from Montgomery. She enjoys traveling, reading and sewing. Her favorite movies are "My Fair Lady" and "Mamma Mia!" Her previous community service includes EMERGE and the Executive Board of the American Cancer Society.



Rebecca Farce joins the League this year and hails from Fairfax, VA. Her favorite holiday tradition is snow skiing with her family in western Maryland. She is a Sunday school teacher at First United Methodist Church. She hopes to learn more about Montgomery through her League service.



Monica Gales is a native of Montgomery. She enjoys tennis and supper club. Her favorite holiday tradition is Saturday night steak night. Through the League, she would like to develop a sense of service to the community and make new friends.



Pamela King of Montgomery hopes to volunteer and make a difference in the community through the League. She enjoys shopping and girls' Little League. Her favorite movie is "Sweet Home Alabama."



Tamaya Knox is a Montgomery native. She enjoys shopping and being with her family. Her favorite movie is "Jumping the Broom." She hopes to learn what the League does to help others and meet new friends.





Joyce Loyd-Davis is from Millbrook. Her favorite movie is "Waiting to Exhale." Joyce also devotes her time to Volunteer Community Care Network, American Nurses Association, River Region Advanced Practitioners, National Nursing Honor Society, National Realtors Association, and Montgomery Claims Association.



Elizabeth Mahaney of Montgomery enjoys reading and politics. Her favorite holiday tradition is going to Waffle House on Christmas Eve after church. She also volunteers with First United Methodist Church. Elizabeth wants to become more involved in the community and foster new relationships.



Tiffany McCord of Montgomery joins the League this year. During the holidays, Tiffany likes to cook with the other women of her family. She wants to accomplish two things during her first year in the League: 1) meet great women who have a commitment to service, and 2) help with making Montgomery a better place to live through joint volunteer efforts.



Lacy Miller is from Mobile, Alabama. She enjoys shopping, antiquing, and reading. Her favorite holiday tradition is Sunday dinner at her grandmother's home. Lacy hopes to meet new people and volunteer in the community.



Megan Pasley is from Millbrook. She likes to ride horses, shop, and travel to other countries. Her favorite Fourth of July holiday tradition is enjoying fireworks at Lake Martin. This year she would like to meet some awesome women and have a good time volunteering.



Rebecca Pines is from Montgomery. Her favorite books are "Laughing in the Dark" by Patrice Gaines and all novels by Kimberla Lawson Roby. Rebecca also volunteers with Delta Sigma Theta, Inc, and Jack and Jill of America Inc.



Mary Ressler, of Montgomery, lists Auburn football and Zumba as her hobbies. Her favorite play is "Wicked." On Christmas Eve, she likes to spend time with her aunt and uncle. Mary's other commitments are to Alabama Council of Association Executives and St. Bede's Parish Council.



Christy Rials is from Brooklyn, New York. She enjoys reading and playing with her sons. She goes to the mountains every spring break with her family. Through her service in the League, she would like to meet people in our community and serve her new hometown.



Sherylin Rose is from Montgomery. Her hobbies are working out, going to the movies, bowling, and traveling. Her favorite movies are "The Help" and "Pride and Prejudice" (which is also her favorite book.) She supports the United Way and hopes to become more involved in community activities and meet new people.



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