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Junior League of Montgomery members know that William Arthur Ward was right! The opportunities we have for service can transform our lives. Too often we are caught up in our own hectic schedules, dashing from one event to the next, in an effort to get everything done. It doesn't seem possible that adding commitments to our already full schedules is the answer. Then, we go. We serve. We step outside our comfort zone and we see that service is indeed

rewarding. We see that by serving others, our lives are better.

League members have been busily serving others this spring! The Family Justice Center is a wonderful example of generous service to others. The women who gave of their time and energy to create the children's play room as a safe haven at the Family Justice Center profoundly changed the perspective of each child who walks through the doors. Caught in an unthinkable situation, these children now have an escape where they can decompress from the stress that pervades their lives.

Carla Gieske and her Education and Training committee have served others throughout the year by providing our members a break from the every day with the added benefit of education. They have covered topics including cars, cooking, diversity, diamonds and so much more! If you haven't fulfilled your Education and Training requirement yet, don't worry...Carla has wonderful events planned for the spring as well.

Kim Nall and the arrangements committee had the opportunity to serve our sustainers one beautiful spring afternoon for the annual Sustainers' Tea. The women gathered there had a lifetime of stories to tell about their service to others through their Junior League experience.

I hope you will be inspired to turn your days into unusual, triumphant and rewarding days through your service to others!

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead

# President's Message

I believe this quotation sums up the purpose of the Junior League. For over 85 years, the Junior League of Montgomery has improved countless lives in our community. I believe the lives improved were not only those served by our members, but the members themselves.

This year is no exception. Our members have been busy and deliberate in our quest for a better Montgomery. We have worked with children, the elderly, and those with special needs and gifts. We have worked to promote literacy and self esteem in young women. We have helped to make a special place for children caught in a cycle of abuse.

In this process of helping others, we have helped ourselves. We understand that we as a group and as individuals can make a difference. This is a powerful thing! I am so proud to be a part of this amazing group of women. I sit at a great vantage point. In my effort to keep up with the comings and goings of almost 350 active and provisional members, I can see collectively what our group can accomplish.

The influence of the Junior League of Montgomery extends far beyond the boundaries of our organization and our programs. Numerous nonprofit organizations in our community were founded by past League members and many of our members hold leadership positions. I can only think that the Junior League played a small part in developing the giving spirit of these ladies who continue to serve.

This spring, our members will continue to keep our fast pace. We will complete our remaining community placements. Our newest members will finish their yearlong training and join our active membership. We are so proud of all their accomplishments!

I hope you were able to attend our famous rummage sale, Bloomingdeals. This event has served our community for sixty years. Please remember that every dollar earned at our sale enables us to provide grants for our community.

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### Junior League Members and Girl Scouts...

# Striving to Make the World a Better Place

By Theresa Patterson

Girl scouting builds character, confidence, and courage to help girls make this world a better place. For a few days, some Junior League members got to learn a little about girl scouting. One of their projects was to remodel an all-purpose room to be called the Girl Scout resource room.

In 1912, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low gathered 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia, for a meeting. She believed that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally and spirituality. Within a few years, Daisy's dream for a girl-centered organization was realized. Girl scouting allows a girl the opportunity to discover fun and friendship through a host of enriching experiences, such as field trips, sports clinics, service projects, and serving the environment. Today, Girl Scouts of the USA has a membership of nearly four million girls and adults, a significant growth from its humble beginnings almost 100 years ago.

Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama (GSSA) is a youth development organization chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA. GSSA is comprised of 30 counties in south Alabama. In addition to Volunteer Centers located in Montgomery and Mobile, two summer resident camps are operated by GSSA, and are accredited by the American Camp Association.

Walls were torn down, new carpet was selected, and paint colors were chosen for the new Girl Scout resource room. Members went shopping for furniture and planned with Girl Scout staff on how to organize the room. The purpose of this project was to create a more efficient, girlfriendly space. This also allows for a classroom for on-site learning opportunities. The project's grand opening was planned during the holidays. The night of the big Open House reveal, the girls visited the Governor's House to earn a special badge, then returned to the newly remodeled resource room to make crafts and mingle with friends.

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## Betty Bobbitt Byrne Sustainer of the Season By Jenny Thiessen

Betty Bobbitt grew up in Lumberton, North Carolina and earned a BA in History from UNC-Chapel Hill. She continued her education at Samford's Cumberland School of Law. After graduating from Cumberland, Betty Bobbitt practiced law for nine years before devoting herself to her family and community full time. Betty Bobbitt is married to David Byrne. They have a daughter, Betsy, and a son, Bryson.

Betty Bobbitt joined the Junior League of Montgomery to find her own place in Montgomery. David grew up here in Montgomery, and when they moved here, Betty Bobbitt chose to become active in her community. Through her League membership, she made many friends, learned valuable leadership skills and found her niche in her new community.

Betty Bobbitt served as President in 2006 -2007. She has served as Teen Court Chair, Community Research Chair and Membership Vice President. The JLM project that was most enjoyable to her was Teen Court. When asked what she considered to be her JLM "legacy," she quickly responded with implementing Digital Cheetah and hiring Gretchen Fischer as the JLM Office Manager. Currently, Betty Bobbitt serves as the 2010-2011 Sustaining Advisor to the JLM Board of Directors. She also serves on the boards of ClefWorks and the Family Sunshine Center. In addition, this year she is serving with the committee for the Family Sunshine Center's Making Homes Safe Havens spring fundraiser.

Betty Bobbitt believes that a little adversity is not a bad thing; it makes you work through issues together. "Challenges are fun!" she says. She found herself challenged to work through difficult issues while serving as President-Elect. That year, the big topic of discussion was the League's involvement in a Signature Project. She said that the women who served on the board that year worked diligently together through this multifaceted issue. Through that experience and others, she learned that League committees provide a way to get to know and work with other women who may or may not share the same experiences. She thinks working together in committee is an important opportunity that is provided through League membership.



When asked what she'd like to say to the Active members of the Junior League, Betty Bobbitt Byrne explained that she feels the League is full of endless opportunities for women. Each woman just has to seek out and take advantage of those opportunities.

Betty Bobbitt would encourage current Actives to learn from each other, and especially from whoever served in the job prior to you. There is a lot for us to learn from the women who have come before us. Betty Bobbitt believes sharing information with the person who is following in your position helps to provide a smooth leadership transition in the League. She also enthusiastically encouraged our future leaders to take full advantage of the training opportunities provided by the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI).

Betty Bobbitt loves to travel. Her favorite aunt used to take Betty Bobbitt traveling during her childhood. One of her most fabulous vacations as a teenager was snow skiing in Switzerland. Her current favorite girls' getaway destination is Kiawah Island, South Carolina. Betty Bobbitt takes an annual girls' trip with women who served as presidents of their local leagues in 2006 -2007. She reported that she met this group of women when they all were serving as President-Elect of their local leagues at a AJLI training conference. AJLI divides member leagues by membership, and the Junior League of Montgomery belongs to the "large league" category. She met women from Texas to Georgia, all who were about to become President in their large league. Through shared common experiences, this group of women made a lasting connection.

Betty Bobbitt Byrne has remained committed to the JLM through sharing her experience and insight. She has focused her community involvement to a few groups that are important to her. She has a friendly and engaging disposition. When you see her at functions, be sure to say "Hi!" and ask her about her latest travels. You'll be glad you did.

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# Sustainer Tea

### By Courtney Albrecht

The sustainers of the Junior League of Montgomery welcomed the first day of March with an elegant tea at the Cloverdale home of Dianne Teague. Teague's extraordinary home was the beautiful setting for a reunion of about forty sustainers. The women who gathered there enjoyed reminiscing about their League experiences as well as catching up with the latest news.

Kim Nall, league relations chair, and Hayley Harris, arrangements chair, along with the arrangements committee, organized the event and were there to assist with the tea. Jennifer Riley provided the lush flower arrangements for the event. Kate Wheaton of Wheaton Place Catering provided almond chicken croissants, feta and spinach triangles, tomato and mozzarella tarts, blonde brownies and Rocky Mountain bars for guests to feast upon.

As sustainers left the tea, they were presented with party favors. President Laura Stevenson provided the inspiration for the paperweight inscribed with one of her favorite quotes, "Touch One Life & See the Ripples." Sustainers were also given packets of Forget-Me-Not seeds with important dates for Bloomingdeals attached, prepared by Bloomingdeals chair Joanna Kirkland.

Thank you to **Dianne Teague** for generously opening her home for the event and to **Suzanne Davidson**, **Kim Nall**, **Hayley Harris**, **Gretchen Fischer**, **Wendy Ingram**, **Julie Jenkins**, **Tammy Knight-Fleming**, **Mia Kreimeier**, **Heather Murray** and **Theresa Patterson** for their assistance. educationtrainina

#### Education and Training Events Committee

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### By Kathleen Bradford

**Education** and

Training Events

Since its inception in 2006, the League's Leadership, Education and Training program has enhanced the experience of each member by offering continued enrichment opportunities. "Our goal as a committee was to provide a variety of training options so that every member could fulfill the program obligations and enjoy doing so," Education and Training Committee Chair Carla Gieske said. League leaders have strengthened the program by attending Leadership, Education and Training conferences–learning from other League's programs from across the country. "In the future, I hope we can incorporate courses about how to be an effective volunteer, like many other Leagues already do," Carla said. "I'd also like to include meetings that focus on the diversity of League members, and how we can think outside the box for prospective members."

As the League term draws to a close this year, the program has continued to provide members remarkable opportunities including these 2010-2011 options organized by the Education and Training Committee.

**Holiday Market 101**, particularly helpful for Provisionals and New Members who'd like to become more familiar with the fundraiser

**Diversity and Inclusion workshop**, a two-hour event helping members work to overcome perceived differences and recognize individuals' unique talents

Fall Hyundai Motor Manufacturing plant tour, a two-hour tour of one of the country's most advanced automotive plants

**Insurance on a Budget**, a presentation to help navigate insurance issues during a difficult economy

**Cholesterol Education**, a meeting outlining simple diet and exercise decisions to maintain a healthy lifestyle

**Grace O'Connor Photography workshop**, hands-on instruction detailing how to capture subjects (particularly children) with a camera

**Education and Training Open House**, a mixer followed by Digital Cheetah training



Wine Tasting with Ted the Wine Guy, an evening of wine samplings and professional instruction on the varied beverage

**Diamonds - A Girl's Best Friend**, instruction on the "4 C's" of diamond evaluation and showing of new setting at Charlotte's Jewelry accompanied by hors d'oeuvres and wine

**Salon Couture**, a relaxed evening detailing the latest trends, techniques and products in hair care

**Basics of Investment**, a seminar teaching the hows, whys, and whens of investing personal money

William Sonoma Stir Fry and Wok techniques, a class incorporating fresh ideas and techniques for cooking at home

**Bloomingdeals 101**, great training for Provisionals and New Members to learn all there is to know about the fundraiser

Spring Hyundai Motor Manufacturing plant tour, a second chance to visit the state-of-the-art automotive plant

**Spring Travel with Sadie's Global Travel**, a seminar on the great deals and destination for spring and summer vacations

Additionally, the following programs are possibilities in March–May 2011:

Backstage tour of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival An olive oil tasting Interior design instruction Crime prevention seminar Keep in mind that without the leadership and vision of our members, many of these wonderful opportunities would not be available. "The committee and I are always looking for new ideas and we appreciate any volunteers or names of people who would like to lead a meeting," Carla said. If you have a suggestion for a topic or you would like to share your skills and lead a meeting, please contact Carla.

Active members must select and attend two meetings to fulfill their membership obligation, and Provisional members and Honor Roll members must attend one meeting before May 15, 2011. Some meetings count for two Education and Training credits. The Education and Training topics can be found on the Member Calendar at www.jlmontgomery.org. Members also receive email notification through JLM e-News, League Lines and on the Personal Reminders section of their member page.

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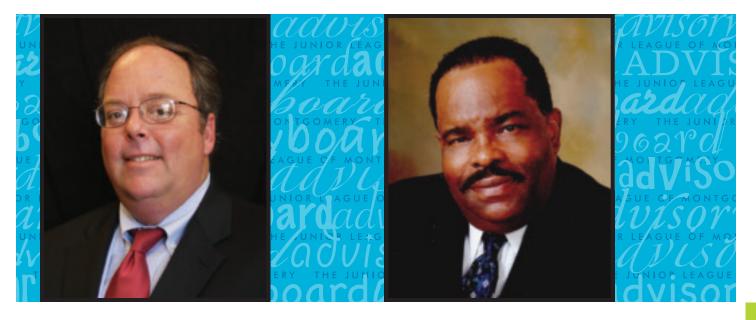
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# Advisory Board

By Jenny Thiessen

The Junior League's Community Advisory Board (CAB) provides counsel to the League's Board of Directors. The CAB includes community leaders from diverse vocations and provides the League's Board with expertise in areas such as non-profit work, accounting, finance, communications and law. The League's Board nominates and elects the CAB members.

Please welcome our current Community Advisory Board members and thank them for their support of the Junior League of Montgomery. Our Community Advisory Board for 2010–2011 includes the following members: Randal Brown, Elizabeth Hill, Chester Mallory, Jimmy Stubbs, Lisa Terry and Lisa Weil.



#### **Randal Brown**

Randal Brown is an Executive Vice President of Summit Housing Partners, LLC, devoting his time primarily to business development efforts and special projects. Mr. Brown joined Summit Asset Management in July 2000 and has served in various management roles for the company. Prior to Summit he served over ten years in various capacities in the banking industry. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama (B.A. in Commerce and Business Administration) and holds an MBA from Georgia State University with concentration in finance. Brown has served in various volunteer positions within the community including the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, The Montgomery Area United Way and the American Arthritis Foundation.

#### **Chester Mallory**

Chester Mallory is a former educator and was an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Alabama State University. Mallory is the owner and CEO of Mallory Realty Company, Inc. and has been in the real estate business since 1972. He is a member of several civic organizations and serves on various boards throughout the City of Montgomery and for the State of Alabama to include the Alabama Real Estate Commission, the Alabama Appraisers Board, Compass Bank Board, the YMCA, the Montgomery Ballet, and numerous others. Mallory is originally from North Carolina, which is where he received most of his formal education. He holds a Master's Degree in Psychology with an endorsement in Guidance and Counseling from North Carolina Central University.



#### **Elizabeth Reese Hill**

Elizabeth Reese Hill is a Montgomery native who has been the Principal of Bear Exploration Center for the past 13 years. She has a total of 25 years spent in educating young people in Montgomery County public schools. Ms. Hill is a graduate of Auburn University (B.S. in Family and Child Development), Auburn University Montgomery (B.S. in Elementary Education and Education Specialist in Elementary Education with certification in Administration) and Troy University Montgomery (M. S. in Elementary Education). Ms. Hill is a sustaining member of the League, a member of Heritage Baptist Church and serves on the Children's Museum of Alabama Branding Committee. She is married to Brant Hill and they have one nine-year old son, John Brant Hill.

#### **Jimmy Stubbs**

Jimmy Stubbs received a BS from Auburn University in 1985 and an Executive MBA from Troy University in 2005. In addition, Mr. Stubbs holds a professional certification from the Alabama Banking School at the University of South Alabama (1989), has completed graduate school of banking at Louisiana State University and earned a professional Master's at the Executive Banking Institute in Austin, Texas, in 2004.

Stubbs and his wife Lisa, who is an educator with the Elmore County School system, call Lake Jordan home. They have three children: Jennifer (21), Morgan (17) and Hunter (14). Not only is Stubbs a vibrant businessman, he is a Christian and loves serving the Lord as a deacon at New Home Baptist church in Titus. In his spare time, Stubbs loves running and hunting. Stubbs stays connected to his community with active participation with the Community Bankers Association of Alabama, River Region United Way, Business Council of Alabama and the Montgomery Area Business Community for the Arts. He is a former board member and treasurer for the Central Alabama American Red Cross and former board member and chair for the Elmore County Community Foundation. Stubbs also holds active membership status with the Montgomery Area Committee 100, Wetumpka Lions Club and the Montgomery, Prattville and Wetumpka Chambers of Commerce.



#### **Lisa Terry**

Lisa Terry has been with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama for 26 years. She has served as Marketing Service Representative, Account Executive Coordinator and for the past 14 years as Customer Service and Building Operations Manager for the Montgomery District. A native of Montgomery, Lisa graduated from Samford University with a B.S. degree in Marketing. She and her husband Jack have two sons, Ellis (age 20) who attends the University of Alabama and Coleman (age 16) who attends Montgomery Academy. She is currently a Sustainer, after an active membership of 18 years, serving on many in-league committees. She is an active member of First United Methodist Church and is on the board of Medical Outreach Ministries.

Through Blue Cross and Blue Shield she participated in "Blue Sky" which provided education and job search preparation tools for high school juniors and seniors. She has also helped promote such programs as "Walking Works" and Scale Back Alabama and is a supporter of the United Way.

#### Lisa Weil

Lisa Blach Weil received an AA degree from Stephens College before graduating from the University of Alabama College of Communication and Information Sciences in 1981 with a BA in Public Relations and minor in Speech Communications. She is married to Adolph "Andy" Weil III, and they have four children: Adolph "Drew" IV, Lauren Sawyer, Amanda and Dustin. Mrs. Weil serves on The Alabama State Council on the Arts, the Board of Directors of The Alabama Shakespeare Festival (serving as chair of the Armchair Auction for the past six years), The American Red Cross of Central Alabama, and she is the Immediate Past President of Temple Beth Or Sisterhood. Mrs. Weil also serves on The University of Alabama School of Communication and Information Sciences Board of Visitors where she is currently involved in an advisory role for the new Multi Media Center located in Bryant Denny Stadium.

Some of the community activities Mrs. Weil helped to implement include the Montgomery Ballet's free performance of *Ballet and the Beast* at the Montgomery Zoo, Tide 'N' Tiger for the American Red Cross and Jubilee CityFest juried art show. She also is an active member of the Antiquarian Society of Montgomery, the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, the Junior League of Montgomery and the Montgomery Garden Club, just to name a few.

In her spare time Mrs. Weil enjoys gardening, entertaining, photography, bridge and anything having to do with the arts. Mrs. Weil is an Independent Consultant with Rodan and Fields Dermatologist. A devoted wife, mother and community leader, Mrs. Weil believes that if everyone would give just a small portion of their time back to the community the world would be an even more wonderful place to live!



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#### By Theresa Patterson

Statistics report that students in Alabama are not scoring well in reading past the 8th grade. But the librarians at Lee High School would say something different about a core group of their students. The Robert E. Lee High School Library Committee teamed up this year with Junior League of Montgomery members to host their Fall Book Café. Teachers identified students they felt would benefit from a special reading experience and issued invitations to those students. Students were required to read a book chosen by librarians Patsy Jeffcoat and Cendy Cooper. After reading the book, they completed a writing assignment.

The book that the young ladies read is *The Promise*, by native Alabamian Chandra Sparks-Taylor. The students had read another book read by the same author last year, *The Pledge*. In *The Promise*, the main character has to make some difficult life choices while she struggles to keep her membership in the "Worth the Wait" club.

The day of the book café, league members decorated a portion of the hallway to look like a café with tables decorated to look like an Italian eatery. Pumpkins, gourds and other festive autumn decorations were added to set the tone.

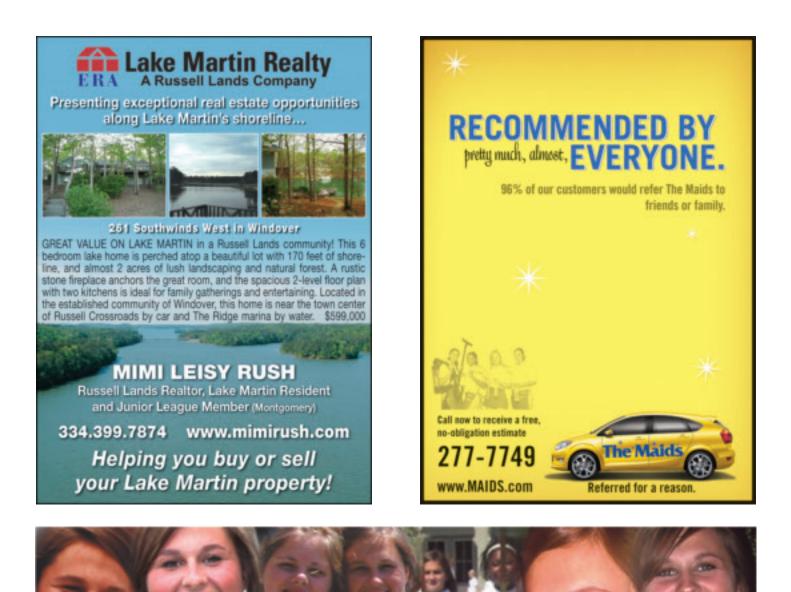
The speaker for the hour was Samuel King, anchorman from WSFA. Mr. King and Ms. Cooper addressed the ladies and lured them in rich conversations about the book. After the discussion, committee members served pizza, salad and cookies for lunch.

Special thanks to the committee for all their hard work.

#### Reading is Fundamental Committee

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# Books on the Nightstand

#### By Kathleen Bradford and Anna Kate Bowen

Looking for a great book to enjoy with the warmer weather? Or are you unwilling to ride out the next thunderstorm with only a gray, dreary view to keep you company? Below are some great suggestions from some of Montgomery's leading women. Curb your boredom and receive a much-needed escape with these recommended reads. From novels and biographies to inspirational and poetry, there's a captivating book for everyone.

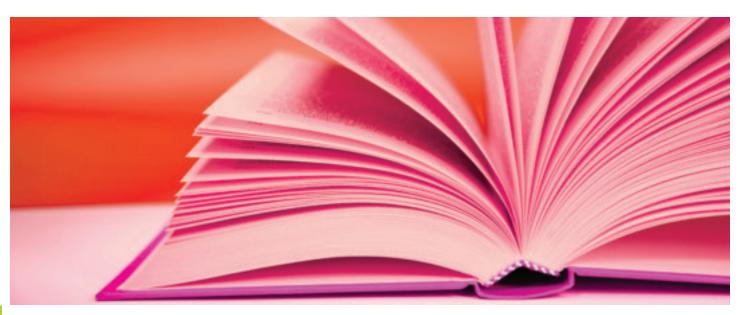
#### This issue's panel of bedside-book critics:

**Marcy L. Ingram** is an Associate Vice President and a Senior Advisor with Merrill Lynch. She had a featured column on investing basics for two years in *The Montgomery Independent* and also written columns on investing for *The Montgomery Advertiser*. She is a current member and past president of Soroptimist International of Montgomery. She also volunteers with the Girl's Ranch and has been an active member in several book clubs.

**Tami Shelley** has been a teacher for many years and now serves as Trinity Presbyterian School's Lower School Principal. She is a graduate of Auburn University with a B.S. degree in Early Education. She also has a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Michigan State University. She is currently working on her dissertation for her Doctoral degree in Early Childhood at Auburn University. Tami and her husband, Jeff, have two sons Jeffrey and David, both Trinity and Auburn graduates! Tami sees books as a very important part of life as an educator.

**Suzanne Davidson** is League Membership Vice President and the 2011-12 President-Elect. She also serves on the Administrative Board of First United Methodist Church and the board of the Montgomery, Autauga, Elmore Medical Alliance, and is the president of the Children's Museum of Alabama. She will be the 2011 FUMC Bazaar chairman and is an annual committee volunteer for the Vintage Affair, an American Cancer Society fundraiser.

**Nancy Bradford** is a past League President, Community Research Committee chairman and 2009 Sustainer of the Year. She also served our community on the boards of the Red Cross, Leadership Montgomery



and Group Homes for Children, and as the Outreach Committee chairman of St. John's Episcopal Church for 5 years. Currently, she is a participant in Education for Ministry through the Episcopal church, the board secretary of Renascence, Inc., and the Junior Warden of St. John's Church were she served two previous terms on the vestry.

#### **Our critics' picks:**

#### Founding Brothers by Joseph J. Ellis

This book examines the American Revolution as seen through the points of view of six different prominent figures: Jefferson, Washington, Adams, Madison, Hamilton and Franklin. The United States was more a fragile hope than a reality in 1790. During the decade that followed, the Founding Fathers combined the ideals of the Declaration of Independence with the content of the Constitution to create the practical workings of our government. Ellis points out the fundamental differences between the Republicans, who saw the Revolution as a liberating act and hold the Declaration of Independence most sacred, and the Federalists, who saw the Revolution as a step in the building of American nationhood and hold the Constitution most dear. Ellis also notes that the members of the revolutionary generation were conscious of the fact that they were establishing precedents on which future generations would rely.

#### The Thousand Autumns of Jacob De Zoet

#### by David Mitchell

The historical novel takes place at the turn of the 18th century, in Edo-era Japan. The trading post requisitioned by the Dutch East India Company is now the one opening Japan has to the outside world. Jacob de Zoet is an uptight young Dutch book-keeper who encounters a beautiful but scarred Japanese midwife. Jacob finds himself in thrall to a love forbidden by tradition, culture, politics, law and the highly stratified social order of Japanese society. With Enlightenment ideas and European corruption washing up to the Japanese coastline, Mitchell creates a single, dramatic gateway through which to observe the encounter between civilizations from both sides.

#### Eat That Frog! by Brian Tracy

If you are like most people today, you're overwhelmed with too much to do and too little time. Effective time management is the key to success in both your personal and professional life. This accessible book contains a series of practical, proven, effective techniques that every person can use to focus on their most important tasks, stop procrastinating and get more things done faster than ever before.

#### Home by Marilynne Robinson

Though an entirely independent work, this novel takes place concurrently and in the same locale as Robinson's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *Gilead*; this time in the household of Rev. Robert Boughton. Glory Boughton has returned to the town of Gilead to care for her dying father. Soon her brother, Jack—the prodigal son of the family comes home too, looking for refuge and trying to make peace with a troubled, painful past. He is perpetually at odds with his surroundings and with his traditionalist father, though he remains Boughton's most beloved child. *Home* is a moving and healing book about families, family secrets, and the passing of the generations, about love and death and faith.

#### Drive by Daniel Pink

This motivational book works to pinpoint what really drives people at work, school and home. Monetary rewards are what most of us think motivates us as workers and



students. According to Pink's book that is a mistake: "the secret to high performance and satisfaction—at work, at school, and at home—is the deeply human need to direct our own lives, to learn and create new things, and to do better by ourselves and our world."

#### The Distant Hours by Kate Morton

This historical fiction by the author of *The House at Riverton* begins with a long lost letter. Its contents compel young Edie Burchill to journey to the eerie realm of Milderhurst Castle, where her mother, then just 13 years old, waited out the London Blitz. What Edie learns about those distant hours in that faraway place will forever change her view of her mother and herself. A subtle, artfully constructed story about place, the past, and time's reverberations.

#### Wooden on Leadership by John Wooden

John Wooden, known as one of America's greatest coaches, coached UCLA to record 88 consecutive wins in basketball, and won 10 NCAA national championships in just a 12 year period, and was named national coach of the year 6 times. In this motivational book he shares his personal perspective on steps to success in leadership that can be used in life and work.

#### All He Ever Wanted by Anita Shreve

In 1899, Nicholas Van Tassel escapes from a fire in a New Hampshire hotel and sees Etna Bliss for the first time. He is immediately captivated by her and is determined to make her his wife at any cost. She finally agrees, even though she doesn't love him, but he believes that she will eventually come to that over time. His marriage doesn't develop the passion he wants, nor does his career at the local college. Even though she remains a dutiful wife, Nicholas takes desperate steps to save his marriage and his career and to achieve what he wants, and gets what he deserves.

#### Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder

A New York Times Bestseller and winner of the Pulitzer Prize, this nonfiction follows the life of Dr. Paul Farmer. Though he grew up disadvantaged in America, Dr. Farmer never saw any of his own needs but only those of the poorest of the poor. His story begins during the early days of his first clinic in Haiti and continues through his personal battle to provide basic health care to the poor in other countries. The inspirational story takes the reader around the world, illustrating how one person can truly make a difference.

#### A Visit to William Blake's Inn: Poems for Innocent and Experienced Travelers by Nancy Willard

This book of poems-inspired by the poetry of William Blake-won both the Newberry Medal for excellence in American children's literature and the Newberry Award. The fifteen poems, plus an epilogue, describe the events of a day and a half of a child's visit to William Blake's Inn. Inhabited by such creatures as the Rabbit, the Rat, the Wise Cow, the King of Cats, the Tiger, the Man in the Marmalade Hat, and of course William Blake himself, it is a place of wonder and magic. The poetry is metrical and rhyming, simple in many ways but never simplistic. Hints of a larger universe or magical forces at work are never far from the surface. The illustrations are beautiful gouache paintings which are whimsical and iconic, making great use of the architecture of Blake's England.

#### Rabbit-Proof Fence by Doris Pikinton

This book is a true story of the journey of three Aboriginal girls in 1930s Australia who were taken from their family and sent to a government-sponsored re-education camp. The book follows how the girls make it out of the camps and their journey home to find their mother and grandmother. A story of hope and determination, *Rabbit-Proof Fence* can't help but inspire.

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# Launching the Family Justice Center

#### Family Justice Center Committee

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### By Katherine Jackson

According to the 2009 Domestic Violence in Alabama report produced by the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center, 2,368 of the violent offenses reported in Alabama in 2009 were domestic violence including 40 murders. Almost 30,000 simple assaults involving domestic violence were recorded during this same time period. Seventy-seven percent of those victims were female. There were many more victims who didn't report the crime. Some domestic violence, such as psychological, emotional, and financial abuse, isn't criminal, but it can be terribly devastating and escalate to physical abuse. Simply stated, domestic violence includes behaviors one person uses to control another. The victims of domestic violence are people you and I know – women much like us. They are White and Black, rich and poor, uneducated and college educated. Domestic violence crosses racial, ethnic, age, culture, religious, education, and socio-economic lines. You probably know someone who is or will be a victim. If you know a victim who has children, those children are more likely to be abused. Even if the children are not directly abused, they will suffer consequences of growing up in the home with domestic violence.

Fortunately, the River Region has a number of excellent organizations that help victims of domestic violence. The Family Sunshine Center is just one of the places of hope and healing. The Family Sunshine Center provides a crisis hotline, shelter, counseling, and numerous other services to victims. Each year they help thousands of people in a seven-county area. I have been privileged to work with the Center as a volunteer and on the board for the last seven years. The work the Center does is incredible. Many Junior League members can attest to this as they have tutored children at Exodus – a housing option for women who leave the shelter but are unable to find adequate and safe housing. This placement has made a major impact on the women of the Exodus Community and their children over the last several years.

The services provided by the Family Sunshine Center are very effective. However, the staff will quickly tell you that it takes more



than the services they provide to adequately meet all of the needs of a victim of domestic violence. Many have medical needs. They may need legal advice. They may need to speak with law enforcement or someone from the district attorney's office. They may need food and clothing for them and their children. Imagine that you are a victim and you've just grabbed a small bag of clothes for you and your children, your two children, and your purse and keys and fled. Going from one location to the next and the next with your children while you are constantly looking over your shoulder in fear, telling the same story over and over to different people - it is something more than most of us can imagine. It is more than many women can do. This is what victims were required to do in Montgomery and in most locations in the United States. This all changed a few months ago. And, the Junior League of Montgomery played an important part.

On October 29, 2010, One Place Family Justice Center held its grand opening at 530 S. Lawrence Street in Montgomery. The name, One Place, perfectly describes both the purpose and primary feature of the Family Justice Center (FJC). A victim can now go to one place to receive comprehensive services. The FJC offers advocacy, counseling, court support, forensic documentation of injuries, internet access, law enforcement, legal assistance/ child custody, legal assistance/court representation, legal assistance/divorce proceedings, legal assistance/ immigration, legal assistance/restraining orders, military assistance, safety planning, senior services (elder abuse), and victim compensation. All of these services are offered under one roof, but all services are not offered by one organization. That is the great feature of the FJC. It represents many different organizations. With approximately 25 partners, many of whom have offices in the FJC, this organization represents the best services the experts can

provide. As you walk down the hallway, you see offices of individuals housed in the FJC who are employees of the District Attorney's Office, Legal Aide of Alabama, the Family Sunshine Center, and many others. Everyone in One Place works together so that victims can find the help they need when and where they need it. The persons spearheading the effort to make the FJC a reality were Ellen Brooks, Montgomery County's District Attorney and Junior League of Montgomery sustainer, and Steve Searcy, retired Lieutenant of the Montgomery Police Department where he was the creator and long-time leader of the Domestic Violence Unit of MPD, and is the current Executive Director of the FJC. These two individuals, along with many community leaders, were the force behind the creation of the FJC. The Junior League of Montgomery was invited to be a central part of this effort.

Last October, a small group of Junior League members began their placement at the FJC – designing a children's room. Many victims of domestic violence flee with their children. To allow these women to talk openly with the service providers at the FJC and receive the counseling and examinations needed, they need a safe place for their children to wait. The Junior League of Montgomery had the honor of creating the Children's Play Room. A fun and cheery room designed to entertain children of all ages while mom is otherwise occupied. The room went from an empty grey drab box to a room with green and yellow striped walls, wonderful rugs, polka dot sheers, a denim couch, kid-sized red leather arm chairs, royal blue ottoman, red bean bags, a craft table with drawing paper, a train table, an art easel, a play kitchen, doll house, books, crayons, markers, games, stuffed animals, dolls, and more. Soon to be outfitted with a television, Wii, DVD player, and computers, this room will appeal to the teenager as well. This fantastic transformation has made the Children's Play Room the favorite destination

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for everyone who visits the building. The individuals who worked hard on this placement to make the room so special include Helen Gary, KC Godwin, Stacey Hill, Tiffany McCauley, Carmen McCullough, Jamie Ratliff, and Temisha Young. I think you'll agree with us when you see the room – it is pretty amazing. It is a room that most of the women of JLM would love to have in their homes and one in which your children would have a fabulous time. Speaking with Steve Searcy, he shared the impact the room has already had on the children who have visited – speaking about sad, little children whose eyes have lit up upon stepping into the room. The room is only a temporary haven for these children. They must leave with their mother after just a few hours. To allow them to take a piece of happiness with them, the children who visit will leave with a book purchased by a generous donor and a new stuffed animal provided by the Junior League of Montgomery.

I hope you'll stop by the FJC and ask to take a look at the room. I think it will make you proud to be a Junior League member.

One of the proposed placements for FY2011-12 is with the Family Justice Center. Consider this placement or another volunteer opportunity with the FJC or the Family Sunshine Center. Be aware of the signs of abuse and know how to help someone who is being abused. You can learn more at www.familysunshine.org and www.oneplacefjc.org.

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### By Courtney Albrecht

March's General Meeting coincided with a visit to Montgomery by "Tha Hip Hop Doc" Rani Whitfield. Dr. Whitfield did double duty in Montgomery, visiting Bear Exploration Center during school hours and speaking to League members in the evening.

Dr. Whitfield is a graduate of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, and is a Board Certified Family Physician with a Certificate of Added Qualification in Sports Medicine. He is currently a family physician in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and a national spokesman for the American Heart and Stroke Association.

Dr. Whitfield donned black and red scrubs and custom "Hip Hop Doc" Nikes for his meeting with five hundred students at Bear Exploration Center. His enthusiasm was contagious as he spoke to children about the importance of exercise and healthy eating habits not just for kids, but for their parents, too.

Later, Dr. Whitfield spoke to league members about their habits, encouraging participants to reduce their risk factors for heart disease. He outlined risk factors to look for and encouraged women to take care of their cardiovascular health.

"Tha Hip Hop Doc" can currently be seen in a Mutual of Omaha commercial on "Life's aha Moments," in which he talks about his efforts to connect with children and adolescents using rap music to encourage healthy living.

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#### By Sandy Gayden

Provisional members were honored to have a special guest speaker at our January meeting. Kenny Coleman, Vice President of Alabama Power and active community leader spoke about the important role that the League plays in our community. He stirred up new energy for our provisionals with an inspirational talk that tied members' service and leadership to the families and communities that they touch. After all of the hard work that the provisionals put in this fall and the hours they are putting in to make sure their mini-placements are a success, this visit could not have come at a better time! They were reminded of how they "Touch One Life" through their efforts.

Provisionals may not have the title of "active" members but they are some of the most active members we have! They've been hard at work the past couple of months with their mini-placements.

#### **Recent mini-placements:**

#### Kids in the Kitchen: February 23, Regency Park

Provisionals hosted Kids in the Kitchen for the Billy Thames Boys and Girls Club. Provisionals designed a fun-filled afternoon for all participants. Activities included an exercise program, preparing and eating healthy snacks and arts and crafts. This nationwide program of the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. is designed to empower youth to make healthy lifestyle choices and help reverse the growth of childhood obesity and its associated health risks.

#### Blue Gray Tennis Tournament: February 25-27, Lagoon Park

Provisionals volunteered at the Blue Gray Tennis Tournament assisting with staffing the information booth and reporting scoring for the online real-time scoring system. The Blue Gray tournament is one of the oldest and most prominent collegiate tennis tournaments in the country. Teams are brought in from across the country and include some top ranked players. 2011 brought female athletes to the tournament! The tournament sets a great example of physical fitness and healthy living to area youth and families by bringing the sport of tennis to those in the community who may not otherwise have access to this type of event. Plus, admission is free!





# **Provisional Profiles**

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#### **Emily Hare**

HOMETOWN Pinehurst, North Carolina FAVORITE BOOK

Jemima by Jane Greene HOBBIES

Golfing, swimming, sailing and NASCAR racing



#### **Maranda Brown**

HOMETOWN Dothan, Alabama FAVORITE BOOK The Dark Side of the Light Chasers by Debbie Ford HOBBIES Crafting, traveling and eating out



#### **Jacquelyn Tomlinson**

HOMETOWN Fort Lauderdale, Florida FAVORITE BOOK To Kill a Mockingbird

HOBBIES Wine tastings, painting, and anything outdoors



#### **LuAnn Knight**

HOMETOWN Troy, Alabama FAVORITE PLAY Cats, Guys and Dolls, and Rent HOBBIES Traveling and cooking



#### **Sandra Washington**

HOMETOWN Montgomery, Alabama FAVORITE MOVIE Finding Forrester HOBBIES Watching college football, reading, and cooking



#### **Erin Turnham**

HOMETOWN Ozark, Alabama FAVORITE BOOK Something Wicked This Way Comes by Ray Bradbury HOBBIES Reading, traveling, and working out



#### Marcy Ingram HOMETOWN Montgomery, Alabama

FAVORITE OPERA La Boheme HOBBIES Reading, traveling and family outings



#### **Julie Spraggins**

HOMETOWN Pass Christian, Mississippi FAVORITE MOVIE Meet Me in St. Louis, Wizard of OZ, Mary Poppins HOBBIES Sewing, crafts, and photography



#### **Elizabeth Norris**

HOMETOWN Montgomery, Alabama FAVORITE PLAY Wicked HOBBIES Tennis, hiking, skiing, wine and shopping



#### **Sharron Smith**

HOMETOWN Montgomery, Alabama FAVORITE MOVIE The Color Purple HOBBIES Party planning and decorating



#### Allison Case HOMETOWN Madison, Alabama

FAVORITE BOOK The Year of Magical Thinking HOBBIES Reading, college football, and photography



#### **Demetria Parnell**

HOMETOWN Meridian, Mississippi FAVORITE MOVIE When Harry Met Sally HOBBIES Missionary travel and college football

# **Provisional Profiles**

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#### Faith Terry

HOMETOWN Cape Girardeau, Missouri

FAVORITE BOOK Loves to Read any good book!

HOBBIES Reading, shopping and going to movies



#### Liz Quin

HOMETOWN Clinton, Mississippi

FAVORITE BOOK loves several authors; Grisham, Patterson, Baldacci, and DeMille

HOBBIES Quilting, cross stitch, stained glass, reading and photography



Felicia Tyus HOMETOWN Prattville, Alabama FAVORITE PLAY The Color Purple

HOBBIES Singing, writing, shopping and working with youth



#### Jennifer Robertson

HOMETOWN Auburn, Alabama FAVORITE MOVIE Sweet Home Alabama HOBBIES Auburn Football

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