

"You don't have to move mountains. Simply fall in love with life. Be a tornado of happiness, gratitude and acceptance. You will change the world just by being a warm, kind hearted human being. " –Anita Krizzan

Mark your calendars for the April General Membership Meeting on April **13**. Our community placement chairs are going to share the impact they have had on the community this year. Register on Digital Cheetah as this will be a virtual meeting.

The Women's Leadership Summit challenged us to see New Perspectives. I hope you were encouraged to reimagine the possibilities in your personal and professional life, reignite your passions and revive the leader in you. Huge thank you to the committee for all the time, energy and effort!

The Women's Leadership Summit is offering three additional webinars that you don't want to miss. The first one is coming up on **March 31** at Noon. The Alabama Securities Commission will be presenting "Life in the Pink Car: Financial Empowerment for Women Webinar." Life comes with a lot of surprises. Join the webinar to discuss how you can manage your finances well today so you are prepared at the next unexpected fork in the road.

Join the Provisional Class throughout April volunteering at multiple different agencies. We will be collecting donations of diapers for Express-O of Love and female hygiene products for Women in Training. These items can be dropped off at the League office.

The Rummage Sale is going to be an online auction this year. We are partnering with High As The Sky Auction to be able to offer our treasures to the public. The sale will be **April 29 – May 13**. Watch Digital Cheetah for additional details.

The May General Membership will be held in-person on May 11 at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Caddell Sculpture Garden. The social will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting promptly at 6 p.m. Please register your attendance as we will be limited to 100 people in-person. We will offer a Zoom option as well.

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As we prepare to wrap up this 2020-2021 league year, we hope that you have thoroughly enjoyed the amazing line up of events offered by the Education & Training Committee!

Please join us for the following events during the month of April:

- Zoo Weekend with the Montgomery Zoo | April 3, 10, 17 & 24
- Pre-Summer Fitness Bootcamp | April 17
- HomeBuying 101 | April 20
- Preventative Health for Women, sponsored by Jackson Hospital and the Women's Leadership Summit Committee | April 27

Registration and event details can be found on Digital Cheetah. Members, please review Digital Cheetah and verify the accuracy of your E&T credits to date. Missing credits for events you previously attended/participated? Email E&T Chair Daria C. Awusah at dcawusah@yahoo.com.



Women's Leadership Summit

An extension of the Women's Leadership Summit, the Continued Perspectives Webinar series allowed us to discuss Life in the Pink Car: Women's Financial Empowerment with the Alabama Securities Commission on March 31.

On **April 27**, at 6 p.m. we will partner with Jackson Hospital's Dr. Miho Suga to discuss Preventative Health For Women. Followed by a panel discussion on How to Run for Office and Make a Change in Your Community with Ronda Walker in May.

Copy and paste this website to register for April's webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kduippjkiGNU5-pUTOKQgBD5jiipKe-iW

Don't forget, you can access all of the sessions from this year's virtual Women's Leadership Summit by visiting the Accelevents page! https://www.accelevents.com/e/WomensLeadershipSummit/portal

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Director of Donor Relations & Advancement

The Junior League of Montgomery is on the search for a Director of Donor Relations and Advancement. We need your help publicizing this job opening! The job description is on our website; please share with your networks and to anyone you know who might be a good candidate. The deadline to apply is **Monday, April 5, 2021**. Please help us spread the word!



Community Impact

Our provisional class will be doing their annual mini-placements during the month of April, which includes National Volunteer Week during April 18-24 . **Only Provisionals will have access to register for shifts until April 1**. We will open any remaining shifts up to all other members. Login to Digital Cheetah and see our calendar for the available dates. We will be working with the following organizations:

- Express-O of Love
- That's My Child
- Women in Training
- Young Men on a Mission

In conjunction with these shifts, we will also be collecting diapers and feminine hygiene/menstrual products for Express-O of Love and Women in Training. There will be a donation drive on **April 17** (location pending) and also you can bring these items to the in-person General Membership "End of Year" meeting on **May 11**.

Please contact **Membership VP Jodi Turner** (joditurner1221@gmail.com) or information@jlmontgomery.org if you need to drop off items at other times.

Membership Award Nominations

End of Year Membership Award Nominations are here! We are accepting nominations for Placement of the Year (Community and In-League), Volunteer of the Year (Community and In-League) and Sustainer of the Year.

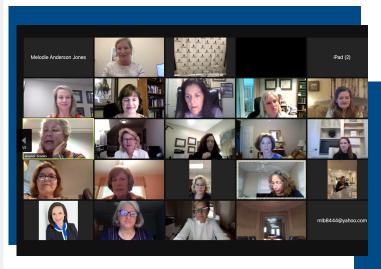
Please check for nominations in Digital Cheetah "News & Reminders." The Membership Council will present the award winners at our end-ofyear General Membership Meeting on May 11.

Sustainer Update

Thank you to our lovely Sustainers who attended our annual Sustainer Luncheon via Zoom on March 16! It was nice to see so many faces. Thank you to the Actives and Provisionals who delivered the grazing boxes to each Sustainer who participated! Thank you to Yizza at The Heart Boxes for creating the yummy charcuterie boxes! **President Allison Prillaman** informed us of the fundraisers and activities of the League and thanked those Sustainers who served this past year as Sustaining Advisors. If you're interested in serving next year as a Sustaining Advisor, contact **President-Elect Marie Wise Styles** wisenstyles@gmail.com.

Marie informed us of the 2021-2022 community placements and the New Member Open Houses. **Melissa Warnke**, **Operations VP and President Elect-Elect**, informed the group that JLM is hiring. We discussed our year in a more personal way by asking about where Sustainers have been volunteering and how volunteering has changed due to COVID-19. Some members have read more than 50 books this past year. There are still quite a few who haven't eaten inside at a restaurant. Many have received COVID vaccinations; some are still waiting. Some of us have already planned a vacation for later this year!

Allison closed our meeting with a reminder of the May General Membership Meeting, which is to be held outdoors at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts on May 11. We hope to be able to hug the necks of our JLM friends in the upcoming months!





Impact Alabama

The Junior League of Montgomery has once again provided volunteer services with Impact Alabama via their Save First Initiative. Because of the COVID epidemic, this placement has been converted into a virtual tax preparation service. Junior League of Montgomery members were trained to certify as IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers. This was done by using a self-paced, online learning class. Once they successfully completed certification, JLM members worked on tax prep via Zoom meetings. Because of this year's unusual circumstances our volunteers worked in the Southern Alabama area which helped families from the Montgomery, Dothan, Mobile and Auburn areas.

The goal of the Save First Initiative is to provide cost-free tax preparation services to low-income families. This service saves those families hundreds of dollars in commercial tax preparation fees. They also endeavor to ensure that these families receive income credits to which they are entitled. One of these credits is the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

The EITC is the largest anti-poverty government program for low- to moderate-income working families. It reduces the tax burden as well as provides incentive to find work, especially for single mothers. This year's tax prep also includes a Recovery Rebate Credit Worksheet. This is done to ensure that those eligible for Economic Impact Payments (EIPs) can claim them.



Dues are Past Due

To pay your dues, please login to www.jlmontgomery.org and there is a link in your obligations list at the bottom of your homepage Please reach out to **Jodi Turner** if you have any questions. joditurner1221@gmail.com



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