



A Letter From the President . . .

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“Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than myself.” –Martin Luther King, Jr.

You don't want to miss the Fourth Annual Women's Leadership Summit on Friday, March 5. The event will be held virtually. The morning will begin with Opening Speaker **Nicole Pinkham**; she is sure to energize, encourage and engage. The Keynote Speaker is **Colonel Eries L.G. Mentzer**, Commander of the 42nd Air Base Wing at Maxwell Air Force Base. She is the first black woman to serve in this position. I am excited to hear about her experiences, tips for managing it all and perspective on life. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.jlmontgomery.org.

February is Black History Month. The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee will be offering suggested book readings, movies and other opportunities to educate, engage and encourage our members.

Members have expressed concern over completing shift obligations. The Membership Council and Board are working on a plan and will communicate it once finalized. We want our members to feel safe working shifts and understand everyone has different comfort levels with COVID-19. We don't want or expect anyone to do something that puts them outside of their comfort zone.

Better Together,
Allison Prillaman
2020-2021 President

February Birthdays

1 Gay Phillips	10 Mandy Bailey	18 Murray Bennett	23 Katelyn McDonnell
1 Maria Robinson	10 Melodie Jones	18 Chris Brittain	23 Tonya Moore
1 Kimberly Wright	10 Genia Stallings	18 Georgia Carroll	23 Latiera Nelson
2 Sharon Hubbert	12 Courtney Curenton	18 Leslie Meadows	23 Anne Upchurch
2 Jenny Simpson	12 Laura Dally	19 Ali Hawthorne	24 Cookie Knott
3 Elizabeth Barrington	12 Anne Payne	19 Brianna Skelton	25 Michelle Shaw
3 Kimberly Ramsey	12 Amy Strickland	19 Donna Wallace-King	25 Sandriata Valentin
4 Walden Walker	13 Leura Canary	20 Louise Butner	26 Lulie Grant
4 Menelle Weiss	13 Tina Gamble	20 Rennie Crabb	26 Pamela Higgins
5 Tamara Jackson	13 Deirdre Kennerson	21 Maria Walton	27 Barbara Britton
5 Nicole Pinkham	13 Lisa Weil	21 Diane Williams	27 Chantinell Trimble
6 Belinda Davis	14 Candace Davis		28 Colley Griffin
6 Ann O'Neal	14 Heather McConnell		28 Grace O'Connor
7 Jennifer Addison	15 Jessica James		
9 Teryn Bostick	16 Carissa Crayton		

We Need Your Help!

We need your help to recognize current members and recruit new members!

If you have any recommendations for “Member Spotlight” awards please send to **Jodi Turner** (joditurner1221@gmail.com)

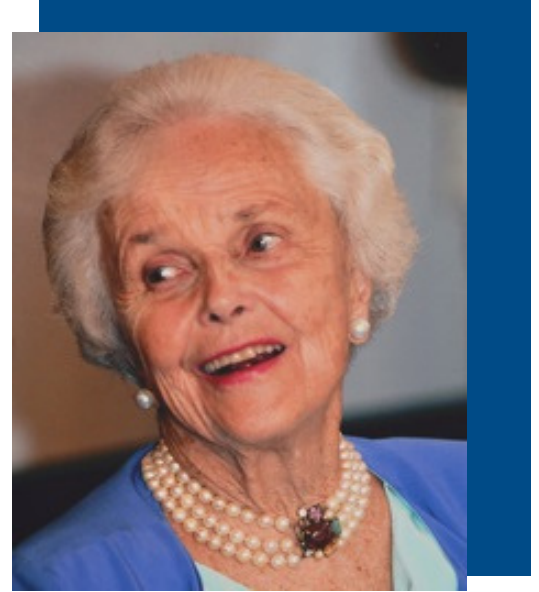
If you know anyone who would like to join JLM, please have them complete a “Prospective Member Form” found on our website at www.jlmontgomery.org (click on the “Join” option at the top)



In Memorium

Joyce Cummings Hobbs, JLM Past President, died of natural causes on Dec. 18, 2020 at her home in Montgomery, Ala. Joyce was born on Oct. 22, 1927 in Lake Forest, Ill. Mrs. Hobbs was preceded in death by her husband Truman McGill Hobbs and her son Dexter Cummings Hobbs. A graduate of Vassar College, President Hobbs moved to Montgomery in the the late 1940s with her husband, Judge Truman Hobbs.

The Hobbses shared a deep pride in Montgomery and desired to see it thrive. Once her three children reached school age, Joyce translated her interests into community service. She was an active member of the boards of the State Department of History and Archives, Montgomery Chorale, the Montgomery Symphony, Nature Conservancy, Goodwill, Children's Center and The Montgomery Academy.



She served as President of the Montgomery Junior League, Colonial Dames, Landmarks, Women of the Church of the Ascension, the Vestry of the Church of the Ascension and the Montgomery Zoo. Notably, though not surprisingly, both she and Judge Hobbs served as President of the United Way Board. Whether in her own home or in the home of a friend who is ill, Joyce was known for rolling up her sleeves and making good things happen. She didn't talk about doing things. She did them, and then without fanfare, moved on to her next meeting, to gardening or to making crosses for Palm Sunday. Her fierce love of family and her take-charge character have earned her the affectionate moniker, "The General."

Sympathy extended to **Past President Debbie Hobbs** (daughter-in-law), **Sustainers Emilie Hobbs Reid** (daughter) and **Nan Hobbs Barganier** (daughter-in-law).

Clare Bowman Cardinal, sustainer, passed away of natural causes on Jan. 4, 2021. Clare is the eldest sister to **Past President Anne Bowman Upchurch** and the late **Harold Bowman Nicrosi**, also a Past President. Sympathy is given to **Sustainer Lang Cardinal**, her daughter-in-law.

Myrtle Poundstone Ridolphi, sustainer, passed away on Jan. 8, 2021 of natural causes. Myrtle is preceded in death by many of her Poundstone cousins and nieces who were also members of JLM. Sympathy extended to the many active and sustainer Poundstone JLM members.

Rummage Sale Postponed

A huge thank you to the Rummage Sale committee. This group has worked tirelessly since June on collecting, organizing, and planning a safe event for the community. I am especially grateful to **Katy Hall** and **Kathleen Penney** for their drive, creativity, and heart for the community.

It is with a heavy heart that the Rummage Sale has been postponed. This decision was not made lightly. While we confident the committee would execute the event to keep volunteers, members, and our community safe, the Rummage Sale needs the support of our membership in order to host this event. Due to concerns over COVID-19, we are unable to secure the number of volunteers needed to proceed with the event this coming weekend. We are hopeful that we can host the event later in the spring.

Done in a Day-At No Cost To You!

We have a great opportunity to help without additional cost to our members! We are partnering with Friendship Mission to collect plastic utensil packets and salt/pepper packets. For example, when you get take-out orders and do not utilize the packet of utensils, bring those to the league office! We will have a box set up outside the office so you can drop them off anytime!



Providing food and shelter for men, women and children.



Save the Date

Join the Junior League of Montgomery on **Friday, March 5, 2021** for the **Fourth Annual Women's Leadership Summit**. This can't miss event, taking place virtually, will feature a dynamic keynote address by Col. Eries L.G. Mentzer, Commander of Maxwell Air Force Base, an inspiring panel discussion featuring top female leaders from Alabama, and informative breakout sessions on personal finance, women's health, home organization, and more.

Tickets are available for purchase on the WLS website! JLM Members may purchase one ticket (without a registration gift) for \$30 using JLMWLS2021 as the access code. General admission tickets are \$40.

The 2021 summit theme, "New Perspectives," aims to encourage you to reimagine the endless possibilities in your personal and professional lives, reignite your passions, and revive the leader in you. Our keynote speaker is a true embodiment of purpose, passion, and power. As the installation commander, Colonel Mentzer leads the 42,000 active duty, Reserve, civilian, and contractor personnel, students and families at Maxwell and Gunter Annex while also spearheading the newly enacted Freedom to Serve Initiative. A strategic partner and powerful presence in the Montgomery community, she interacts with local officials across a three-county, 12-city region with an annual military economic impact of \$1.2 billion.

Tickets, speaker, and additional event information can be found on the WLS website.

Proceeds from the Women's Leadership Summit will support the JLM's ongoing mission and efforts to strengthen and improve our community.



2021-2022 Dues

Updated Dues Platform

We are excited to announce that we are now using the Stripe platform for collecting dues. This provides more flexible and convenient options for members. Please see instructions below and contact **Membership VP Jodi Turner** (joditurner1221@gmail.com) with any questions!

Dues are “due” by February 28, 2021. Please pay or begin payment plan by this date.

The link and location to pay dues has not changed from prior years. Login to your Digital Cheetah homepage via www.jlmontgomery.org. In the list of obligations, you will see 2021-22 Dues.

When you click to pay the dues, it will be populated with your respective amount of dues based on status. It also will offer you the option to make additional donations to JLM. This is optional– the required amount is only the dues amount.

Updated features for members:

- **Payment Plan** – If you select to utilize a payment plan, the total dues will be divided into payments and drafted from your payment method once per month for four months.
- **Auto-renewal** – If you prefer to have your dues auto-renewed and paid each year, please select this option.



The image shows a sample screen for an active member's dues payment. At the top left is the Junior League of Montgomery logo. To its right, the text "Sample screen (for active member status)" is displayed in a large, red, serif font. Below this, a light blue banner contains the instruction "Please select a membership level for purchase." Underneath the banner, there is a list of membership options, each preceded by a radio button. The options are: "Active Dues - \$138.00 + \$0.00 Surcharge", "Active Dues + \$12 Donation - \$150.00 + \$0.00 Surcharge", "Active Dues + \$25 Donation - \$163.00 + \$0.00 Surcharge", "Active Dues + \$250 Donation - \$388.00 + \$0.00 Surcharge", "Active Dues + \$50 Donation - \$188.00 + \$0.00 Surcharge", and "Active Dues + \$62 Donation - \$200.00 + \$0.00 Surcharge". To the right of the first option, the text "Required amount" is written in red. To the right of the subsequent four options, the text "Dues plus optional additional donation amounts" is written in red. Below the list of options, the text "New Features!" is written in red. To the right of "New Features!", there are three radio buttons: "One Time Payment" (which is selected), "Autorenew", and "Payment Plan". At the bottom right of the screen, there are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Next".

Junior League of Montgomery

Sample screen (for active member status)

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New Features!

☒ One Time Payment ☐ Autorenew ☐ Payment Plan

Cancel Next

2020-2021 Community Placements

Community Placement Grants

- Brantwood Children's Home \$8,750
- Dream Court, Inc. \$8,000
- Friendship Mission \$8,000
- Hispanic Outreach Leadership and Action \$5,000
- Human Trafficking \$2,250
- Impact Alabama \$5,000
- Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts \$6,000
- Service Dogs of Alabama \$7,000
- The Junior Miss Foundation of Alabama \$5,000

Total \$55,000

New This Year!

The Placement Matching Team will be implementing a new placement matching tool this year. This new placement matching tool will streamline the placement process and enables our League to place you intentionally and meaningfully. The Placement Matching Team is working hard to update placement descriptions and configure the system to set it up for our League.

Michelle Shaw (Placement Chair), Tamela-Selma Burke (Co-Chair), Rachel Boyd and Laura Maxey will give a step-by-step presentation at the Feb. 23 General Membership/Placement Fair Meeting. Please make plans to be in attendance.

February E&T

Check out Digital Cheetah for an amazing line up of Education & Training (E&T) events! Below is a list of upcoming virtual E&T's- sign up on Digital Cheetah!

- Smithsonian Social Studies Online: Black History Month Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021 11– 11:45 a.m.
- R&R: Rhythm and Revolution: Expressions of Struggle, Collaboration, and Peace Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021 6–7:30 p.m.
- Conversation with a Plastic Surgeon Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021 6:15–7:15 p.m.

Also, be sure to review your Digital Cheetah account and verify your E&T credits. If you have any questions and/or concerns, reach of to the **E&T Chair Daria C. Awusah**, at dcawusah@yahoo.com.

Thank you ladies for all the work that you do!



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League Lines

**ONE MISSION.
ONE MEMBERSHIP.
ONE LEAGUE.**

The Junior League of Montgomery is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.