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Editor's Notes

Fall is here! The tell-tale signs are all around us: cooler evenings, shorter days, and of course, football on Saturdays. As our routines return to normal after what was hopefully a restful summer, this is the perfect time to look ahead and consider what we want this 2015-2016 year to be. The staff of *League Logs* wants these four issues you receive to be timely, well-reported, and a true showcase for the great work being done by the Junior League of Montgomery and our partner organizations.

In 2016, the Junior League of Montgomery will celebrate its 90th year providing philanthropy to our city and community to our members. As we prepare for this anniversary, *League Logs* will be bringing you a look into the League's history throughout the decades. This edition, we have a special feature on the first president of the League, Lillie Lee Minier. She led a vibrant life that ended in tragedy—but we don't want to spoil the article.

This edition also includes a glimpse of our first General Membership Meeting. Stephen Black's inspirational words provided the perfect kickoff to the year. It can be all too easy to get lost in the details of our work and forget the big picture: the Junior League of Montgomery exists to make life better for the residents of our city. It's a lofty goal, but a vital one.

Each of the four *League Logs* this year will spotlight our community partners and the work the League is doing in conjunction with them. The vision and unique missions of these organizations help us keep our fingers on the pulse of what Montgomery needs and how we can help lessen our city's problems.

The legacy of the Junior League of Montgomery is a powerful one, and we are proud to be a part of the continued work of such an organization. Join us as we look at the League's fascinating past, present, and future.

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President's *Message*

I am so humbled to be the 90th President of the Junior League of Montgomery. I remember my first provisional meeting nearly 12 years ago like it was yesterday. I was so proud to be a new member and wanted to hit the ground running. The saying "if I only knew then what I know now" comes to mind. I thought I understood my city and my community; in fact, I was sure I was doing my part. It was not until I finished my first community placement with Brantwood Children's Home that I realized I did not have a clue about the deep needs of our community. The Junior League of Montgomery gave me the opportunity to work with so many non-profits and experience up close what it means to serve. I understand now to serve is not just something you do, but something you live. My hope is our new provisional class will have the same experience I did so many years ago. My wish for our entire membership is that you enjoy your time in the Junior League, share your gifts and talents with those less fortunate, and never take your good fortune for granted.

What will your legacy be? This is the question I will be asking our membership as the Junior League of Montgomery celebrates 90 years of passion and purpose in Montgomery and the River Region. We have so much to be proud of and so much to celebrate. This year we will be sharing the story of the Junior League of Montgomery and how we have made a lasting impact on this great city. We will also highlight some of the agencies we helped establish since 1926. Most importantly, we will spend this year doing what we do best – paying it forward with our #90for90 campaign. We will select a worthy non-profit every month to receive 90 gifts from our membership. Giving back is where we shine and why we have been in existence for 90 years. As we embrace our history and share our legacy, I ask you one question... What will your legacy be?

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PRESIDENT **KIMBERLY BAKER**



Kimberly is serving as the Junior League of Montgomery's 90th President. She is from Philadelphia, Pa., and spent her career after college primarily in the healthcare industry. She advanced to Director of Sales and Marketing for a large ophthalmic surgical device company before moving to Montgomery to raise her family.

Kimberly has served the Junior League in many different areas. She has been the President-Elect, Membership Vice

President, Nominating Vice President, Member at Large as well as served on Community Research, Membership Council and Fund Development Committees. She has chaired and co-chaired Taste of the River Region. Kimberly has volunteered with and chaired various placements throughout the years such as Medical Outreach Ministries, DHR Back to School, ClefWorks, Brantwood Children's Home and Impact Alabama.

In her spare time, Kimberly serves on the Hands on River Region Board of Directors, Medical AIDS Outreach Advisory Board, Montgomery Music Project Advisory Board, and is the past president, vice president, outreach chair and artistic chair of the ClefWorks Board of Directors. She is a former United Way Big Sister, Cancer Care Center volunteer, and is the current Chair for Hittin' for Hospice.

Kimberly attends Christchurch where she volunteers as a Sunday School teacher and is serving as this year's VBS co-chair.

Kimberly enjoys any type of fitness, and just completed her first marathon. In her spare time, she enjoys weight training, playing tennis, spending time with her family and friends and traveling when she can get away.

Kimberly is married to Benjamin E. Baker, Jr., a shareholder at The Beasley Allen Law Firm. They have three children: Isabella, Benjamin and Liam.



President-Elect
KELLI WISE

Kelli Wise, a native of Geneva County, spent her childhood in Daleville, AL, and her teenage years in Prattville. She graduated from Auburn University with a degree in Biology/Nursing. Kelli received her JD from Jones School of Law and also holds a Masters of Public Administration from Auburn Montgomery. She was elected to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals in 2000 and served as Presiding Judge until her election to the Supreme Court of Alabama in 2012.

Kelli joined the Junior League of Montgomery “too many years ago to remember,” has held numerous leadership positions, and served on various committees including Teen Court, Child Protect, Meals on Wheels, Public Affairs Chair, Holiday Market Decorations Chair and Preview Party Chair, Rummage Sale Steering Committee, MANE, Community Council, Operations Council, Membership Council, Community Research Chair, Governance Chair, and Communications Council VP. She is active in the community, serving on the board of directors for Family Sunshine Center, Max Credit Union, Distinguished Young Woman of Alabama (Formerly Junior Miss), and the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. She also serves on committees for Vintage Affair, Museum of Fine Arts Bazaar d’Art and Art Auction, Montgomery Symphony League, Alabama Juvenile Justice Task Force and various professional and political organizations.

Kelli is married to former Montgomery County District Court Judge Arthur Ray, who is originally from Huntsville and currently serves as legal counsel for the Alabama Department of Labor. They are the proud parents of Hanah-Mathis, a rising 10th grader at St. James School. The family attends St. James United Methodist Church where Kelli has taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. In her free time, Kelli enjoys spending time at the lake and Jordan-Hare stadium.



Finance Council VP
CARINA TOLLIVER

Carina Tolliver grew up in Luka, MS, and moved to Montgomery in 1994. Carina graduated from Faulkner University with a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and from Troy University with a Master of Science in Management. Currently, Carina is a Business Analyst for Integrated Data Services.

Since joining the League in 2008, Carina has served in several areas such as Bridge Builders, League Logs Business Manager, Taste of the River Region Secretary, ClefWorks, Rummage Sale Assistant Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer of the League.

Carina is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, where she serves on the Finance Committee and Community Service Committee.

Carina is married to Jerimondus, who is a Montgomery Police Officer. They have three children, Michael, Jahsul, and Sayunna.



Community Council VP
FELICIA LONG

Felicia is from Montgomery, and practices law with Hill, Hill, Carter, Franco, Cole, & Black, P.C., representing clients in a variety of civil litigation and insurance defense matters.

Felicia's past Junior League placements include Membership Council Vice President, Operations Council Vice President, Governance Chair, Holiday Market Steering committee (Secretary, Gift Wrap chair, and Food Solicitations chair), Bridge Builders committee, and S.T.E.P. Ballet Foundation committee. In the community, Felicia serves on the Metro YMCA Board of Directors, Britton YMCA Board of Directors (past chairman), Jimmy Hitchcock Memorial Award Board of Directors (past president), American Red Cross of Central Alabama Board of Directors, MACOA Board of Directors, and the Board of Trustees for Frazer United Methodist Church. She is also on the Board of Directors for the Montgomery County Bar Association, where she helps plan the bar association's annual charity event. Felicia enjoys coaching student teams who participate in Alabama's Youth Judicial Program each year, which provides high school students an opportunity to learn about the judicial branch of government through the preparation and presentation of a mock case.

Felicia is married to Bobby Long, who is an Equity Analyst at Retirement Systems of Alabama. They have a Yorkshire Terrier named Samson, and enjoy traveling and the outdoors.



Communications VP
MICHELLE MOWERY

Michelle Mowery came to Alabama from Texas, as a student at The University of Alabama. As a member of Pi Beta Phi, she capped her time at The Capstone by winning the Southeast Regional Competition for Collegiate Ad Teams, and attended The National Competition with The Alabama Ad Team. Michelle graduated with Honors in 1999 with a degree in Public Relations and Communications.

She began a career in Public Relations in Atlanta with a job at global top 5 firms Golin-Harris and Ketchum Public Relations. Deemed indispensable to an account, Michelle moved into medical sales.

Her sales experience, and love, brought Michelle to settle in Montgomery in 2006. While attending a wedding, Michelle met her future husband, David. Michelle and David settled in Montgomery, where she continued her work with CIBA Vision, and he started a thriving political consulting and public relations firm, The Mowery Consulting Group.

Michelle and David have two sons, Matthew George and Davidson Mays. She continues her career as a salesperson with two children because of her passion for the job, her clients, and a desire to set a strong example for her children and the children of Montgomery who come in contact with the programs of the Junior League.

She joined the League as a provisional member in 2006, and has served in many communications-centered placements around the Holiday Market and League Media Relations. In 2011, she served as Fundraising Council VP.

David, Michelle and their children attend First United Methodist Church of Montgomery. Michelle continues her career in the field of sales with Lamar Advertising.



Fundraising VP
ALLISON PRILLAMAN

Allison Prillaman, a Montgomery native, is currently a mortgage loan officer at Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, formerly Residential Mortgage. She has been in the mortgage business for the past 11 years. She graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Allison has been a member of the Junior League of Montgomery since 2006 and has served in different capacities since she joined. She served as chairman for Holiday Market after being on that committee for four years. She also worked on the Shamrock Shuffle committee and most recently served as corresponding secretary. Her passion is in fundraising events.

Allison recently married Nick and started attending St. John's Episcopal Church. She was previously a member of Frazer United Methodist Church where she served on the Board of Stewards and Joel Committee.

Allison is an avid fitness person! She has run several marathons and currently uses her spare time to teach at MetroFitness. Her favorite classes include TRX, Insanity and Barre. She also enjoys spending time with her husband, Nick, and their pets Louie and Gertie.



Membership Council VP
MOLLY STONE

Molly Stone, a native of North Louisiana, has lived in Alabama since leaving home for Auburn University in 1997. She graduated from Auburn in International Business in 2000 and settled in her husband's hometown of Montgomery. Molly began her career in non-profits as the Development Officer at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, spent some time as a contract grant writer, and became the Executive Director of the Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless in 2010. There, she is responsible for coordinating the process to receive over \$2 million in federal funding annually for local homeless and housing programs and working toward the goal of ending homelessness in the River Region.

Molly joined the Junior League of Montgomery in 2006. She was Holiday Market Chair in 2011, after previously serving as Co-Chair and Merchant Relations Chair. She has also served as League Relations Chair, League Lines Editor and Co-Editor, chaired the BTW Dance Community Placement and volunteered with ClefWorks and the Decorators' Showhouse. At various times, Molly has been a member of Community Council, Fundraising Council, and Communications Council. She also attended AJLI's Organizational Development Institute in 2011 as a representative of JLM.

In the community, Molly sits on the boards of directors of Health Services, Inc., the Montgomery Area Community Wellness Coalition, and the Alabama Alliance to End Homelessness. She also served on the 2014 River Region Living Citizen of the Year Advisory Committee. Molly is married to Brandon Stone, an attorney with Stone Law Group in Millbrook. She and Brandon have two daughters, Audrey (7) and Anna (3). They are active members of First Baptist Church spend their free time enjoying Montgomery's cultural activities, supporting Auburn University, and visiting family.



Operations VP
MITZI COLE

Mitzi Cole, originally from Madison, WI, relocated to Montgomery in 1999. The Director of Human Resources and Privacy Officer for the United Methodist Children's Home, she celebrated her eleven year anniversary in May 2015. She received her Master's Degree in Human Resource Management from Troy State University and her Bachelor's Degree in Communication Arts from the University of Wisconsin—Madison.

A member of the Junior League of Montgomery since 2009, she has served most recently as the recording secretary, and has served as the corresponding secretary, chair for the Impact Alabama placement and on the Membership Council. She has completed Ready. Set. Geaux!, Impact Alabama, and Taste of the River Region placements. Mitzi was recognized as one of the League's "Women to Watch" during our May 2014 General Membership meeting.

Outside of the League, Mitzi has been an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® for seventeen years. A member of the Montgomery Chapter since 1999, she currently serves as the corresponding secretary, protocol chairman and chairman of the Ivy Foundation of Montgomery, Alabama, Inc. In September 2014, she was appointed to the position of Area Cluster Coordinator by the South Eastern Regional Director. She began service to the River Region United Way in 2014 as a member of their board of directors. In her spare time, Mitzi enjoys going to the gym, reading and shopping.

Mitzi has a husband, Lawrence Cole, and a son, Lawrence Timothy 'Clay' Cole.



Nominating VP
LISA FIORE

Lisa Shelton Fiore is serving as Nominating Vice President. Lisa grew up in Spartanburg, SC, and attended Clemson University where she received a BS in Business Management. Lisa moved to Montgomery with her husband, Richard, in 1998 and has three children, Phipps, Camp and Richland. She currently teaches the "Older-3s" preschool class at Trinity Presbyterian Church Preschool.

Lisa joined the Junior League of Montgomery in 2004 and has served the community through the Medical Outreach Ministries committee and ClefWorks committee which she also chaired. In the League, Lisa has served on the Education & Training Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Membership Council and the Provisional Committee which she chaired during the 2013-2014 League year.

Lisa enjoys spending time with her family, participating in Cloverdale-Idlewild events, reading, and cooking.



Laura Preston Maxey is a native of Monroeville, AL, and is a CPA in the Special Projects department at ALFA Insurance. Since joining the League, Laura has served on the Adullam House Committee, Community Council Committee as co-chair of Impact Alabama, Meals on Wheels Committee, and she has held the role of Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer of the League. Other past community activities include acting as the Alumnae New Member Coordinator and Alumnae VP Finance for the Alpha Gamma Delta—Theta Beta Chapter, hosting college athletes for the Blue Grey Tennis Tournament, and serving as a Loaned Executive for United Way.

Laura is married to Stan Maxey, who is a partner in Value-Centers, LLC. They attend First United Methodist Church and have a little Bichon named Gemma. In her spare time she enjoys traveling, competing in obstacle races, and working out with her Unleashed Potential Fitness family.

Kelly Pate will be serving as the 2015-2016 Governance Chair. Kelly is a partner in the Montgomery office of Balch and Bingham and is a member of the Labor and Employment and Litigation Sections. She has an active civil litigation practice in Alabama federal and state courts. Kelly attended the University of Alabama for her undergraduate studies and earned her law degree from the University of Alabama. Prior to joining Balch, Kelly served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Joel F. Dubina, United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit. Among other things, Kelly has been involved on the board of directors for the Britton YMCA, the Federal Bar Association, and the Society for Human Resource Management.

Kelly is married to Jason and they have two wonderful, busy four year old twin boys, Alden and Grady.



Advisory Strategic Planning
ELIZABETH LAWLOR

Elizabeth has a bachelor's degree in English from Birmingham-Southern College and a master of public administration from Auburn University Montgomery. Elizabeth's prior League service includes Community Council Vice President, Rummage Sale co-chair, Provisional Committee Chair, Community Research committee member, Signature Project Communications chair, and chair of several community placements.

In the community, Elizabeth is currently Chair of the Montgomery Landmarks Foundation, a member of the Board of Leadership Montgomery and a Class XXIII graduate, and a member of the National League of Junior Cotillions Montgomery Chapter Board. She is the coordinator for the Montgomery area BSC alumni association.

A life-long Montgomerian, Elizabeth married Jim Lawlor in 1999. Elizabeth and Jim have three sons, Collin (14), William (12) and Thomas (8) who all love soccer, baseball and reading. Elizabeth and Jim both volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America. She serves as the Pack 15 assistant cubmaster and as den mother, and he serves as Pack treasurer. She is also very active in the PTAs at both Bear Exploration Center and Floyd Middle Magnet School, where her boys attend.

Elizabeth is an avid Auburn fan and enjoys family tailgating on the Plains. She is also an enthusiastic baseball fan (especially for the Red Sox) and has visited more than half of the major league baseball fields in the U.S. and Canada. In her (very) spare time, Elizabeth loves reading, snapping pictures, spending time with family and friends, and taking her children on fun (and educational) trips.



Sustaining Advisor
HEATHER COLEMAN DAVIS

Heather Coleman Davis, a native of Montgomery, started her career in the business community where she managed an international telecommunications company. In 1996 she was recruited to manage a \$15 million non-profit organization, Reading Alabama, Inc. In October 2002, Mrs. Davis was recruited to be the Governmental Affairs Director for Alabama River Pulp Companies and Parsons & Whittemore, Inc. Mrs. Davis has over 20 years experience in all phases of governmental affairs, government regulations, policy, public relations, publicity, business development and developing communication programs designed to build awareness, understanding and support for key initiatives.

Mrs. Davis is the 2015 River Region United Way Campaign Chair. She is a founding member of the Alabama Communities of Excellence, Destin Harvest and the Montgomery Botanical Gardens at Oak Park. She has served as Board President for Alabama World Trade Association, The Family Sunshine Center, Alabama Dance Theatre, The Rotary Club of Montgomery and the Junior League of Montgomery. Mrs. Davis currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Capital City Club as Vice Chair, Children First Foundation Board as Treasurer, 4-H Foundation Board, Family Sunshine Center Board, and on the Governance Committee for the Girls Scouts of Southern Alabama. She has served as vice-president of the board for the Alabama 4-H Foundation and the River Region United Way. Mrs. Davis has served as vice chair of the Permanent Joint Legislative Committee on Energy-Environment and currently serves on the Board of the Alabama International Airport Authority. In 2008, Mrs. Davis received the Daughters of the American Revolution Excellence in Community Service Award. She is married to Greg Davis and together they have five children.



Recording Secretary
TAKENYA ROGERS

Takenya Rogers grew up in Montgomery. She attended Troy University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She also went to AUM Continuing Education and received her certification in event planning. Takenya started Luxri Events in 2006, which is a full service events coordinating business. She started off planning small events locally but her business has grown tremendously not only in Montgomery but through the Tri County Area as well.

Before joining the Junior League, Takenya realized that she had a passion for volunteering. She volunteered for the Montgomery Zoo, Eve's Circle, The Special Olympics and The Family Sunshine Center. In 2008 Takenya joined the Junior League so that she could impact even more lives. Since joining the League she has served on various committees including the following: Back to School Party Planners, Holiday Market Silent Auction, Cloverdale Playhouse, Habitat for Humanity, Impact Alabama and College and Career Night. Takenya's favorite placement was Habitat for Humanity knowing that her hands actually help build a home for someone in need. She is an active member of Zion Fellowship United Methodist Church where she is President of the Women's Ministry, Youth Sunday School teacher, and a volunteer for Camp Destiny (a leadership group for children grades 3rd-8th).

Takenya is married to Willie Rogers and they have one son Kenton. Takenya enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling with her family, event planning and serving others.

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2015 Association of Junior Leagues International *Annual Conference*

BY KELLI WISE



The Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) was founded in 1901 by New York social activist Mary Harriman. The organization today is comprised of more than 155,000 women in over 293 Leagues throughout Canada, Mexico, The United Kingdom and the United States. Together, this group constitutes one of the largest, most effective volunteer organizations in the world.



Ashley White, Kimberly Baker and I had the privilege of attending the 2015 AJLI Annual Conference in Los Angeles, Calif., on April 16-18. The theme of this year's conference was "The Multiplier Effect" and recognized that the Junior League member has the ability to touch the life of one who in turn will touch the life of another and that this will ultimately bring about meaningful change to the community as a whole.

In an effort to further educate League leaders, conference organizers offered attendees numerous meetings, workshops, and panel presentations on topics ranging from membership development and parliamentary procedure to community collaborations and risk management. The workshops helped us build on our strengths and gain new skills to move our League forward. Some of the workshops we attended included: Design-Led Leadership, Storytelling to Open Hearts and Wallets, Take the Angst out of the Ask, Financial Awareness for a JL Board, and Rethink your Business Model. My personal favorite workshops were the Idea Labs which featured various Leagues giving a "12 Slides in 12 Minutes" presentation on successful community impact, marketing, education and fundraising events their Leagues had done in their regions. In addition to learning new approaches to membership and community-based issues, we were also able to network with other Junior Leagues from across the country to learn how they operate effectively in their respective communities and even learn from some of their struggles. We even managed to find time for a little fun with a reception at Greystone Mansion, complete with an all-female Mariachi band and a Beach House dinner near Santa Monica Pier.

This year's keynote speaker was actress Geena Davis who spoke to us on her foundation's effort to bring about gender parity in the media. Not only is Geena Davis intelligent

(Mensa member), talented (award-winning actress) and gorgeous (former Victoria Secret model), she is a tireless advocate for empowering women, especially young women, so that they may achieve their full potential. She delighted us with her powerful message and encouraged us to be "impatient optimists" and to include women in everything. Ms. Davis stated that studies show that a young girl's self-esteem goes down with the more TV watched, while at the same time, a boy's self-esteem rises and that this can be attributed to the fact that for every female character in family-friendly media, there are three male characters. Remarking on this unconscious bias in the media, she noted that "women only make up 17% of movie crowd scenes—I guess producers don't think women gather!" Finally, on the issue of why she took up the issue of gender equality in the media and why we need better gender representation in all fields, Davis summed it up by stating, "If they (young girls) see it, they can be it."

The annual banquet was held Saturday night where several of our sister Leagues were recognized for their hard work and achievements throughout the year. Recently elected members to the AJLI Board of Directors were recognized as well as all outgoing members of the Board. It was an outstanding evening highlighting the accomplishments of Leagues and individuals within those Leagues.

On behalf of Ashley, Kimberly and myself, thank you for allowing us to represent the Junior League of Montgomery at the AJLI 93rd Annual Conference. We returned a bit jet-lagged, but energized and enthusiastic about the future of our League.

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6 +/- ACRES

LOOKING FOR ACREAGE

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5 +/- ACRES

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16 +/- ACRES

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"The Most Anticipated Year of Our Existence" Kicking Off our 90th Year

BY STEFANIE CHRISTENSEN FRANCISCO



Before an audience of more than 300 members of the Junior League of Montgomery at the Capital City Club, Stephen Black issued a challenge: "We must refuse the status quo when it is no longer acceptable."

The first general membership meeting of the 2015-2016 year on September 8 was a vital reminder of just how relevant the Junior League's mission continues to be to the River Region. The energy and enthusiasm of the members in attendance reflected the importance of a meeting that goes beyond handling the necessary business of the Junior League and offers real opportunities to learn and be inspired.

The meeting highlighted the League's successes as well as the work we need to do to continue to

meet our community's needs in the future. As Black pointed out, while Americans have demonstrated a commitment to helping other people's children achieve their potential, "it is becoming more and more exceptional for 700 women in Central Alabama to give up their time."

Black, the founder and president of Impact Alabama and the grandson of legendary Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, stressed that when Junior League members interact with the community through placements, whether they are with Impact Alabama, Common Ground Montgomery, or Medical AIDS Outreach, we should keep in mind that the individuals and families we are serving are "not the exception; that's the majority." Black noted the fact that the overwhelming majority of Junior League



members are college-educated professionals makes us the exception.

Impact Alabama was founded in 2004 to develop service-learning and leadership development for college students and recent college graduates. The Impact Corps Program is a year of service designed to place college graduates in areas where their skills are needed. In 2014, Impact Alabama expanded to other states as Impact America. Impact Alabama is a recipient of a Junior League of Montgomery grant that supports tax preparation assistance for people who might otherwise have to use predatory tax services.

While Black praised the continued work of the Junior League, he reminded us that to be truly effective in our community placements we must be open to learning and interacting more with people whom we might not find in

our neighborhoods, schools, churches, or offices. “You can’t be good citizens without being connected to families and challenges different from your own,” Black said.

This message of true engagement echoes what 2015–2016 Junior League President Kimberly Baker mentioned earlier in the evening as she kicked off the meeting. Kimberly began by detailing our impact on Montgomery and by previewing what is sure to be another successful year. “When you work with these agencies,” Baker said, “leave a little bit of yourself behind.”

The reward for this kind of interaction with diverse communities in our city is two-fold. Black said that when we see a fuller picture of the place we live, our work takes on “personal connections to families and their challenges around the region.” When that personal connection is in place, we will view the problems in our community as



unacceptable, even if they don't influence us directly, because we will have a better understanding of the way those problems affect our neighbors, friends, and the people we serve through our work with the Junior League. Ultimately, Black noted, this rejection of the status quo—when it damages our community—is how permanent changes are made.

Black closed by saying, "There's a lot right about this region... the most important ingredient is diverse relationships and a commitment to all families." As we begin to celebrate our 90th year, entering new placements and encountering new members of our shared community, we should keep Stephen Black's message in mind as we seek to answer President Baker's question, "What will my legacy be?"





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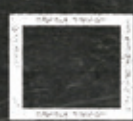
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BY KATY SULHOFF, 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION HISTORIAN

The year was 1925. Calvin Coolidge was president, and the Alabama Crimson Tide captured its first national title. "Grand Ole Opry" debuted on WSM in Nashville. F. Scott Fitzgerald, who was to live in Montgomery several years later with his wife Zelda, published "The Great Gatsby." The Roaring Twenties were in full swing and as necklines plunged and hemlines rose, the flapper girl redefined modern womanhood.

Meanwhile, in Montgomery, Alabama, 10 women decided to start a group. They called 20 of their friends, and together, these 30 philanthropic and service-minded women formed the Junior Auxiliary of Montgomery.

It didn't take long for this new group to prove its worth, and in January of 1926, it was recognized by the organization we know now as the Association of Junior Leagues International.

The Junior League of Montgomery was founded to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women, and improve the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. And to have fun!

2015-2016 is an exciting year in our history as we celebrate 90 Years of Passion and Purpose! The Junior League of

Montgomery has contributed millions of dollars and countless hours of volunteer work in the community over nine decades.

In the 20s, we fostered literacy by opening a library; during the difficult 30s, we offered a free medical clinic to low-income families; in the 40s, we managed AJLI's largest war bandage assembly operation; in the 50s, JLM held its first Rummage Sale so families could buy new-to-them clothes, shoes, and home items; in the 60s, we enriched the community with arts initiatives; also notably founded the Family Guidance Center; in the 70s, JLM funds were donated to hire a Director for the Boy's Club, so the program could grow. We've consistently had our finger on the pulse of the community—recognizing and responding to the needs of its citizens by initiating service projects and supporting non-profit organizations.



90TH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Jennifer Rogers, Katy Sulhoff, Victoria Belton, Suzanna Wasserman, Amy Capps, Pam King, and Kimberly Baker

Throughout our 90th year, the League will continue its history of Passion and Purpose. It's an exciting time to be a member of the League. With a record class of Provisionals and a distinguished roster of Actives, Honor Roll Actives, and Sustainers, the Junior League of Montgomery is unstoppable as we enter a new decade of service and continue the rich history those 30 women started 90 years ago.

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Lillie Lee Minier

Our First President

BY KATY SULHOFF & STEFANIE CHRISTENSEN FRANCISCO



A philanthropist and patron of the arts, Lillie Lee Minier served as the first president of the Junior League of Montgomery from 1925 to 1927. She was born in Clayton on November 29, 1891, and resided at 517 South Perry Street in Montgomery. Her husband Roy Stanton Minier was originally from New York and worked for the New York Life Insurance Company.



**1st President
Mrs. Roy Minier
(Lillie Lee Rood)
1925-27**

Lillie was part of the original group of 30 women who formed the Junior League of Montgomery, just 15 years after the first Junior League was formed in New York City. Under Lillie's presidency, a lending library was formed to provide new opportunities for Montgomery residents. This was the foundation of the League's future work with Montgomery's public school system.

Lillie and her husband moved to New Orleans in 1927, and census records indicate they resided there until at least 1935. By 1940, they had moved to

Buckhead, Georgia, where Lillie continued to be involved in her new community, deepening her commitment to the fine arts. Tragically, this passion would lead to Lillie's death.

On June 3, 1962, at the age of 70, Lillie was one of 130 victims of the Atlanta Art Association (now Atlanta Arts Alliance) plane crash. A chartered plane full of Atlanta's elite arts patrons and arts community leaders was leaving Paris' Orly Airport after a month-long European art tour when the plane malfunctioned during take off and crashed, bursting into flames. The only survivors were two crewmembers. At the time, it was the worst single-aircraft disaster in history. Lillie's sister, Mrs. Theodosia L. Barnett from Tampa, Florida, was also killed in the crash. Lillie and her husband Roy, who preceded her in death, are buried at the historic Greenwood Cemetery in Montgomery.

Each city Lillie lived in benefited from her love of the arts and her commitment to civic engagement. Montgomery is fortunate to call her one of our own, and the Junior League of Montgomery is proud to have such a woman as our first president.





Lillie Lee Minier Society

BY ALLISON PRILLAMAN

In honor of Lillie and in celebration of the Junior League of Montgomery's 90th anniversary, we are proud to announce the establishment of the Lillie Lee Minier Society.

The Society will be part of the lasting legacy of this 90th year of service, supporting the ongoing work of the League in years ahead. We invite you to join as a founding member and help continue the mission of service and volunteerism that Lillie began 90 years ago. The Society is open to Provisionals, Sustainers and Active Members, and membership starts at \$250. Join before December 11, 2015, to be a founding member of the Lillie Lee Minier Society!

Benefits for Founding Members:

Listed as a member of the Society in the program for the 90th Anniversary Gala

Two tickets to the April 2016 90th Anniversary Gala with priority seating and special parking

Invitation to the March 3, 2016 wine and cheese reception

Recognition on a permanent plaque in the League office

Benefits for Members Joining After the 2015-2016 Year:

Invitation to a spring party for all Society members

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Visit jlmontgomery.org to join now, or fill out this form and send it in!

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My name as to appear on the Lillie Lee Minier Plaque _____





#90FOR90 CAMPAIGN

Celebrate by Giving Back

BY JENNIFER ROGERS, 90TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION PERSONNEL CHAIR



Each month during our 90th anniversary year, we will be collecting supplies for organizations around the River Region that are providing vital services to those in need. Bring your supplies to the Junior League office each month to take part in #90for90!

October: Family Sunshine Center

October is National Domestic Violence Month. To support Family Sunshine Center's Shelter and Exodus Program, bring full size baby products such as wipes, diaper cream, and diapers, or adult full size shampoos, body wash, and lotion. New washcloths and bath towels are also welcomed. www.familysunshine.org

November: Reality in Truth Ministries

This organization provides services to the homeless, including a hot meal every day at 5pm, as well as prison ministries. Please bring coffee, sugar, creamer, cups, plates, and silverware. www.realityandtruth.com

December: Christmas Clearing House

Mark your calendar for December 8 to build Baskets of Love for Women Heads of Households! JLM will provide the baskets and ribbons—member donations are based on the first letter of your last name:

A-E (Items for Mom): Soft blankets, warm socks, body lotion, nice hand soap, body wash/soap and nail polish

F-L (Activity with Kids): Holiday baking activity with supplies (i.e. gingerbread house kit, cookie mix with cookie cutters and sprinkles, muffin mix with muffin tins, spatulas, bowls, mittens, essential nonperishable items needed, etc.)

M-O (For the Home): Candles, scented home sprays and picture frames

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BY KELLY MCTEAR,
HOLIDAY MARKET CHAIR

HOLIDAY MARKET & THE BUSINESS OF SERVICE

Garland & Grants

I'm a big Elvis fan. Elvis called his band T.C.B., for Taking Care of Business, and was known for wearing jewelry bearing the acronym. What does that have to do with Holiday Market? When you're putting on a week-long fundraiser, you can't afford to be in the kitchen baking cookies the night before. Junior League of Montgomery is in the business of serving our community, and Holiday Market is one of the ways we Take Care of Business.

Planning for the 27th Annual Holiday Market began before the 26th Annual Holiday Market even ended. Because planning starts so early, several positions on the Holiday Market Steering Committee are 2-year commitments. The Chair, Treasurer, Merchant Chair, Publicity Chair and Personnel Chair all commit two years to their positions, serving as co-chair and learning the ropes first, then moving into the Chair's seat the second year. These positions control our pivotal areas: merchants, money, marketing, and members.

We start searching for the next year's merchants during this year's event. We invite successful merchants with popular, innovative products to come back and many of them do, year after year. The Merchant Chair, Liz Quin, and her co-chair, Joanna Kirkland, also start visiting other markets, surfing the web, and searching for fun, interesting new merchants to fill the remaining slots. This year's market is the best advertisement for next year, and we work hard to make sure that each merchant meets the high standards we set. As a result, our Holiday Market is one of the premier events in this part of the country.

Making sure we are strictly adhering to the Holiday Market budget, finding ways to cut costs, and stretching every dollar helps us continue to provide meaningful financial assistance to community organizations through JLM's Community Grant Program. In addition to keeping the books, Treasurer Belle Cauthen and Assistant Treasurer

Melissa Eubanks are also tasked with coordinating sales tax payment and city and county licensing, and managing the availability of funds during shopping hours. Our Treasurer's Office for Holiday Market is the real engine room of the whole event.

To make Holiday Market a phenomenal event, we need shoppers. The Holiday Market Publicity Chair and Co-Chair begin developing a publicity strategy for the event as soon as they are named each year, often as early as January or February. Coordinating print media, electronic media, billboards, social media sites, the JLM website, posters at local businesses, and television appearances can easily become a full-time job, but Danielle Cavanaugh and Sommer Morris are tackling the challenge with energy and enthusiasm.

There would be no Holiday Market without the help of every member of Junior League of Montgomery. Each year, our members work shifts during Holiday Market week totaling over 2000 hours of volunteer service. Without every one of those hours, Holiday Market couldn't be the success that it has become. Our Personnel Chair, Tamela Selmar-Burks, and her co-Chair, Articia Johnson, work hard to evaluate shift scheduling in light of last year's sign ups, the number of members and shift obligations needed, and the new programs for this year. We want to make sure that everyone can find a way to be a part of our league's largest annual fundraiser, so our shifts span a range of days, hours, and physical activity levels. Our merchants tell us year after year that our members are the kindest, happiest, most helpful ladies they encounter at any show across the country. Our merchants come back—and keep the quality of our Holiday Market high—because of our members.

While Holiday Market is always fun and festive, it is also an enormous responsibility that the steering committee



HOLIDAY MARKET COMMITTEE

takes seriously. I, along with my organized and charismatic Co-Chair Carna Triftshauser, am proud to coordinate a team of dedicated, smart, strong women with over 50 combined years of Holiday Market planning experience who are committed to making this year's Holiday Market one for the record books. We've made the 27th Annual Holiday Market our business, and we're ready to TCB.

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Jacqueline Hughes—*First Noel Preview Party*

Jessica Hales—*Silent Auction*

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Casey Thornton—*All Things Santa*

Vanessa Weatherspoon—*Girl's Night Out*

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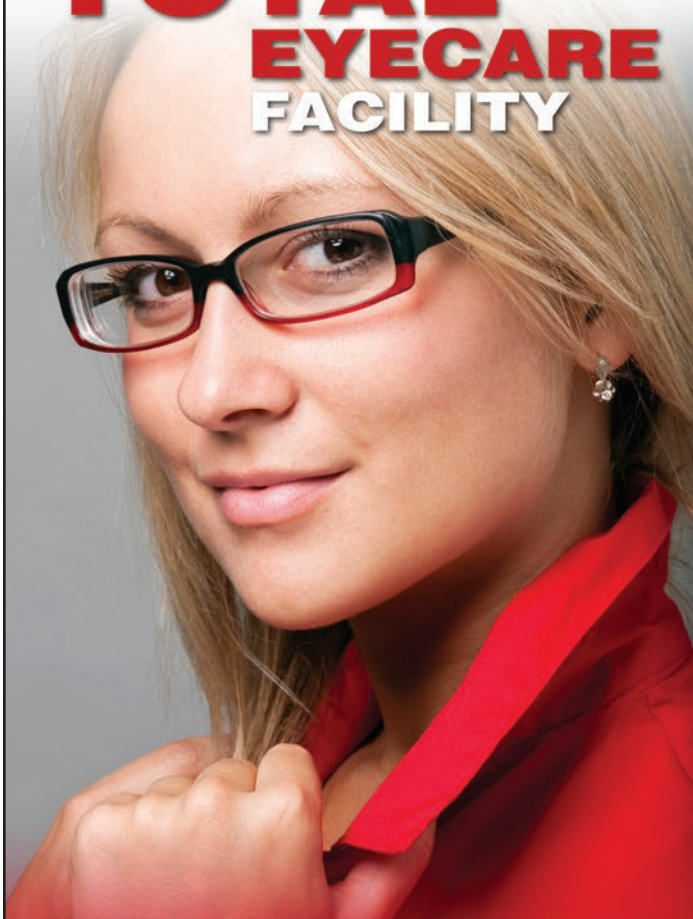
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Grant Recipients

BY JEWELL DICKINSON

On April 23, 2015, the Junior League of Montgomery (JLM) hosted its third annual Donor Appreciation Luncheon honoring current and prospective community partners at Central in downtown Montgomery. The event also launched JLM's 90th Anniversary celebration that will continue through 2016. President Kimberly Baker opened the program by thanking the diverse group of community leaders for their invaluable support of JLM in

helping to make the Montgomery and the River Region a better place for all citizens to live, work, and grow. Baker also expressed JLM's appreciation to the sponsors for promoting the League and encouraging membership within their organizations.

Immediate Past President Ashley White expressed her deep appreciation to the League's community partners and announced the 2015-16 JLM grant recipients. They are as follows:

- Boys and Girls Club** \$10,000
Volunteers will assist with after-school tutoring at the Club off Maxwell Boulevard
- ClefWorks** \$10,000
Volunteers will assist during the March 4-5 festival
- Common Ground** \$7,500
Volunteers will refurbish and decorate some of the heavily used spaces at Common Ground in Washington Park.
- Dream Court** \$10,000
During the fall and spring, volunteers will enjoy coaching children and adults with disabilities.
- Habitat for Humanity** \$10,000
Volunteers will assist in building a home for "Women Build."
- Hope Inspired Ministries** \$14,560
Volunteers will mentor students at lunchtime and provide a sounding board for women in transition.
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Common Ground Montgomery

BY SUMMER WILLIAMS,
COMMON GROUND MONTGOMERY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

In the 1950s and 60s, the Washington Park neighborhood housed civil rights activists and leaders. Since then, so much has changed. The Washington Park community slowly went from thriving to dying. Crime, drugs and failing schools made headlines, businesses closed and many people moved away. But Bryan Kelly, Executive Director, along with Kevin King, Associate Director, saw Washington Park as a place for change. In 2006, they moved their families into the neighborhood and began what is now Common Ground Montgomery (CGM).

Our vision is to see a renovated, thriving community in Washington Park that has strong, godly leadership, intact two-parent families, cares for the underprivileged, poor, and marginalized, and becomes an incubator for gospel-created, cross-cultural relationships that transform Montgomery and beyond. CGM's mission is to revitalize the Washington Park community and transform the city of Montgomery and beyond, to the glory of God, through:

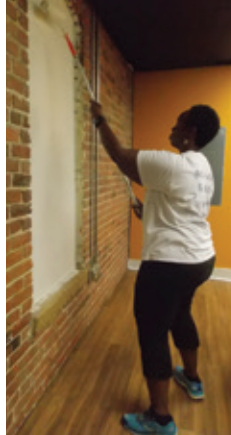
1. Building leaders from urban youth through long-term mentorship, biblical discipleship, and developmental programs.
2. Creating an umbrella of Christian community development partners that focus on neighborhood transformation.
3. Teaching principles of unity and change through the Common Ground Institute.

We concentrate on investing in the youth by focusing on holistic development. We do this in three main ways. First, our staff is devoted to "life on life" training. We accomplish this by living in the community that we serve in; opening up our

homes to the kids and developing strong relationships. Secondly, we provide relationship-based programs that focus on character, social, and life skills development in various areas like academics, arts, sports, financial literacy and entrepreneurship. Finally, we connect kids with loving mentors from the 4th grade to graduation. Our programs include the After School Enrichment, Summer and Mentor Programs, the Christmas Store and the Summer Resident Mission.

The Junior League Montgomery has greatly supported our mission and vision through volunteerism and financially. Over the past three months, a dedicated team led by Quenita Mitchell renovated and remodeled two rooms at Common Ground Montgomery. One of these rooms was initially a multi-purpose space and didn't have a lot of seating and wasn't very functional in design. This room is now a beautiful café type space where our youth can work on homework, tutoring, and have bible studies together. The smaller room that is upstairs was a classroom prior to the renovations. Presently, it is a cozy space that has been completely updated with new paint, furniture and shelving. This space is now a counseling office that will provide children and adults the opportunity to receive counseling.

The work ethic and enthusiasm that we experienced with the Junior League of Montgomery volunteers was a tremendous blessing to Common Ground Montgomery. Their sacrifice will have lasting impact on the children in the Washington Park community for years to come. We are beyond grateful for the love and support they have shown our organization and would be honored to have them back again!



Community Placement Spotlight

Common Ground Montgomery

BY QUENITA MITCHELL, COMMON GROUND CHAIR

Common Ground Montgomery's mission is to create a "safe haven" of love and grace along with structure and discipline for the kids of Montgomery's Washington Park neighborhood. This summer, the Junior League's scope of work with Common Ground was to renovate and refurbish their headquarters' lobby, common space, and office.

When my committee started this placement, we were ready to give it all that we had. We rolled up our sleeves and began to dig deep. After all, we needed this placement, and by the look of the primary colors on the walls they needed us too. After our first Saturday of working we realized that the work that Common Ground Montgomery does is more than a job, or even a passion; it is a lifestyle. We spent the summer getting to know some amazing people who didn't mind laboring

with us, including Brian, Summer, Pastor CJ, Ava, and Chaquana.

We got to witness their labor of love, which included attending conferences, taking the kids on a field trip, and hosting an outdoor Bar-B-Q. With each Saturday, as we transformed their space with primer and then paint, pulled up trim and assembled furniture, a part of us became transformed as well. We bonded over breakfast and Beyonce, Zumba, and paint. I would like to say that we aren't the same people as we were when we entered Common Ground Montgomery, and we now see what a valuable asset they are to the community. A big and special thank you to the staff at Common Ground for opening your doors and your hearts and allowing the Junior League of Montgomery to help serve.

COLLEGE & CAREER NIGHT

Shows Options for the Future

BY JESSICA ANDERSON



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As students, parents, teachers and counselors sat waiting for the gates to open to the 31st annual College & Career Night on September 14th, the anticipation was palpable. Many students were talking loudly with their friends about who they wanted to visit and what they hoped to learn. Some were more reserved and looked almost nervous about what was behind the doors. All were excited.

Eighty-three different avenues for higher learning were on display in Hall C of the Renaissance Convention Center that night, with a strong presence from Auburn, Alabama, AUM, Faulkner and Troy. 3,500 attendees were greeted to booths with candy, thick college catalogs and a few raffles: most notably two \$500 scholarships, one from The Junior League of Montgomery and the other from Central Alabama Community Foundation.

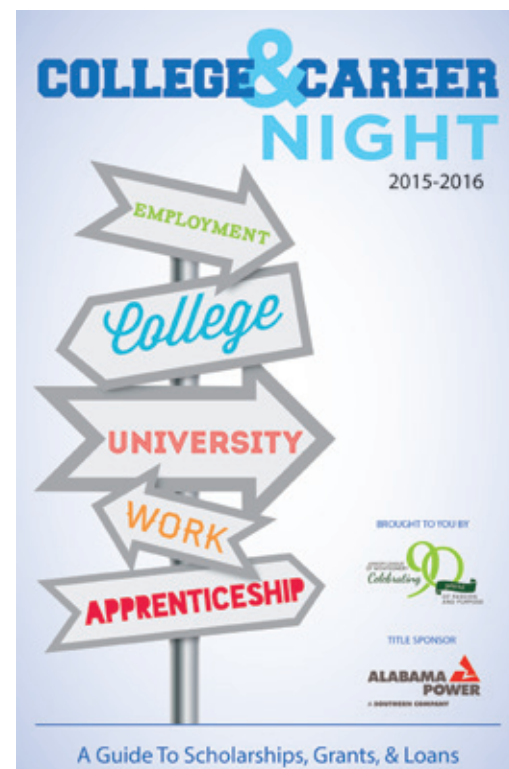
Leslie Sanders, Vice President of Alabama Power Company, Southern Division, attended last year's College and Career Night with her son and experienced this magical event first hand. We are honored to have expanded our partnership with Alabama Power Company as our Title Sponsor of College and Career Night.

Brandon Perdue, a homeschooled senior from Prattville who was accompanied by his mom, said that once he saw

the ad in the paper he knew he had to come out. "I'm not sure where I want to go," he said, "so I am looking at different schools, hoping to get the biggest scholarship I can." His mom said the big drive for them to attend College & Career Night was the ability to talk with some of the out of state schools they might otherwise not encounter.

Michael Lee, Assistant Dean of Admission at Virginia's Hampden-Sydney College said the evening was well attended and he enjoyed getting to interact with prospective students he might not have met, like Perdue. "I thought it was a very well done event, and we will definitely make the trip down again next year," he added.

We all know that the key to a successful future, no matter what career or college you select, is having a strong support system. Best friends and Brewbaker Technology Magnet high school seniors Mia and Victoria came to the event together and had a highlighted map of the convention layout. Both girls said they planned to visit with AUM, but Mia was interested in UAB while Victoria was interested in University of South Alabama. "But really, we're here to learn about scholarships we can get and how to handle financial aid," Mia explained.



College and Career Night was a perfect place to learn about scholarships and available financial aid. Every visitor was given a user guide that included a map as well as *A Guide To Scholarships, Loans, & Grants*, published by the Junior League with over 150 pages of details about available scholarships, grants and loans, including the amounts available, criteria and contact information—on the federal, state and local levels. The user guide can be purchased online at JLMontgomery.org for \$9 or at the office for \$5.

On the night of the event, interested parents and students were treated to financial aid seminars that also helped would-be college students in the tri-county area learn about ways to further their education. Tommy McGregor spoke on the topic: *The Freedom Permit: Creating a Vision of Discipleship for Your Senior's Last Year of High School*.

McGregor is an author, speaker, and the founder of TheTransMission, an organization devoted to guiding high school seniors on a healthy transition from high school to college. Betty Edwards of Trenholm State Technical College spoke about financial aid.

Homeschooled senior Liz Campbell from Montgomery and her parents came out to hear the financial aid seminars and see what schools offered in terms of grants on their particular campus. Her dad was pleased at the cross section of larger colleges like Louisiana State University (LSU) and smaller ones like Mississippi College.

The cross section of colleges well represented the cross section of attendees. But one thing was for sure, no matter what time of the evening you walked by the Auburn and Alabama booths, there was always a line.



Cold and Flu IQ

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Ah, the coming season. No, we're not talking about the changing of the colors or the crunching of leaves underfoot. We're talking about the season characterized by sniffing, sneezing, wheezing and uncontrollable coughing. You know, cold and flu season. And as the viruses circulate, so does misinformation. Take this quiz to test your cold and flu IQ.

1. What symptoms do colds and flu share?

- a. Runny or stuffy nose
- b. Coughing & sneezing
- c. Fever
- d. Fatigue
- e. All of the above

2. Getting a flu shot will give you the flu. (True/False)

3. Once you have the flu, all you can do is ride it out. (True/False)

4. Going out in the cold with a wet head will make you sick. (True/False)

5. To cure a nasty seasonal bug, you should:

- a. Starve a cold, feed a fever.
- b. Feed a cold, starve a fever.
- c. Load up on vitamin
- d. All of the above.
- e. None of the above.

the shot may result in muscle soreness or a slight fever, people may believe they've been given the flu.

3. False. Antiviral medications may shorten the length of your flu, reduce its severity and even make it less contagious.

4. False. Because both colds and flu are virus-based, cold weather isn't a factor. The reason winter months are cold and flu season has more to do with being indoors: Folks are cooped up together, so there's more chance to pass viruses around through sneezing, coughing and other contact.

5. E. Do none of the above. When sick, eat if you're hungry. That'll keep your strength—and defenses—up. And the claims that large doses of vitamin C can cure what ails you are unproven. So drink that OJ if you like it, but not to shake that bug.

Answers

1. E. All of the above. Colds and the flu share many of the same symptoms, making it difficult to distinguish one from the other. The flu is often characterized by more severe symptoms. For instance, a cold sufferer may have a low-grade fever, whereas a flu patient will experience fevers that are 101 degrees or higher. And colds usually vamoose after five to seven days, while the flu can linger for two weeks.

2. False. The flu shot will not give you the flu. This myth is perpetuated because a killed flu virus is a component of the vaccine. Because

Score:

4-5: Your cold and flu IQ is off the charts.

2-3: You need another shot of information.

0-1: You'd better call in sick now.

Sick of Getting Sick?

Fall and winter don't have to mean coughing and sneezing. Learn how to keep from getting sick this season by visiting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at cdc.gov/flu. Don't forget to get your flu shot!



January 23, 2016: Return of the Rummage Sale

BY JESSICA ANDERSON



The Rummage Sale of Montgomery is back! Sponsored by Wind Creek Hospitality, the Sale will be on Saturday, January 23, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This year's 61st edition of the sale will take place at the Alcazar Shrine conveniently located on the Eastern Boulevard. Rummage Sale Chair Julie Spraggins is looking forward to the event and promises it is not to be missed.

Set up will be Wednesday through Friday leading up to the sale this year, but storage is available should you have larger items that you can't hang on to until then. Storage is graciously donated by Filter Service of Alabama and is located behind Eastdale Mall off Oliver Road. **Members are welcome to drop off furniture and appliances during the open storage drop off dates: November 14, December 12, January 9 and January 16 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.** If you need storage at a different time, or have any storage related questions, reach out to Spraggins directly at jadspragg@gmail.com.

The Rummage Sale of Montgomery will look a little different this year—and not just because of the change in venue. As always, League members are responsible for donating items that will fill the tables and shelves of the sale. However, this year the one-day flash sale will concentrate strictly on new or gently used household items, home décor items, furniture and appliances. There will be no Boutique this year; instead sustainers wishing to be involved with the sale will be running the always-popular Value Shop.

Title Sponsor Wind Creek Hospitality will have their Good2Go food truck outside and will be offering food throughout the duration of the sale. All proceeds from the truck will go to the Rummage Sale.

"It's always better to donate than accumulate," Chair Julie Spraggins reminds everyone. With a food truck, value area and a wide variety of furniture and home décor items, it's going to be a great Saturday at The Rummage Sale!

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TASTE OF THE RIVER REGION | MARCH 6, 2016

The Junior League of Montgomery and The Alabama Restaurant and Hospitality Alliance are once again partnering to put on the Taste of the River Region. The event will be held on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center. You will once again get to taste many delicious dishes from the River Region's best restaurants. We hope that you will mark your calendars and join us for a night of good eating and entertainment. The cost of each ticket is \$30 or \$500 for a table. We hope that you will mark your calendars and join us for a night of good eating and entertainment.

Thank you

For a Wonderful Year

The staff of League Logs would like to sincerely thank immediate past president Ashley White and her board for an amazing year of service and growth. Due to the exciting news that League Logs will be published four times a year—Fall, Holiday, Spring and Summer—this is our first opportunity to recognize all of the hard work these ladies have given the Junior League. Thank you for your leadership, vision, and dedication to the Junior League of Montgomery.

2014-2015 President's Message



The Junior League of Montgomery is made up of amazing women who willingly give of their time, talents, skills and connections to further the League's mission to develop the potential of women, improve the community through the effective use of trained volunteers and to promote voluntarism. While all of

these "member gifts" are important, the one gift that stands out amongst them all is the gift of time.

Undoubtedly, League members are masters at the art of time management. They must be, given all they are called on to do in their personal and professional lives. Because League members are so busy, the commitment they have shown this year to our community partners, our fundraising efforts, and our in-league programs means that much more. I have been amazed at the giving spirit of our members. It was a joy to work with our members during the 2014-2015 year and to see this giving spirit in action. On behalf of the 2014-2015 Board of Directors and our community partners, I thank our membership for their diligent efforts in managing and executing our fundraisers and in volunteering in the community.

At our last general membership meeting of my presidency, I said that a leader was only as good as her team. I mention it again in this letter because there are so many people who are deserving of special thanks. To name each individually would be a daunting task and would take up precious publishing space, so I will specifically express my appreciation to a few people here. To my sustaining advisor, Suzanne Davidson, thank you for being a faithful sounding board and a source of strength this year. Thank you Kimberly Baker, our 2015-2016 President, for your support and encouragement. Finally, I want to thank our office manager, Amy Glenn, and our donor relations director, Jacque Foshee, for their hard work on behalf of the League. The League is lucky to have you both.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the President of the Junior League of Montgomery. It was an incredible and unforgettable journey that enriched my life tremendously. I look forward to seeing the great things the Junior League of Montgomery will accomplish this year and in the years to come!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley Killian White". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ashley Killian White
2014-2015 President

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2014-2015 Sustainer of the Year

Gage LeQuire

A Passion for Philanthropy

BY ERIN SCHOVEL TURNHAM

"The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others." 1 Corinthians 12:7

For Gage LeQuire, giving back to the community is a responsibility but also a pleasure and a passion. She feels that no matter what talents a person possesses, those talents can be used to serve others. That service can make a huge impact on the lives of those around us. No matter what a person's gift is, Gage insists, it can be used to provide care and love to a person or animal in need or raise money for a needed project. We may never know the impact, but it is all a part of a great plan and we must use the gifts we have been given in the service of others.



Gage is involved in many organizations throughout the River Region that benefit the community in a wide array of services. Before joining the Junior League in 1992, Gage volunteered with the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts and in political campaigns. She recalls that she joined JLM "before Digital Cheetah and back when our office was on Fairview where the current Capitol Bookstore is located." Her volunteer work brought her in contact with Junior League of Montgomery members who became friends. They surprised Gage by sponsoring her for membership in the League.

Gage's involvement in the Junior League provided her an opportunity to volunteer in areas of the community she did not know existed. The League opened her eyes to the impact of the many services available in the community. As she was nominated to serve in leadership roles, she gained skills, opportunities and exposure she would not otherwise have experienced. Her time in the League showed her that the challenge in volunteering with non-profits lies in motivating a team to accomplish a goal. In a work environment, the employee is paid to finish a task. In the world of non-profits and volunteerism, individuals are driven by a passion for the project they are working. Keeping a group of volunteers focused

and passionate until the task is completed is a real challenge. Gage learned the strengths of the women with whom she volunteered and has since called upon them to serve with her in many other projects.

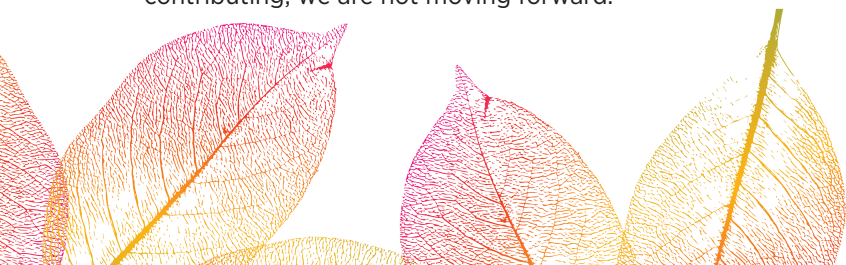
Gage's community involvement is widespread and varied. She was the 2014-2015 Board President of Hands on River Region, and was the 2013-2014 Chair of St. Peter Catholic



Church's 180th Anniversary Celebration. In 2014 she served on the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Art Auction Committee and is a member of the Director's Circle and Collector's Society. She has helped with fundraising events for the Alabama Shakespeare Festival and served as a member of their ACT II Crew and Panier. For the American Cancer Society she has served as a board member and over the past 10 years has organized fundraisers including Vintage Affair (Honorary Chair for 2016 along with her husband), the Fisher Vintner Dinner, Special Spirits and Shine On events. Gage is a graduate of Leadership Montgomery. In the past she served on the boards of Brantwood Children's Home, the Arthritis Foundation, the Montgomery Ballet, and the Montgomery/Autauga/Elmore Medical Alliance. Other organizations in the community Gage supports because she feels passionate about their missions include the Family Sunshine Center, Art Splash, the Montgomery Humane Society and the Cloverdale Playhouse.

"I'm truly honored and humbled JLM selected me as Sustainer of the Year," Gage said. "When I was an active member, we were told our active years were the years we were being trained to become a sustainer when we would go into the community and serve in roles to make a difference. Sustainer was not a time of retirement but a time to 'bloom.'"

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