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"It takes a lot of courage to release the familiar and seemingly secure, to embrace the new. But there is no real security in what is no longer meaningful. There is more security in the adventurous and exciting, for in movement there is life, and in change there is power." –Alan Cohen

As I reflect upon the articles in this holiday issue, I am reminded of the progress of the Junior League of Montgomery, and the many changes and "firsts" that have taken place within our organization.

Most recently, our successful 24th annual Holiday Market, highlighted on page 29, was held at the Montgomery Multiplex at Cramton Bowl. Merchants and shoppers raved about the brand new facility and ample parking.

Your heart will overflow with pride when you read on page 38 about our Junior League stocking a food pantry for Medical AIDS Outreach, the first pantry of its kind in the state of Alabama.

In the coming months, you will hear more about our inaugural spring fundraiser which will alternate years with Bloomingdeals. This 10K Run, described on page 18, will be held near St. Patrick’s Day; hence, the name Shamrock Shuffle. This race will be the first in our city to include adaptive sports for persons with disabilities.

An inspiring interview with Kathy Sawyer on page 46 will give you a glimpse of what it was like to be the first black member of the Junior League of Montgomery. It only took a simple lunch with friends to change the course of our League forever.

During this season of giving, I want to extend a special thank you to our advertisers. Without you, this publication would not be possible, and because of your support, we are able to share with a broader audience our mission of helping families by spotlighting the many community agencies that we support.

I appreciate our staff photographer who attends our many events, as well as those League members who take time to write articles, most of whom are involved in other committees within the League, but choose to go "above and beyond."

Wishing you every blessing during this holy season,
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**President’s Message**

Together, through fundraisers such as Holiday Market, Taste of the River Region, and our newest fundraiser—the Shamrock Shuffle, a 10k race that will also include adaptive runners—we are able to raise funds, which are given back to the community through our grant process. Not only do we provide funding to organizations, we also provide volunteers to assist them in their efforts. How can you help? By joining our organization, making a contribution, or supporting one of our fundraisers.

Our focus, “strengthening families,” allows us the opportunity to assist many different types of organizations in the River Region. For 2012-2013, Junior League volunteers are working with MANE, MACOA, Cancer Wellness Foundation of Central Alabama, Medical AIDS Outreach of Alabama, Brantwood Children’s Home, Montgomery Area Coalition for the Homeless, Mary Ellen’s Hearth, and Clefworks.

The Junior League of Montgomery will donate a total of $500,000 to these agencies through volunteer hours and direct monetary gifts.

I am honored to be the President of such a strong organization of women. And I am proud to follow in the footsteps of so many dynamic leaders. Many things have changed in the lives of women over the past 86 years. We all lead busy lives and struggle with the demands of work and family. But, despite these challenges the women of the Junior League of Montgomery are committed to making a difference in the lives of residents of the River Region.

Sincerely,

Junior League of Montgomery

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**Looking Ahead…Upcoming JLM Activities and Events**

- **November 29** - Digital Cheetah for Dummies, 6pm, Wilson Elementary School (8900 New Park Drive)
- **December 13** - Holiday Open House, 5-7pm, Junior League office
- **January 15** - General Membership Meeting
- **March 12** - General Membership Meeting
- **March 16** - Shamrock Shuffle

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The Junior League of Montgomery is proud to select Judy Kyser as our Sustainer of the Season.

Judy Kyser actively serves in her church, Trinity Presbyterian. She considers Trinity her church family and loves being involved in several areas of church life. She has served on numerous church committees including the Missions Committee and the Finance Committee. She has served as President of the Women in the Church and has been a Bible Moderator for the Church Circle. Through her voluntarism at Trinity, she has helped organize and participate in a mission trip to Desire Street Ministries in New Orleans, and has been part of a mission team to Rio Bravo, Mexico.

The Volunteer and Information Center (VIC) was founded in 1974 by the Junior League of Montgomery and the United Way Community Council and is an agency of the River Region United Way. VIC mobilizes volunteers and connects people, information and services to meet local needs and build a strong, caring community. Judy served on the original steering committee and later as the First Board President for VIC. She is proud to have witnessed, from inception, the growth of the agency into a multi-faceted volunteer agency that recruits and trains thousands of volunteers each year.

Montgomery Christian School (MCS) was created to serve the educational needs of the children in inner city Montgomery. The goal of the school is to bring every student to spiritual maturity in Christ along with academic, social and emotional maturity, where he or she can effectively pursue God’s purpose in his or her personal life, family, church and city. The idea for the school was formed in 2005 by a group of volunteers tutoring at Paterson Court. They wanted to offer a non-profit private Christian school choice for families who could not afford a traditional private school in Montgomery.

The school began to take off slowly, by opening a K-6 kindergarten class in the Fall of 2007 and then added a first grade class in 2009. Each year, the school has added another grade and is thrilled at the opportunity to offer a fourth grade class this past August. Judy feels honored to chair the Board of Montgomery Christian School and said, “I am currently involved in one of the most exciting volunteer jobs of my life. It is challenging, rewarding and has strengthened my faith in so many ways.” MCS offers deserving children an option in the choice of their education. Every child at MCS receives a scholarship and yet every family pays a small portion of the cost of their education, based on family income. The school is supported by generous individuals, local businesses, churches, foundations and civic groups.

Judy believes that by God’s grace and the commitment of great volunteers, MCS is changing the lives of children and their families in a positive way, and she is convinced that it has the potential of making a strong, positive impact on our community.
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Someone certainly did a favor for me by assigning me to serve Brantwood Children’s Home as my Junior League placement. I am thrilled to be associated with such a wonderful organization! The Director and Staff guide these children in mind and spirit; they and the children bring the family support to each other that we all innately need and desire.

The Junior League is volunteering with Brantwood to help give the kids a few more aspects of a “normal” home. We have been enlisted to bring home-baked goodies, hang out with the kids, and help plan or attend the following events:

- Graduation & Birthday Parties: It is so nice to see these kids being celebrated and recognized for their successes!
- Back to School Shopping Trip: In July, each Junior League committee member was paired with one or more kids, and helped them select clothes and school supplies.
- Back to School Party: We had pizza, sandwiches donated by Subway, and ice cream sundaes. We also had a DJ; those kids can dance! The teens danced for about three hours straight, and seemed to have a lot of fun.
- School Expansion Ribbon Cutting: Brantwood has an on-campus school, and as of this year, is now able to offer school to children all the way through their high school years, and the children are responding so well to this setup!
- Reality Fair: A presentation and Q&A about various life situations
- “Brantwood’s Got Talent”: Coming up soon!
- Meal of Thanksgiving: Can’t wait for this!
- Christmas Cookie Decorating & Shopping: Many of the children have never been able to give Christmas gifts—they are very excited to be able to do so this year!

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Our placement chairs Tandrea Elmore and April Wise have certainly made the most of this pairing. The first few months on this placement have been quite rewarding, and I look forward to future events with Brantwood Children’s Home.

L-R: Jessamyn Boyd, Tandrea Elmore, April Wise, Kynesha Brown, Nicole Lowe, Pamela Selmor, Nicci Jones, Michelle Fuller, and Elizabeth Williford.

The sound of women chatting and the aroma of hors d’oeuvres filled the Wynfield Conservatory well into Tuesday evening, September 11, 2012. Brick pathways through the estate’s gardens welcomed Junior League of Montgomery members, as excitement and anticipation overcame the organization’s newest provisional members, including myself.

Our advisors are a wonderful group of ladies serving on the provisional committee this year who are excited about welcoming the provisionals to the Junior League. Every provisional committee member has been assigned three to four women who are her advisees. She is responsible for checking in with her advisees to see if they have any questions and to make sure everything is going well for them during their provisional year. Provisional committee advisors are also planning social events with their advisees. The advisor/advisee system has helped open lines of communication and also offers a great way for our newest members to meet others in the League.

This year, our provisional class is taking part in an exciting mini-placement with the Hampstead Institute, an organization committed to promoting sustainable growth through education, agriculture, and sustainable design. During our September provisional class meeting, Melissa introduced Hampstead Institute’s executive director, Edwin Marty, who discussed the organization’s mission and upcoming volunteer opportunities. Our class members will volunteer to help the organization with a variety of projects, and we will be the first members of the Junior League to partner with the Hampstead Institute.

After the Hampstead presentation, Dell Murdock and Becky Farace provided additional in-depth information concerning the 2012 Taste of the River Region, before Stacey Kimmel and Kelly McDear highlighted our obligations and expectations for the 24th Annual Holiday Market. To conclude the September meeting, Ashley Miller, Angela McCormick and Laury Morgan (commonly mistaken for country singer Lorrie Morgan) introduced “Show Me the Money,” a JLM fundraising overview which provided great detail surrounding the organization’s fundraisers and dues. Needless to say, the provisional class members are well on their way to becoming fundraising experts!

Welcome, ladies, and congratulations on a successful 2012 Taste of the River Region! You did a fantastic job selling tickets and tables. Your tremendous dedication and commitment to serving others was also greatly appreciated at this year’s 24th Annual Holiday Market and ongoing provisional placement at Hampstead Institute! Next up: The Shamrock Shuffle 10K Run, taking place on March 16!

With such a large group of unique and talented women, the Junior League of Montgomery is excited to continue supporting its surrounding community and individuals. Well done, ladies, and happy holidays!
“When signing up for my MANE placement I did not know really what to expect. I just knew that I loved children and horses, so I thought together it would be fun. It was more than fun. It was such a rewarding experience to get to spend time with the students at MANE. Their eyes lit up each morning when they arrived at the barn and saw their horses.” —Anna Kate Bowen, MANE committee member

The Montgomery Area Nontraditional Equestrians (MANE) program is a non-profit organization formed in 1994 by a group of individuals who recognized the need for therapeutic horseback riding opportunities for children and adults with disabilities. Their mission is to improve the lives of children and adults with disabilities through safe and effective therapeutic riding programs. MANE holds a 501 (c)(3) corporation status and is a premier center accredited by Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH). MANE has been operated by a Board of Directors under the guidelines of the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA) since its conception.

MANE strives to provide a therapeutic horseback riding program that safely and effectively meets the therapeutic needs of individuals in the Montgomery area who have physical, cognitive, and/or developmental disabilities.

Summary of Camp Activities

The Summer unified Riding Camp is an annual camp that offers a setting where children (ages 4-14) with and without disabilities can work together towards a similar goal: independent horseback riding. Each week, the riders participate in horseback riding lessons, horsemanship lessons, general horse terminology, snack and craft time. Each Friday of camp the riders put on a horse show to demonstrate the skills they learned during the week. Family, friends and the general public are invited to join in!

The Junior League provided $6,000 to fund scholarships for 24 students to attend MANE summer camp for one week. These scholarships were provided to low-income families who had made scholarship requests to MANE. Only 10% of MANE’s program participants are able to pay full tuition.

The committee volunteers served as horse handlers and side-walkers. They assisted the children with the arts and crafts and snacks each day. The volunteers also assisted the children when learning their daily horsemanship functions, such as general grooming—brushing, combing, cleaning hooves, bathing, and tacking the horse. The riders learned general horse terms and tack such as: halter, hard brush, soft brush, reins, hoof pick, blanket, saddle, walk, trot, etc. The volunteers who weren’t opposed to getting a little dirty were able to clean stalls and feed and water the horses each day.

“Starting the week off, each child was assigned a horse that was theirs for the week. We helped them learn the parts of the horse, the names of the horse tack, how to take care of the horse, and of course, how to ride the horse. Some of the children had special needs, but when they got on their horses they forgot about all that,” said Anna Kate.

Each rider was able to learn and practice new riding techniques each day. They learned to make their horses “walk-on,” stop by saying “whoa” and trot by squeezing their legs and feet around the horses. They also learned to turn around barrels, weave around poles and could even complete an “Around the World” on the horses by the end of the week.

Anna Kate said, “It was really cool to be a part of this experience. They not only learned a lot about horses, they also learned responsibility and caring for animals. The end of the week was sad and sweet as we did our final horse show where the kids showed their parents all they had learned. They had to say goodbye to their horses and we got to say goodbye, as well. All the children got to take home crafts and pictures we had taken during the week so they could remember the camp. I will definitely sign up to volunteer at MANE again. What they do for children is amazing, by giving the children an experience they will never forget.”

MANE Committee Members

Anna Kate Bowen  Mandy Dubina
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The Holiday Market consisted of three shopping days which included special events, live entertainment and merchants from across the United States. Merchants offered unique gift ideas and holiday trends in a fun, family-friendly atmosphere at a great new location, the Montgomery Multiplex at Cramton Bowl.

“I am so excited that we were able to have the 24th annual Holiday Market at the new Montgomery Multiplex,” said Stacey Kimmel, Holiday Market Chairwoman. “Both our merchants and shoppers were overjoyed with the new venue. There was something for everyone at this year’s Holiday Market.”

In its 24th year, the Market was anything but typical. Holiday cheer and a toast to kick off the holiday season were all revelers and shoppers needed to feel that the “most wonderful time of the year” had begun. It was hard not to find something for everyone on your holiday list, plus a few things for yourself!

As usual, Junior League of Montgomery members were excellent hostesses assisting, decorating, organizing and coordinating all of the merchants, activities and special events that have become past favorites. “We had an incredible Holiday Market Steering Committee,” said Kimmel. “They worked tireless hours to make this event happen. These countless hours helped Junior League raise the funds that we need to continue our work in the community.”

From traditions such as the Preview Party and Silent Auction, Girls’ Night Out, as well as Santa’s Workshop, and a Sustainers’ brunch, it was hard to determine who was having more fun: the League volunteers, merchants or patrons attending the events. This year’s merchants had everything to help fill our stockings. You could find something for your mother and your best friend, as well as your sister-in-law who has everything! As people walked up and down the rows and rows of over 120 merchants, finding enough space on their arms to carry all of the soon-to-be treasures they purchased became a real issue! Luckily, in the center of everything, the League operated its giftwrap and bag check to help ease the burden of each shopper’s holiday load. Even the men in our lives were caught enjoying themselves, as grills and unique toys and gadgets danced like visions of sugarplums in their heads.

“We were excited to offer Mystery Money to our shoppers this year,” said Kimmel. “Shoppers received two $50 gift certificates for a cost of $25. The mystery is that they didn’t know which gift certificates they would receive from our great merchants. All proceeds of the Mystery Money are part of the funds that we raised at the Holiday Market.”

Whether you are a child who whispered his or her deepest desire to Santa, or just a child at heart, this year’s Holiday Market brought out the magic of the holidays. In 2013, the League will be celebrating its 25th annual Holiday Market. Be sure to join us, as proceeds from the Market will continue to fund the various community projects that the League supports, which help to strengthen women and families in the tri-county area.
Thank you to our Grand Investor River Bank & Trust and our other generous sponsors, our merchants, Holiday Market steering committee, Junior League volunteers and all of our shoppers, for your continued support and dedication!
Thank you for a successful Holiday Market! We hope to see you all next year!
Thanks to the Holiday Market Steering Committee for all their hard work in presenting another wonderful Market!

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MAO Food Pantry

By Deborah Hayes Moore

Junior League of Montgomery volunteers spent a memorable evening in September launching a “Stock the Pantry” initiative, and kicking-off a new partnership with Medical AIDS Outreach of Alabama.

We gathered to “Stack the Racks, Pack the Sacks, and Tag the Bags” in the Junior League Food Pantry—the first in the state of Alabama to be housed inside a clinic providing services for HIV/AIDS patients; and the first to provide every day onsite nourishment support as a key component to the full scope of care.

A year ago, the 2012 Sustainer of the Year, Dianne Teague, and I began our journey together to fulfill MAO’s dream of implementing this project. We knew the need was great, and the impact to the community would be even greater.

The General Membership agreed, and voted in the spring to award the largest grant of the year for the implementation of the pantry. The enthusiasm was infectious long before the night of the launch, and it built to a fever-pitch as committee members and special guest helpers, including Community Council VP Ashley White, and Dawn Stephens, the Junior League’s President Elect.

It was “all hands on deck” as everyone pitched in to unpack a previously empty space into an impressive location where a “teaching moment” for children and exposure to other family members on this as a simple, yet meaningful way to help others. Committee member Yulanda Tyre arrived with her daughter, Breanna, and the two have already made plans to form a team to support the pantry in the spring.

Strengthening Families

Realizing that proper nourishment is an important component of a successful treatment process, the Pantry was designed to help improve the health and quality of life of more than 200 clients who will receive free food and medical supplies from the pantry during its first year of operation. Taking things a step further, Junior League volunteers implemented the process to strengthen families by simultaneously providing food on a monthly basis for every member of each client’s household.

Hitting the ground running to bring a ray of hope to 600-800 very grateful recipients within the first quarter of its launch, the pantry is projected to lend a helping hand to 1850 people during its second year of operation.

One-stop Shop

The gratitude is heartfelt every time a client rings the doorbell of the Food Pantry and is handed boxes of pantry staples, insulated bags of refrigerated and frozen products. All are packed by committee members according to the specific needs of the recipient, as well as allergy alerts, and nourishment wishes.

Ending a client’s visit to the complex at the pantry was important to the initiative’s design. As a complement to a “one-stop” concept, departure from the pantry marks the conclusion to a time-saving experience for the client that begins with consultations in the physician’s suite, and continues at sessions with social workers, counselors, education and medical assistance personnel, and other service providers—all taking place under one roof.

Food Pantry Committee members are inspired everyday as they perform the acts of kindness that result in a client proudly going home to feed his/her family. MAO’s retention efforts are enriched by their incentive to return for scheduled appointments and subsequent food pantry pick-ups. Every time the process is repeated, it is a “win-win” for everyone.

A Suite in the Complex

Construction of the pantry took place during the summer, resulting in an inviting suite of three rooms that feature hardwood floors and relaxing accents in a client reception and waiting area, an office for volunteers and a nutritionist, and a storage and packing area for food products—all linked with secured access in a stand-alone area of the complex.

Junior League grant monies were used to purchase and install a commercial refrigerator and freezer, custom shelving and cabinetry, packing supplies, and grocery products that are being purchased through the support of the Montgomery Area Food Bank. From fresh produce to frozen meats, the pantry’s inventory of available foods is quite impressive, and includes special “Kid’s Corner” treats that are added to food boxes for families that include the young and young-at-heart.

A Nighttime Launch

During the process, committee members were inspired to think about and plan for their own proper nourishment, a component of the placement that was initiated in early August. To support their household shopping experiences, I designed “Stock the Pantry” market list pads and presented them with personalized “Save the Date” cards during a committee planning session to promote excitement about the launch of the food pantry.

The enthusiasm was infectious long before the night of the launch, and it built to a fever-pitch as committee members Sheena Allen, Jennifer Brown, Melissa Eubanks, Monica Gailes, Susan Hunt, Laura Knight, Tamaya Knox, Kristen Ryan and Julia Schneider arrived that evening to “stack the racks” and see the vision of a year ago become a reality.

All had been encouraged to use some portion of their time in the food pantry as “teaching moments” for children and exposure to other family members on this as a simple, yet meaningful way to help others. Committee member Yulanda Tyre arrived with her daughter, Breanna, and the two have already made plans to form a team to support the pantry in the spring.
MAO. Replicated on a large display for the reception area, the design was a surprise for MAO, and has since been adopted for use on all the “printables” associated with the project, as well as on a custom rug created for the pantry’s entrance by a vendor impressed by the mission.

Dinner as a Junior League Family

MAO’s Medical Director Laurie Dill, Dr. Prashanth Bhat, and MAO CFO Benita Hollis enthusiastically cheered the group during its work in the pantry. They also enjoyed a break in the action with the Junior League family as the committee hosted a seated and catered dinner within the medical and service complex.

In the spirit of family dinner conversation, the medical professionals satisfied the volunteers’ hunger for knowledge, while allowing to take time together to evolve into everyone getting to know each other better.

Liger’s Bakery owner, Lee Terrell, not only donated a special tray of treats as a sweet ending to the meal, he was so impressed by our project, he arrived to extend a personal “thank you” to the Junior League that became one of the highly inspirational moments of the night.

Packing the First Parcels

The evening concluded with volunteers packing the first parcels for client pick-up the next morning. Emotions ran high as the needs of a family of 10 were fulfilled, and as we learned that a family of two was in such dire need that we scurried to “pack the sacks” and “tag the bags” for delivery to them that evening. Admitting how touched they were by the placement activity just in its initial hours, volunteers didn’t want to leave.

That night was only the beginning, and yet it was an exceptional example of the Junior League at its best. The next morning, an email from Monica Gailes said it all, “I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed our event last night, and how excited I am to be a part of this committee. I am so thankful to be a part of an organization that is truly making a difference in the community.”

Since Then

Since then, our volunteers have continued to manage the process of the Food Pantry, and prepare it for future sustainability. Computers and flat screen monitors have been mounted to support the transition to a paperless environment.

I developed an online sign-in process for volunteers, as well as weekly and monthly pantry reports. Working with an IT professional, an inventory system was activated to log and track all incoming and outgoing food products, and to make statistics and “printables” available from the pantry to agency representatives anywhere on site.

The first team of volunteers is developing a "how-to" video to assist those that follow them in the pantry. With equipment already donated, barcode scanning is also among the enhancements scheduled for the next few months, as we make the Junior League’s Food Pantry a state of the art operation. Other JLM members have been inspired by the impact of this project including Jennifer Rogers, and 2012 Provisional Cathy Martin, who have volunteered on Mondays to help unpack
food deliveries, stack the shelves and set the pace for the week’s activities.

**Flexibility for Volunteers**

Of those who signed up on Placement Days to support the project, 93% of the committee’s members maintain careers outside of the home. The flexibility of the placement allowed each volunteer to select a day of service in the pantry each week, and to arrange her schedule to arrive before or after work to perform the tasks of readying parcels for pick-up the same, or next day. Sheena Allen leaves the courtroom, while LuAnn Knight makes the 45-minute drive to and from Troy, AL, to bond with other Junior Leaguers, and to help make a difference in the Pantry on Wednesday nights.

Though there were several ways to approach the “who and when” scheduling at the pantry, this committee formed 5-person teams, with each team supporting the effort for a 3-month period.

With great enthusiasm, Junior League President Suzanne Davidson signed on early as a member of this community placement in addition to her leadership duties. She will be joined by Amanda Seals Bersinger, Erica Strong and others as volunteers rotate at the end of November and February to take over the week-to-week responsibilities of ensuring the Food Pantry continues to run smoothly.

**Environment Friendly**

Members of the placement selected a day and time of service, via a shift sign-up component developed for the committee’s groupshare on Digital Cheetah, to make it just as easy to support this project as it is to select Holiday Market shifts.

This committee is also successfully using groupshare as a repository for placement documents, agendas, meeting notes and photos; to post and collect questions, answers and action items; and to publish “news” and announcements pertinent to the project, as well as the League, and the community. Making it possible for all to get the same message, and to see the same thing, this paperless method of shared online resources also helps make this committee environment-friendly.

**Mentoring First Years**

Recognizing that 50% of the committee is comprised of First Year Actives, this committee was also the first to establish formal mentor partnerships, setting the bar for the rest of the League. Providing a support system during their first community placement, they now have a “sister-friend” to help navigate the League in general.

With several duo and group activities planned for the organizational year, the relationships were kicked off with lunch dates, emails, and “thinking of you” snail mail and e-cards that were shared between the pairings, before the entire committee gathered to celebrate the passion of their League experiences during Bang-Bang-Shrimp Night at Bonefish Grill.

**Involving Sustainers**

Recognizing the achievements of this placement, Heather Coleman, the League’s 2009-2010 President, remarked during the evening, “Our organization is lucky to have these women dedicating themselves to improving the lives of others. Their project is uplifting, enjoyable and worthy of our efforts; and is exactly what a Junior League placement is supposed to be all about.”

As the committee’s Sustaining Advisor, Heather helped spearhead “Helping for the Holidays.” This project-within-a-project focused the spotlight on area Sustainers, who were invited to resume active duty for a few hours during the season of thanks and giving.

For one week in November, they supported this very important cause, and enjoyed the fellowship as they packed special grocery boxes for every family participating in the Food Pantry program. With others following suit for one week in December, those who have helped build the legacy of this League help make sure clients have an opportunity to enjoy dinner with turkey, ham, and all the trimmings. These assembly-line-style days of service link Sustainers with committee Actives and Provisionals to ignite the power of “one mission, one membership, one League.”

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AN INTERVIEW WITH KATHY SAWYER

By Victoria Belton

“It feels good to know that the League has evolved and that race is no longer an issue. It now reflects the community without sacrificing League values.” —Kathy Sawyer

It all started over lunch. Elizabeth Mahaney, Candice Butterfield, Carmen McCullough, Angela Foshee and I met with our VP, Jenny Thieszen, for a Communications Council lunch meeting in September. Jenny happened to mention the monthly observances that were upcoming, one of which is Black History Month in February. Elizabeth chimed in that her mother was a provisional with the first black member of the Junior League of Montgomery: Kathy Sawyer. With Black History month approaching in February, our committee thought it would be intriguing to contact Kathy to get her observations of what it was like to be our first Black member. I recently had the amazing opportunity to sit down and converse with Kathy Sawyer face to face, and it was an experience I will never forget.

Who would have known that another lunch invite, over 20 years ago, would change our Junior League forever? Kathy was invited to lunch by Lynn Beshear, Martha Bridges, Ellen Brooks, Barbara Larson and Caroline Novak. At this lunch, Kathy was asked to help integrate the League. While a bit hesitant at first, what helped her commit was the voluntarism of the League. She was impressed with how the League members volunteered and the numerous projects with which members were constantly involved. As a result of her service on community boards and participation in Leadership Montgomery Class III, Kathy already knew several members of the League. It was in the fall of 1990 when Kathy first attended her provisional meeting.

Her provisional class was just like all the others, with meetings, placements and more meetings! Overall, Kathy received a warm welcome and no overt disdain. She made friends with Denise Simmons, who was also a provisional class member. Kathy and Denise are still friends today and they attend Alabama football games whenever they get a chance!

As a member of the League, Kathy found her niche with several community service projects. She enjoyed working with the Rummage Sale (now known as Bloomingdeals), Camp Sunshine for Girls and Success by 6. Kathy realized her love for the League was truly centered on the volunteer hours of community service because the League’s impact involved much more than just donating money.

During her League tenure she served on the Board in numerous capacities. She has been named Sustainer of the Season and recognized by the national Association of the Junior League of America. Kathy also received the Women in Leadership Award. Kathy was named Sustainer of the Season and one of 100 Outstanding League members. Kathy has one child, a son named Corran.

As we continued our conversation, we also discovered that not only are we League members, but we are also sorority sisters. Kathy and I are members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She was a charter member for Theta Sigma Chapter at the University of Alabama in 1974, and I became a member in the spring of 2002 (small world)! We discussed the similarities and differences of integrating and chartering. “It was a different era at UA because there were many black students and the timing was right,” said Kathy. “Having a collective vision is what made the chapter chartering so successful.” Same as within the League, “the time was right.” People were ready for change; thus timing made it successful for the League, as well.

Kathy retired from the Alabama Department of Mental Health Resources Group. She divides her time between Washington, D.C. and Montgomery. Kathy has one child, a son named Corran.

Lastly, we discussed what books she was reading at the moment. On Kathy’s nightstand are the following books: Being the Effective Leader by Michael Nicholas and To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee. She likes to read about people who do risky things and go against what’s comfortable. It seems as though art imitates life with her book choices.

As our conversation came to a close she left me with this saying, “You are who you are; each experience builds on itself. Remain true to yourself.” Kathy Sawyer is an integrationist because she comes in and opens doors for others. I am thankful to have met such an amazing person.
First, my panel of critics:

After earning her degree in May 2011 from Cumberland School of Law, Cody Colson accepted a position as a staff attorney with the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals. During law school, Cody had internships with both the Office of Governor and the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals, and, prior to law school, worked full-time for the Alabama Trucking Association. Cody received an accounting degree from Auburn University where she was a member of Phi Mu sorority. In her free time, Cody enjoys traveling, snow-skiing, and spending time with her dog, Beau. Cody and her husband, Mark, who works for the Business Council of Alabama, are members of First United Methodist Church and reside in Cloverdale.

Karen Herman is beginning her fifth year with the League. Through her membership, she has met some extraordinarily incredible women and gained many new friendships. Married thirty “wouldn’t-trade-them-for-anything” years with David, they have a daughter, Mallory, who recently moved to Chicago for her first job! At 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 31, 2012, she plans to retire from her position as chief accountant with the State of Alabama, Office of the Attorney General.

Felicia Long, a native of Montgomery, is married to Bobby Long and they have a Yorkshire Terrier named Samson. Felicia is a civil litigation and insurance defense attorney at Haskell, Slaughter, Young & Gallion, LLC. She represents a diverse client base in state and federal courts throughout Alabama, and enjoys helping both people and businesses alike resolve their differences if and when possible. Felicia is active in numerous legal and community organizations and serves on the Board of Directors for the Montgomery County Bar Association, Jimmy Hitchcock Memorial Award (President), Junior League of Montgomery, Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church, Metro YMCA, Britton YMCA (past chair), and is a member of the Hugh Maddox Inns of Court. Over the past several years, she has also enjoyed teaching the youth in our community about the judicial system by serving as a coach for the Alabama Youth Judicial Program. Felicia also enjoys traveling and reading a good book when she has the opportunity. Several months ago, she traveled to the blue lagoon islands of Bora Bora and TaHa, where she read an appropriately titled book for the setting called The Island by Elin Hilderbrand. More recently, she and Bobby returned to Peru where they have been working with a local missionary for several years. Felicia was inspired by a book titled Heaven is for Real that she read on her flight home. She shares her thoughts on these two books below.

Books ON THE Nightstand
Compiled by Marcy L. Ingram

Looking for a great book to cozy up with by a fire for a little downtime? Or maybe you’re looking for an action packed afternoon without leaving home. Three Junior League members have some great recommendations for you this season.
The Island by Elin Hilderbrand

The novel chronicles his early years as he was first discovering his love of painting and developing the "new wave" of Impressionism which the French (and the world) did not readily accept. Camille Doncieux, whom he later married, was the source of much inspiration to him—he could be readily accept. Camille Doncieux, whom he later married, was the source of much inspiration to him—he could be

Claude and Camille by Stephanie Cowell

First of all, Monet is one of my favorite artists, an Impressionist genius who made the world a more beautiful canvas by producing his interpretive paintings of natural scenes. This novel chronicles his early years as he was first discovering his love of painting and developing the "new wave" of Impressionism which the French (and the world) did not readily accept. Camille Doncieux, whom he later married, was the source of much inspiration to him—he could be extraordinarily passionate toward her one day, and then turn and totally neglect her the next day. This book was written as if the writer were present right then, observing all the nuances and behaviors of 19th century France and transporting those relationships and settings directly to me, the reader. This novel is very poignant, very inspiring, et ecrit avec de couleur. (Highly recommended reading!)

Killing Lincoln by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard

Prompted by all the hype about this historical murder of one of America's most influential presidents, I had to read it for myself and I can honestly say that it is a thought-provoking and touching account of what conceivably may have transpired in the few weeks before and after President Lincoln was assassinated. The dialogue is realistic as it follows the detailed timetable of the closing days of the Civil War and holds the reader captive to the text, waiting for the next vividly described scene. Reading it was as if I was right there, experiencing every wrenching moment. Well written, this story is powerfully emotional, yet sadly memorable. (Made me want to read more historical novels.)

An Irish Country Christmas by Patrick Taylor

I am not sure if it was simply the title that caught my attention and made me bring it home, but I'm very glad I did. It is a story set in the mid-1960's in Northern Ireland, in December. There are two down-to-earth country doctors, one older and pleasantly curmudgeonly, and his younger protégé, naively innocent just out of medical school, both of whom deal with the day-to-day trivialities and alternating serious issues facing their joint practice. The characteristics of their patients and other locals who entwine themselves in each other's lives make for very entertaining reading. Complete with local flavor in speech, habits, and traditions, I found this story delightful, funny, and joyful. (I plan to read it again this winter.)

Cody's Picks:

This Side of Paradise by F. Scott Fitzgerald

A "coming of age" novel, This Side of Paradise follows the life of Amory Blaine from adolescence to college. This Side describes with meticulous detail—relationships, loved and lost, to success coupled with disappointment in his studies—Amory's quest for self-knowledge. I found Fitzgerald's first novel to be an intelligent depiction of life and its realities.

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Another "coming of age" novel, Jane Eyre focuses on the life of Jane, an orphaned child turned boarding-school student turned governess. Jane, a strong, independent woman, eventually falls for her employer who deceives her and sends her down a path of re-discovery. I found Jane Eyre to be a story of bravery and empowerment and one that any young woman should read.
Thank You
New Sustainers!

We would like to recognize the following women for their continued service and support of the Junior League of Montgomery. They have all moved into a new position of sustainer; however, we know they will continue in their dedication to the League!

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Wendy Anzalone  Sharon Hubbert  Katie Steinwinder
Amy Brown  Jennifer Miller  Amy Strickland
Marnie Dillon  Mary Pool

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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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One of the most highly anticipated aspects of this event is the financial aid seminar presented by Ms. Betty Edwards from Trenholm State Technical College. Ms. Edwards has graciously donated her time, knowledge, and informational material for the past four years. One of the highlights of this seminar is the essential information regarding the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form as well as applications for various grants and loans. Every year, this part of College and Career night garners amazing feedback, and this year was no exception.

A primary focus of this event is parental involvement. Amanda Stout, a twelfth grader at Prattville High School, attended for the first time with her father, Tom Stout. Both were surprised with the number of colleges and universities represented at the event and felt it was good to have the opportunity to dialogue with representatives from each program. For the Stout family, the most enjoyable aspect was the number of out of state schools represented, and they recommend this event to friends and other parents. The attendees were not the only group that was pleased with Junior League of Montgomery’s College and Career Night. The recruiters were very impressed with the caliber of students that attended the event. All were looking forward to the opportunity to attend next year on September 16, 2013.

Shalisa Gooden Magee served as the chair of the 28th Annual College and Career Night. Magee and her committee are most proud of having the opportunity to be a part of a tradition that provides such a unique service for the River Region. A special thanks to WSFA for their coverage and support, MC-2 for providing bags, and Subway (Coliseum Blvd location) for making this year’s event a great success.
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It was a flavorful affair that drew a hungry crowd of hundreds to the Renaissance Convention Center. The Junior League of Montgomery and Alabama Restaurant Association’s 4th Annual Taste of the River Region (TRR) served up a heaping helping of delicious food and fresh funds ($16,600) to benefit numerous community projects.

As the doors opened, a crowd that filled the convention center lobby filed in and Junior League Provisional volunteers quickly worked the line, collecting tickets from more than 650 diners. Kimberly Baker, TRR co-chair, said, "I was so proud of this provisional class. Their enthusiasm during Taste of the River Region was so wonderful. I enjoyed seeing everyone having fun and working so hard for our community. I also want to thank Dell and the ladies of our committee for all their hard work. A good time was had by all!"

With plates and forks in hand, diners worked their way through the ballroom, stopping at as many restaurant booths as possible. They had more to tempt their taste buds this year. Thirty-four vendors participated—the most in the event’s history, and the cuisine variety ran the gamut.

"This year’s event was a great success. The attendees, as well as the restaurants who participated, really seemed to enjoy themselves while giving back to the community. This provisional class did an exceptional job serving as volunteers and hostesses for the night. The Junior League of Montgomery is very fortunate to have a great partnership over the past four years with the Alabama Restaurant Association to put on the event," said Dell Murdock, Taste of the River Region Committee Chair.

League Member Stefanie Hicks emceed the event along with Doug Amos. The evening’s entertainment was provided by popular Montgomery singer/guitarist Kip Traylor. CBS 8’s Jessica Gertler and Jeff Sanders judged the "Best Of" categories:

- **Best Beef Entrée**: Ox Yoke Steakhouse (beef kabobs)
- **Best Chicken Entrée**: Chicken Salad Chick (variety of chicken salads including Classic Carol, Fruity Frann, Fancy Nancy, and Buffalo Barclay)
- **Best Pork Entrée**: Varsity BBQ (Boston Butt, chopped at the venue)
- **Best Seafood Entrée**: Aw Shucks Oyster Bar and Grill (seafood gumbo)
- **Best Soup/Chowder**: Baumhower’s (yard bird gumbo)
- **Best Southern Fixin’s**: Martha’s Place (collard greens, black-eyed peas, cornbread)
- **Best Dessert**: Gigi’s Cupcakes (Wedding, Midnight Magic, Peppermint Patty, Pumpkin, White Midnight Magic, Strawberry Shortcake, and Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough)
- **Best Decorated Booth**: Carver High School Culinary Arts Program

The evening wrapped up about 9:00 pm, with a few lingering diners enjoying the event down to the last bite.

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By Katy Sulhoff
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In each issue of League Logs, we will feature a group of our Provisional members so everyone can get to know our newest League ladies a little better! Please greet these new members when you see them at our next event!

Rebecca’s favorite traditions is listening to the old Christmas classics during the holidays. Rebecca is looking forward to lots of volunteer opportunities and new friends.

Pride, from Mobile, AL, enjoys painting, the piano, and Jane Austen books, especially Rebecca Boykins the outdoors. In addition to serving as Raycom Media’s Mobile Marketing Specialist, she is a co-founder and PR Director for the Auburn League. She enjoys volunteering for various organizations and passionate about giving back to the community, in hopes of helping as many in need as possible.

Nikki Bagley, from Pensacola, FL, enjoys anything related to the outdoors. In addition to owning a Marathon Media’s Mobile Marketing Specialist, she is a co-founder and PR Director for the Auburn League. She enjoys volunteering for various organizations and passionate about giving back to the community, in hopes of helping as many in need as possible.

Julie Battison, from Macon, GA, is a Gift of Life Foundation social worker and enjoys George Bailey. I also owns seven dogs and he enjoys to volunteer for various organizations and passionate about giving back to the community, in hopes of helping as many in need as possible.

Kimberly Campbell, from Montgomery, enjoys watching Away, with her children and visiting Callaway gardens during the holidays. Her favorite movies are The Polar Express and Away.

Jodie Battison, from Millbrook, AL, likes crafting, the arts (music and visual), gardening, and taking care of her dogs. She enjoys self-help books and her favorite movie is Star Wars. Jodie’s family decorates their Christmas tree each year by listening to Christmas music, drinking hot chocolate and eating popcorn! Jodie has volunteered with the Montgomery Zoo, and looks forward to meeting new people through the Junior League.

Kimberly DeLongchamp, from Millwood, AL, enjoys crafting, the arts (music and visual), gardening, and taking care of her dogs. She enjoys self-help books and her favorite movie is Star Wars. Jodie’s family decorates their Christmas tree each year by listening to Christmas music, drinking hot chocolate and eating popcorn! Jodie has volunteered with the Montgomery Zoo, and looks forward to meeting new people through the Junior League.

Amanda Collins, from Selma, AL, enjoys sewing, smocking, cooking, crocheting and gardening. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). Amanda’s favorite holiday memories are Christmas meals. She looks forward to meeting new people in Montgomery, developing new friendships and getting connected in the community.

Brittany Hanny, from Hope Hull, AL,namespace at Pettus Baptist Church, and loves Crochet, running, movies and shopping. She really enjoys Nicholas Spark’s books and run. Her favorite book is A Christmas Carol and Biltmore. Brittany’s fondest memories are of her grandmother, a tremendous role model in her life. She looks forward to increasing her community service through the Junior League and meeting new people.

Michelle Patterson, from Childersburg, AL, enjoys reading, shopping and crafting. Her favorite book is A Confident Horse by Renee Swope and her favorite movie is Coming to America. Her favorite traditions include alternating Alabama games and spending time with her family at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Through the League, Michelle wants to learn ways to be a blessing to others.

Deise Russell, from Waxahachie, TX, enjoys traveling, photography live music, and writing. Her favorite movie is The Dark Knight. Deise volunteers with the American Cancer Society through their Junior Executive Board and Relay for Life. She looks forward to increasing her community service through the Junior League and meeting new people.

Melody Kitchen, from from Hixson, TN, enjoys touring, photography life music, and writing. Her favorite movie is The Great Gatsby. Melody volunteers with the American Cancer Society through their Junior Executive Board and Relay for Life. She looks forward to increasing her community service through the Junior League and meeting new people.
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