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Discover the Charms of Columbus at JLC Spring Gala 2016

Have you ever gotten the opportunity to watch a plane land in the middle of a party? Or listened to live music as you watch the sun set over an airport runway? Well the Junior League of Columbus is happy to offer an event where guests can do just that! The annual Spring Gala will once again be taking place in an airport hangar at the OSU- Don Scott Airport. Our guests are invited to enjoy an evening full of friends, family, food, cocktails, live music, and much more—complete with a VIP view of the runway. You won't want to miss out!

Aside from the breathtaking view, the Spring Gala team is excited to focus on the hidden charms of Columbus. We are proud to be the Junior League of Columbus and couldn't be

more excited to put on display what makes Columbus so special. Featuring foods from establishments specific to Central Ohio, our guests will have the opportunity to discover veiled gems they may not have been exposed to before. We hope that our local food vendors will add to the special touch that this year's Spring Gala will have.

We are thrilled to welcome back local band, Agent 99. Once again they will be providing live music that's enjoyable for everyone! Agent 99 has been performing for over 25 years and they are sure to be a big hit! Our silent Auction will not fail to impress; featuring a wide variety of packages; there is something for everyone. In addition to our silent auction pack-

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DISCOVER THE CHARMS OF COLUMBUS
AT THE 2016

SPRING GALA

Presented by the Junior League of Columbus

Saturday April 30th
7-10 PM

Featuring a Silent Auction, Cuisine from Columbus' best, Local Music, a Special key Adventure and a Champagne Pull.

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A New Member's JLC Experience



Kaitlin Whitley (right) and Camille Doty (left) are all smiles during the New Members Retreat.

My New Member Year in the Junior League of Columbus has exceeded my expectations. I am honored to work with this dynamic organization. The volunteer opportunities have helped me to become more in tune with the needs of others in Central Ohio.

The league encourages everyone to learn and lead from day one. I can use and develop my skills in other areas of my life.

Volunteering for the Bargain Box gave me the opportunity to serve with other new members, actives and sustainers. A group of us sang "Happy Birthday" after completing a warehouse shift. I learned that day to do the work but enjoy the process.

I greeted customers on that glorious super Saturday. The 67-year tradition gives customers the chance to buy quality

items within their budget. It was an opportunity for me to see the JLC connect with the community.

It's an absolute joy working with my New Member Mentor, Kaitlin Whitley. She is encouraging and fun. Her enthusiasm is contagious. Kaitlin takes the time to make sure each one of us has a positive first-year experience.

I cannot wait to see Bestie Backpack Bash come into full bloom. It's comforting to have league support as our team embarks on uncharted waters.

I am grateful that the JLC accepts me for who I am but is willing to give me the tools to become my best self. I look forward to the rest of this year and many more to come.

-Camille Doty



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A Message from Cortney J. Porter JLC President 2015-2016

The Junior League of Columbus is making an impact in the central Ohio community with our continued engagement in Columbus through our mission and programs. We kicked off the League year with our longest community project, Bargain Box. For over 66 years, this vital community project is an event the community looks forward to every fall. In October 2015, we held this treasured sale at a new location; Resolute

Athletic Complex. The weekend began with a Preview Party and the return of the Friday night sale. Shoppers were thrilled to shop in the new location over the weekend and were lined up early to get great merchandise at an even better price. The JLC netted nearly \$14,000 over the Bargain Box weekend and the monies raised from the annual sale goes directly into JLC programming that benefits women and children through our meaningful volunteer projects.

As members, we continue to connect the “money to the mission” with our fundraisers. Holiday Tour of Homes was a phenomenal success for the second consecutive year in Grandview. This year boasted more homes and the weather could not have been better! The Holiday Tour of Homes committee was driven and focused to expand the fundraiser. Through their tireless efforts, the tour saw an increase in community ticket sales which was attributed to great media coverage on WXYS, ABC 6 News, and marketing through Groupon.

New Members have been fully engaged through the JLC’s Adopt-a-Backpack for Children Project (ABC Project) and have successfully planned and executed amazing events to ensure the League continues this vital work. Our New Members revitalized our relationship with Argo and Lehne through an evening shopping event and created a new fundraiser, Bestie Backpack Bash. This event drew over 200 guests which included the members of the community and future JLC members! The passion, dedication and enthusiasm from our New Members have catapulted the ABC Project to new heights! Our entire membership is looking forward to the annual backpack stuffing and increasing the numbers of backpacks we can donate. We are so honored to continue the legacy, Past

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Mission Statement

The Junior League of Columbus is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Vision

The Junior League of Columbus is the community’s leading resource for trained volunteers. Through our programs and the Kelton House Museum and Garden, we educate the community, preserve the past and build for the future of Columbus.

Reaching Out Statement

The Junior League of Columbus reaches out to women of all races, colors, religions, and national origins, 22 years of age and older, who demonstrate an interest in and a commitment to voluntarism.

The JLC is Recruiting for 2016-2017!

The Junior League of Columbus is excited to kick off 2016 with some fun, upcoming events for potential new members to learn about the League, meet our members and take part in philanthropic initiatives.

Do you know any women interested in joining the League? Now is a great time to join us as we begin to select the incoming 2016-2017 class.

The Junior League of Columbus will begin enrolling women for our 2016/2017 new member class in the spring of 2016 and the deadline to apply for membership is June 30, 2016. The new member year begins on July 1!

In the meantime, we invite you to attend some social, networking, and informational events between now and June to learn more about who we are and what we do!

So save the date for these 2016 planned events!

* **Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. at The Kelton House - Informational Session:** Learn about what it means to join The Junior League including benefits, volunteer opportunities, time and financial commitments.

* **Sunday, April 24 at 12:00 p.m. at Matt the Miller's Tavern - Potential New Member Brunch Social:** You're invited to meet and mingle with active League members and chat over a casual brunch!

* **Wednesday, May 18 (Time and Location TBD) - Volunteer with the League:** Join active League members stuffing backpacks for our annual "ABC Backpacks" initiative which provides thousands of backpacks filled with school supplies to children throughout Columbus.

* **Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m. at The Kelton House - Informational Session:** Learn about what it means to join The Junior League including benefits, volunteer opportunities, time and financial commitments.

* **Wednesday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. at The Kelton House - Informational Session:** Learn about what it means to join The Junior League including benefits, volunteer opportunities, time and financial commitments.

Active League members are encouraged to invite and refer friends, family and colleagues to join the League as well! Remember - great people know other great people! As extra incentive, League members can "**Recruit and Save**". League members will be rewarded a **\$10 credit for each new member referred who joins** the New Member class in 2016.

We're looking forward to seeing you and showing you why we are proud to be members of The Junior League of Columbus!

Please email recruitmentjlc@gmail.com with interest and to receive future event notifications!

**Do you know anyone who
you think would be a great fit for the
Junior League of Columbus?**

**If so, contact recruitment
coordinators**

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Upcoming Junior League of Columbus Events

March 19: Reds, Whites, & ABCs	May 19-21: ABC Backpack Stuffing at Charity Newsies
April 3: Quick Impact –Dinner at the YWCA of Columbus	June: Annual Dinner
April 12: General Membership Meeting	June 25: 12th Annual Kelton House Gala
April 30: Spring Gala	

Meet the New Faces of the JLC



Ellen Fraser (right) and her mentor
Blaire Ramey (left)

Ellen Fraser, New Member

How did you hear about the Junior League/Why did you join the Junior League?

I heard about the Junior League from my mom. I had just moved back to Columbus and was trying to meet new people. She had participated in programs that are like Junior League during her lifetime in Columbus, and she suggested it to me. I finally decided to join because I thought it

would be a great way to meet new people, but also to build on my preexisting leadership skills and become a more philanthropic young woman.

What is your role in the New Member Project?

I am on the Community Impact team. Something I am working on within the group is trying to establish an "Adopt-A-School" program, which involves reaching out to high schools in the area to ask them if they would like to "adopt" one of our schools in need of backpacks by fundraising for supplies on our behalf.

Favorite thing about your JLC experience so far?

I love all the people I've met both in my mentor group, and outside of it. Everyone is so welcoming and comes from a variety of backgrounds with a variety of expertise to offer.

Favorite place to eat in Columbus?

Bakersfield in the Short North or Ocean Club at Easton.

What is your job outside of the League?

I am the Annual Fund Manager at the Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA).

What part of town do you live in?

Short North

Fun fact/Hobby/Interest?

I love riding my bike and plan to do Pelatonia this summer for the first time. I also love, love, love shopping and doing anything arts-related in Columbus.

Sunni Sugimoto, New Member

How did you hear about the Junior League/Why did you join the Junior League?

A friend of mine, Rachel Sabo, had joined the League last year. I went to some events with her and really enjoyed them and the message of the League. I wanted to join an organization where I could network, meet new people, and give back to the community and the Junior League provides all of those important factors for me.

What is your role in the New Member Project?

I was the Team Lead for the Bubbles and Bling event at Argo's.

Favorite thing about your JLC experience so far?

I really enjoyed my time planning the Bubbles and Bling event. Prior to moving to Ohio, I was an event planner and it brought back many fond memories. I also really enjoy any time I can volunteer with the local kids, such as Kids in the Kitchen, it is fun to see how excited kids can be by simply making a roll up for dinner.

Favorite place to eat in Columbus?

I have so many favorites, right now, it is Guild House, I love the ambiance and location.

What is your job outside of the League?

I am an attorney and I focus my practice in Family Law, so I do a lot of divorces, custody actions.

What part of town do you live in?

The Northside.

Fun fact/Hobby/Interest:

I am a Broadway musical fanatic. I go to New York 4-5 times a year just to see new shows. If anyone ever wants a recommendation, I am your girl!



Sunni Sugimoto (center) enjoying the Argo & Lehne fundraiser to support the Adopt-A-Backpack Project

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Sarah Kendall, New Member

How did you hear about the Junior League/Why did you join the Junior League?

I heard about the Junior League through a friend's sister who joined after law school. After this informal/word-of-mouth introduction to the League, I decided to use my Google powers to learn what the Columbus Chapter had to offer. I perused our website and after a good twenty minutes of research, I fell head over heels with the ABC backpack project. It was the exact type of project I've been wanting to be apart of for quite a while - breaking down barriers to educational access (particularly urban, low-income areas) is an issue I hold close to my heart. So, I decided to go attend an information session to see if I was a good fit for the group. After one meeting with the actives and potential new members, I was sold. Although the warm, inviting environment was enough to persuade me to sign-up, it was the confident and strong-willed personalities of the women that ultimately solidified my decision. I remember leaving that information session thinking, "These are the kind of women I want to surround myself with."



Sarah Kendall at the Argo and Lehne event modeling a diamond piece that cost almost half a million dollars

What is your role in the New Member Project?

Team Captain of Community Engagement

Favorite thing about your JLC experience so far?

My favorite experience so far has to be the friendships I've made with my new member class, the active women I've met through various volunteer shifts, and the guidance I've been given from one particularly awesome sustainer. I hope these friendships will continue to flourish over my many years in the Junior League.

Favorite place to eat in Columbus?

The Pearl

What is your job outside the League?

In January 2016, I went part-time at Manley Deas Kochalski LLC so I could go back to school full-time. I am currently in Mount Carmel's Second Degree Accelerated program for nursing.

What part of town do you live in?

Dennison Place

Fun fact/Hobby/Interest?

I have a moderate and fairly controlled obsession with Neil de-

Grasse Tyson. If I could switch lives (or brains) with anyone, it would be him.

Veronica Scherbauer, New Member

How did you hear about the Junior League/Why did you join the Junior League?

I heard about the Junior League of Columbus through friends who are members. I joined the League to meet other successful, passionate women with a desire to serve their community and meet new friends.

What is your role in the New Member Project?

I am a member of the Operations Team for the ABC Backpack Project. I am focusing mainly on obtaining corporate donations and securing other funding sources for 2016. I am also working on planning the backpack stuffing nights.

Favorite thing about your JLC experience so far?

My favorite thing about my JLC experience so far has been my new member group. I am really inspired by the women in my group and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know them all and working on our new member project together. While we come from all different backgrounds and experiences, we use those experiences to learn from each other and we make a great team!

Favorite place to eat in Columbus?

This is a difficult question....I love food. Probably my most recent favorite is Nada downtown. They have the best tacos and happy hour!

What is your job outside the League?

Outside of the league, I work for Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine as the Criminal Justice Initiatives Coordinator. In this role I focus on education and outreach for the office on several issues including human trafficking, drug abuse awareness, and juvenile justice.

What part of town do you live in?

I live with my husband in Westerville.

Fun fact/Hobby/Interest?

I really enjoy working out, especially group classes. Yoga is one of my favorite ways to relax and refocus during the week. But I also love Zumba and Hip Hop too!



Veronica Scherbauer

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Ashley Heis, New Member

How did you hear about the Junior League/Why did you join the Junior League?

After dabbling in a few other volunteer organizations in the Columbus area, I have to give credit to my mom who was a JL member in Omaha, NE and later to my girlfriends who joined

in Dallas, TX for tossing me the idea. I enjoy being a part of something bigger than myself, but I love giving back more - JLC provides a platform to do so, while also making an impact at a local, community level; and it's a bonus to be surrounded by smart, strong leaders who share the same vision to make a difference and better the world around us.

What is your role in the New Member Project?

Supporting our JL Active Team Lead, Kristen Mackey, I'm helping lead a great group of New Members as we host one of the most fun events of the year - Reds, Whites & ABC's - benefiting the JLC ABC Backpack Initiative, whereby funds raised from ticket sales and silent actions will go toward filling backpacks for kids in need. There are big shoes to fill from previous years, but with a team of smart, diligent women, we're hopeful it will be a great night!

Favorite thing about your JLC experience so far?

I've been continually impressed by the strong women who volunteer for this organization and cause - there are so many different types of events and opportunities to get involved in that experience is anything but dull.

Favorite place to eat in Columbus?

The Barn - the bacon-wrapped fillet is my ultimate favorite; but let's be honest....anywhere that serves white wine.

What is your job outside of the League?

Great question. Depends on the day. After leaving a fantastic career with American Airlines managing our credit card business, I've spent the last 18 months being a full-time mom with my 3 kids (ages 11, 7 and 4). I think it's official, I am now underpaid. ;) Rewards are different, but fuller for where I am in my life - I wouldn't call it a job though, it's just what I do.

What part of town do you live in?

New Albany, it's more than white picket fences - no seriously, did you know it got rated #1 suburb to live in? I did not see that coming, nor did I think we would end up in an amazing neighborhood, but we did!

Fun fact/Hobby/Interest?

I somehow graduated with an engineering degree while playing Division 1 soccer, yet I can barely do my son's 7th grade math.

Jessica Smith, Transfer

Where did you transfer from & what were you involved in with that League?

I transferred from Junior League - Oakland-East Bay this fall. In that league I had just finished up as Home Tour Chair and was embarking on a new league position where I would organize and oversee sponsorship and partnerships.

Favorite place to eat in Columbus?

This is a really difficult question! My husband and I have ventured out to try a lot of the restaurants the city has to offer and have been impressed by many. I will have to give a few. Ocean Club for a celebratory dinner, Barcelona for a group dinner, The Pearl for a weeknight date night and Philco Bar + Diner for breakfast.



Jessica Smith

What is your placement in the JLC?

I have recently been placed as the Director Elect of Partnership Development. I am working with Beth Daly to streamline our partnership asks to ensure we are maximizing revenues, and in turn our work in the community, as a league.

What is your job outside of the League?

I am the Director of Corporate Development with the Columbus Blue Jackets. At the Jackets I oversee a staff that is responsible for advertising and premium seating revenues.

What part of town do you live in?

My husband, Scott, and I live with our dog Bear in the Short North. We are enjoying our time in that part of the city as we get to know Columbus.

Fun Fact/Hobby/Interest?

We love to travel! Day trips, weekend trips or internationally. This year's trips include Boston, Arizona for Spring Training, Florida and Italy. If you have any Italy recommendations, please send them my way! We also spend at least a couple of weekends a year in the Bay Area, California & Upstate New York where we are from.

Tell us something fun about the League that you came from?

With JLOEB we began each meeting, large or small, with an icebreaker. It would often be a question that related to a guest community speaker we had and other times would be a conversation starter before digging into tasks at hand during meetings. It was a quick way to find commonalities with other members that you may not have known before.

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ages, we welcome guests to enjoy a purchased glass of champagne that will correlate to a surprise gift bag. You are guaranteed to take something home with our champagne pull. Last, but not least, we are going to be featuring a new experience for our guests. We will have a special prize that will be on display throughout the evening, but will be in a locked box. We will be selling keys for this special box, and at the end of the evening we will have our guests try their luck and unlock the prize. With all these great options, our guests are sure to have a wonderful evening.

On behalf of the Junior League of Columbus, the Spring Gala team wants to ensure that all of our guests

will be able to see a representation of the charm that is Columbus. We are so happy to have the backing of so many local business leaders, and with their support are able to execute an event where members, friends, and family can come together in a night of celebration and fun, all while giving back to the League to help us in our mission. Please join us, and we hope to see you on Saturday, April 30.



Bargain Box 2015 Comes to Resolute Athletic Complex



Volunteers at a Bargain Box warehouse shift

Building off of the success from the 66th Annual Bargain Box held at Goodwill Columbus in October 2014, the Junior League of Columbus was excited to hold this year's event - which marked the 67th Annual Bargain Box at its new home - the Resolute Athletic Complex on Chiller Lane near Easton.

New warehouse space donated by a donor who wishes to remain anonymous allowed the Junior League of Columbus to have 24 hour access 7 days a week. The Bargain Box Committee held many drop-off shifts, but this space, most importantly, allowed for sorting to occur prior to the set-up of the sale. This allowed department chairs to get ahead of schedule with getting items ready for the sale.

The Junior League of Columbus received a large number of items from Temple Israel and Rock City Church and we were able to offer large item pick-ups due to the generosity of Christian Madison

Church with the loan of their trailer. Another new

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partnership in 2015 included Clothes Mentor, which donated all of the unwanted consignment items to Bargain Box during the month of September.

This year brought back the Friday night pre-sale with 104 people browsing through the tables and a kick-off party in the upstairs bar area which included desserts donated by Sadie Baby Sweets!

The day of the sale started with a familiar line making its way out of the building with the first person arriving at 4:30 a.m.! By noon approximately 500 people shopped at the 67th Annual Bargain Box (first time walking through not counting multiple shopping trips) with a steady stream of customers until 2:00 p.m. We learned from one woman's announcement that this was her 50th year of shopping at Bargain Box! The customers loved the new location, the set-up of the tables, new department signs and all of the friendly volunteers!

For the second year, Orange Barrel Media provided electronic signage at the intersection of Broad and High. It was wonderful seeing the JLC and Bargain Box names up in lights and we greatly appreciate Orange Barrel Media for their support! The 67th annual Bargain Box was extremely successful - grossing over \$23,000!

In addition to raising funds to support the Junior League of Columbus' community projects, the impact that our membership made to the community truly makes a difference. The leftover items from the sale donated to Goodwill Columbus was worth a total value of \$8,500!

This event would not have been possible without the support of our department sponsors: Alicia Adams, Marisa Nye, Liz Maag, Emily Pucker, Liz CaJacob, Amy Deverson Roberts, June Doyle, Alison and Nathan Lemle, Arenstein & Anderson Co., LPA, Cheryl Newton, Curt Cooper, Farrah Chrstos, Georganne Reuter, Julie and Chris Slagle, Laurie Schmidt-Moats, Suzy Lucci, Mary Oellerman.

Additional supporters and sponsors included: Clothes Mentor, Dave Ferguson. E.E. Ward Moving and Storage, Goodwill Columbus, Kroger, Lasting Impressions Event Rental, Madison Christian Church, New Albany & Dublin Cleaners, Orange Barrel Media, Resolute Athletic Complex, Rock City Church, Sadie Baby Sweets, Team Batelle and Temple Israel.

Thank you to our community volunteers from Abercrombie & Fitch and Price Water House Coopers who helped make set-up during the day on Thursday and Friday!

Feedback from this year's shoppers included:

Love it!

Great set up here and organized!

Excellent staff friendly service

Wonderful, easy to find, reasonable prices, fitting room

Super 5 stars! Thank you so much for continuing the tradition!

JLC is great!

Love the new venue, well organized and staff was so nice this year (This was from a person that has attended for 20+ years)

Awesome! Love this building

Well organized this year! Thanks for your hard work in putting it

together (This was from a woman that has attended for 10+ years)

Lots of fun!

Workers were very friendly!

I am glad that you are here every year. This is the best flea market. I have been coming since 1975.

Don't stop the Bargain Box (This is from a 40 year veteran shopper of BB)

Gets better every year!

Wonderful! I love bargains!

Awesome! More Bargain Box!

Just keep coming back!

Fab!

Fun!!

I have been coming since I was little - same day every year for 56 years. My experience is always great. I love Bargain Box.

Continue to serve (12 year shopper)

Amazing experience! All wonderful young ladies! (Do you plan to come next year? Marked yes - if alive)

It's always a good time at Bargain Box (29 year veteran)

I love the Bargain Box

Just like I remember as a kid. :-)

Glad you had it again this year (26 year veteran shopper)

Everything was neatly arranged and organized (25 year veteran shopper)

The best! (10 year veteran shopper)



Paige Wood (left) and Jessica Hood (right) volunteering at Bargain Box 2015



Resolute Athletic Complex set up for Bargain Box 2015

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Holiday Tour of Homes Spreads the Holiday Spirit to Grandview Heights & Marblecliff

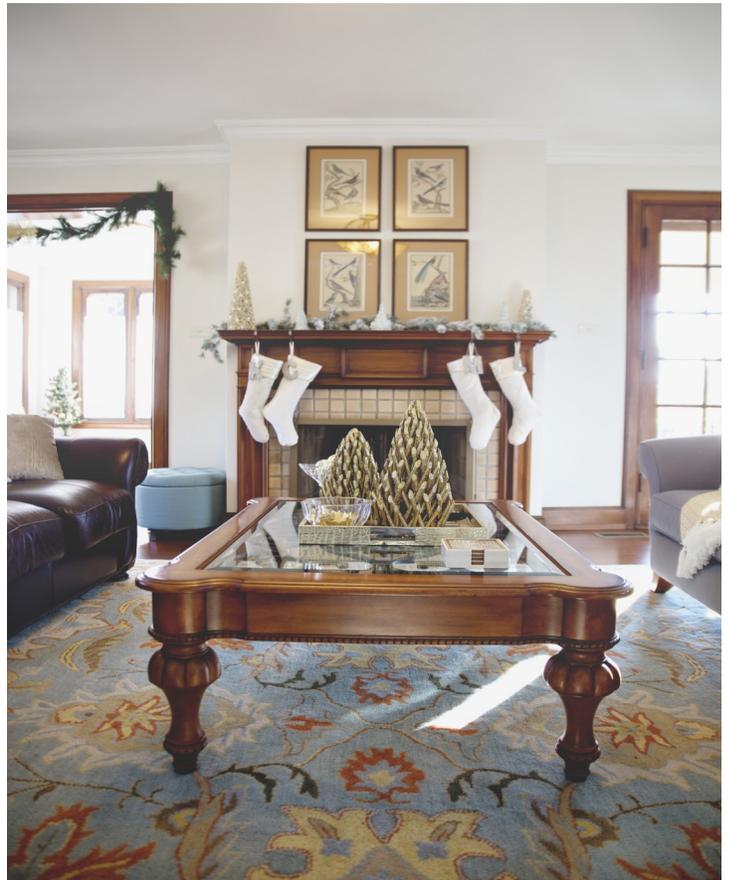
December 5th brought the 11th Annual Holiday Tour of Homes to Grandview Heights and Marblecliff once again! We had seven fabulous homes ranging from 77 years of age to 175+ years, including a home that first served as a refuge for the poor and sick and a home on the National Register of Historic Places. Each house had not only charm and personality, but also inspiring architectural details.

Over 550 patrons supported the Junior League of Columbus this year and with a new promotion partner, Groupon, the Holiday Tour of Homes committee was ecstatic to see so many new

faces learning about the League, our philanthropic efforts, and most of all, celebrating the holiday spirit!



Kara Ungerman (left), Anna Karousis (center), Meredith Stang (right) having a good time at the HTOH Preview Party



Beautiful mantel featured in one of the HTOH houses



Stunning family room from one of the homes on the tour



King Avenue 5 decorated for the HTOH Preview Party

Kelton House Underground Railroad Advisory



The program was based on Nat Brandt's 1990 book, *The Town that Started the Civil War*. Cast members were asked to read the book, select a character, and then develop dialog for their character. Later, Ann DeWitt compiled the various dialogues into a seamless script using the narrative device of a reporter from the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* (her character) posing questions to participants about their involvement in the event ten years afterwards. A PowerPoint presentation of period images of people and events helped to carry the narrative for audience members unfamiliar with the history.

The first performance on Sunday, May 16, 2014 at the Kelton House played to a full house. It was well received with the audience especially intrigued by the banter between the slave-catcher Democrats and the abolitionist Republicans. Subsequent performances have taken place at the Griswold Senior Center in Worthington and at the Westerville Library and Westerville Historical Society. Upcoming performances will be at the Shepard branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library.

A video clip from the performance was posted on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1DoTjrg2V8>) as a promotional tool and a promotional mailing was sent to Senior Centers. Organizations wishing to book the program can do so by contacting Director Georgeanne Reuter at 614-464-2022 or keltonhouse@cs.com.

The Ohio Local History Alliance (OLHA) awarded its Outstanding Achievement Award for Public Programming to the Kelton House Museum and Garden on October 3, 2015. The award was presented for the historical reenactment entitled "Not on Our Watch: The Triumphant Oberlin-Wellington Rescue of 1858." Participating in the Awards luncheon at the Worthington Holiday Inn were members of the cast (most in costume) and the Kelton House Underground Railroad Advisory Committee: Leslie Blankenship, Lanna Blue, Bob Bobel, Scott Caputo, Ann DeWitt, Janece Keyes-Shanklin, Tamora Lumpton-Wilkinson, Rory Rennick, Keith Shannon, Mark Welch, and Shirley Wilson. Not attending the luncheon were cast members Juliette Brima, Charles Miller, Eli Secrest, and Wesley Williams III.

The Junior League of Columbus Celebrates 40 years of Kelton House Service

In April 1976, the Junior League of Columbus voted to take on a project that would prove to be its most long-lasting service to the community. Members voted to restore the home of Grace Bird Kelton and maintain it as their home and a museum of local history and the decorative arts in accordance with Miss Kelton's wishes.

Throughout 2016-19, the Museum will host a series of events to celebrate and honor the Museum's founders, increase engagement with the Museum and encourage long-term support by both the Junior League of Columbus and the community in general.

The first event will be a tea/luncheon to be held on Sunday, August 7, 2016, which coincides with the anniversary of Grace Kelton's birth in 1881. Vintage linens and china will grace tables and set the tone for an event where attendees will be encouraged to wear vintage hats and gloves. Fans will be provided!

Look for your invitation in early summer.

Members may join the committee planning the events, which are in the planning stages. Please contact Georgeanne Reuter at 614-464-2022 or keltonhouse@cs.com to find out more.



Ghosts and Goblins Fill the Kelton House

Over 80 people attended the first annual Kelton House Halloween Party in October 2015 raising nearly \$3,000 for the museum. The guests were invited to enjoy haunting scenes in each of the rooms on the first floor of the museum: a skeleton emerging from a coffin, floating ghosts, the ghouls dinner party and others. In the Carriage house tables were laden with food and a signature blood red drink was offered. In the basement rooms a fortune teller predicted the future for an endless stream of guests and a candy /dessert bar offered traditional Halloween sweets. The evening ended with the awarding of prizes for best costume in five different categories.

Below: Zack Foreman (left) Blaire Ramey (right) having fun at Halloween the party!



Above: Kelton House Halloween Party attendees posing in their costumes

Below: Halloween party decor



Left: JLC Administrator Sandy Troutman dressed at Cat in the Hat

Kelton House Docents

Each year over 8,500 people visit the Kelton House for one of our tours. For most, those tours are led by a docent. As a result, the Kelton House is always looking for more League members to go thru Docent Training and become active docents. Starting in 2015 docent training became a primary League placement. Once your training is over, docenting provides a steady stream of volunteer hours.

Don't know anything about the museum or history you say? Neither does anyone else when they start. The Docent training program and other docents will teach you everything you need to know.

The museum isn't relevant to the League you say? The Kelton House directly supports our mission of Educational Readiness by providing a variety of educational programs. Each year school teachers from Franklin and nearby counties bring over 3,500 children to the Kelton House to learn about the Underground Railroad. Social studies content knowledge is essential for building academic vocabulary, analytical thinking and research skills. In fact, studies show that up to 55% of an individual's academic vocabulary is gained from the social studies.

Girl Scouts and other visitors learn about the amazing Kelton

women who should serve as role models for us all. These women were the leaders of their day. Women like Laura Brace Kelton who founded the first kindergarten programs in Columbus and served on the Board of Directors of Children Hospital in a time when women were expected to be home cooking dinner. Or Belle Coit Kelton who led the woman's suffrage movement in Ohio and counted Elizabeth Cady Stanton as one of her close friends. Or Grace Kelton who ran a successful interior design business in Columbus and was selected to work for Jackie Kennedy when she redecorated the White House

Aren't good at public speaking you say? The Kelton House is the perfect place to sharpen your skills. Your first tours will be given with a trained docent at your side, for moral support and to field any questions you can't answer yet. Sunday tours are usually given to small groups of 10 or less.

But what is the best part of being a Kelton House docent? The clothes of course! We all played dress-up as children. Here is our chance to do it as adults. The Kelton House has a supply of costumes and has hired a seamstress to make more. Corsets are NOT required. All you need to provide are the shoes.

Celebrate The Kelton House With An American Blues Style Gala

It's time to raise the roof, toast to friends near and far, and raise some funds for the Kelton House Museum & Garden.

We're bringing the history of our country, the soul of blues music, and the heart of America right to you at the Kelton House. On Saturday, June 25, 2016, we will present "Midnight Blues," a fun-filled evening in the Kelton House and its beautiful garden. The evening's entertainment will include music by a live blues band, "Below Zero Blues", tours of the museum, silent auction baskets, a raffle and faux casino gambling.

This fundraiser will help the Kelton House continue to provide Central Ohio families with an interactive educational (and fun!) history experience reflecting life in 19th century Columbus, the

Civil War, and the Underground Railroad.

Get your tickets today by visiting the JLC Store on the JLC website or by contacting The Kelton House Museum and Garden. See you there!



Leadership, Success, & Balance

As members of a training organization we contentiously strive to learn from each other in hopes to develop ourselves and our peers as leaders in the community. In preparation for our upcoming new Leadership & Lattes event, we asked a few members to share with us insight about success, leadership, and balancing it all.

Name: Kristen Mackey

Years with the League: Active, 2 years

Day Job: Director of Merchandising & Customer Experience, Bath&BodyWorks.com

League Job: ABC Fundraising Event New Member Team Leader and Kelton House Gala Team Member

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What does success mean to you? For me, success means understanding my purpose and trying to fulfill that each day. It comes with a mindset of seeing challenges as growth opportunities, and it is believing you can actually grow beyond your best.

What advice do you have for women just starting their careers? 4 things: Be curious for your career – if you want to advance, you have to want to get better. Seek to improve, not prove. Take risks and don't be afraid to fail. Drive is healthy but only when you marry it with passion.

What makes a great leader? A great leader is a great FOLLOWER – following behind those who have helped pave the road of which you share your journey. It's about emulating those who have inspired you along the way and help you develop not only your skillsets but also realizing your purpose. Most importantly, leaders care about people.

How has Junior League helped you in your professional pursuits? Junior League has taught me that we can always do better – as people, as organizations, as a society. Status quo isn't good enough; we must be innovative in order to create change. I work in eCommerce, one of the fastest growing and changing industries, and it's imperative that I stay innovative and curious for my biggest stakeholders – the customers. The League has also taught me that it takes everyone working towards the same goal and carrying out the mission in order to get results. At work, we reach those goals if I'm doing my part to inspire, motivate and develop the team- it's all about having passion for the people more than

the business results. Successful business results come when we foster a work culture centered around the success of its people.

Did you always have the same professional goals or did they evolve over time? My goals are constantly evolving – they change as I change. When I first started my career, my goal was to be “the boss” and sit at the head of the table in a conference room. Not kidding – that was my goal. Quickly that evolved into goals related to experiences – my goal was to learn as much as I could in a position and then keep moving. I never wanted to stay in a role that I had mastered and couldn't keep learning. Today, my professional goal is not about being the boss or experiences. It's about passion. My goal is to continue working in an industry that I love, for a company that values me, and to ensure I have time for myself and things that matter the most in life – not work.

What is the best way to achieve a professional and personal balance? Yikes – this is where I struggle the most! Empowering and Delegating are 2 of the toughest words to practice as a professional. However, they are also the 2 most critical components to achieving the personal balance you need for yourself and what matters most in your life. Balance requires self-reflection and realization that you can't do it all. If you are doing it all, you probably aren't doing anything well. So I've learned...

Name: Beth Daly

Years with the League: Active Gold, 6 years

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Kids in the Kitchen Expands Partnership with SON Ministries

Last year, Kids in the Kitchen partnered with SON Ministries to provide the children participating in their Family ESL Program Kids Club a lesson in healthy eating while providing them with a tasty snack. It went so well, that we expanded our partnership this junior league year, committing to four nights with the Kids Club.

The first two SON events have already taken place, and were very well-received. In November, kids got to create their own yogurt parfaits and fruit and cheese kabobs. In January, kids put together “mini sliders” con-

sisting of bread, hummus, turkey and cheese. We also made ants on a log (celery, peanut butter and raisins) and “ants on an ark” (peanut butter and raisins on apples instead of celery). After preparing the snacks, the kids eat them in the hallway as we discuss with them why the various food items are healthy options.

SON Ministries has provided a great partnership opportunity for KITK, and we look forward to continuing to work with them in the future.

ESL Kids Club members learning about healthier food options



JLC members helping the ESL Kids Club members prepare their healthy snack for the evening

JLC Works With Kids to Promote Healthy Eating

In November, Kids in the Kitchen hosted its first major event of the year at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. Approximately fifty kids participated in the event which was geared at educating children about the importance of balance to maintain a healthy lifestyle – including eating well and staying active. The event featured interactive stations, including: child-friendly yoga, a sensory game in which blindfolded kids guessed fruits using all senses besides sight, a tour of the food bank, and a discussion about moderation which included decorating mini-cake pops or flavoring popcorn thanks to Sadie Baby Sweets. Kids learned about which foods were “Go” – the healthiest foods that you can eat all the time, “Slow” – foods that are good in moderation, and “Whoa” – foods that are better for occasional treats rather than every day eating. After rotating through the stations, everyone came together for the chef demonstration on how to make healthy stir fry that tastes great. Children and adults alike enjoyed tasting the food and learning more about healthy eating.

Up next for KITK is our large spring event “Healthy Cooking Demos for Kids” at the Columbus Culinary Institute on March 5. This popular event is open to approximately 200 kids. Chefs from across Columbus join together to lead demonstrations about healthy cooking and eating. Last year kids took home their own basil plants after learning how to make mini basil pizzas! We look forward to another fun, interactive event this year.



KITK food sensory game



Yoga with KITK



Participants touring the Mid Ohio Foodbank's facility

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"It was an honor to coordinate Bargain Box for the second year. We are fortunate to have supportive community partners and JLC members who worked so hard to make the event possible. I am very grateful for everyone's hard work, time, donations, financial support and dedication to this community project. An additional thank you to the Bargain Box Committee and Bargain Box Department Chairs! I look forward to seeing how Bargain Box grows in 2016!" Amy Deverson Roberts, 67th Annual Bargain Box Coordinator.

Plans are currently underway for the 68th Annual Bargain Box - pre-sale scheduled for Friday, October 7 and the general sale on Saturday, October 8th at Resolute Athletic Complex. Start saving your items for donation now and warehouse drop-off dates will be announced in the near future!

If you have any questions or would like to be a part of planning this year's event, please contact the 2016 Bargain Box Coordinator, Alicia Adams!

President's Letter (Continued from page 2)

President, Amanda Trueman, created years ago.

The Junior League of Columbus will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the renovation of the Carriage House. It is an honor for the Junior League to sustain and maintain such a gem and intimate space at the Kelton House. The Kelton House impacts thousands of lives each year through its unique educational programming, museum tours and special events. The celebration will kick-off this August with a "birthday" party celebrating the life of Grace Kelton and JLC members who worked tirelessly to ensure the Carriage House was restored to its full glory. The Kelton House 40th anniversary planning committee is working on exciting events and meaningful programming that will capture a fresh new audience to experience the Kelton House and sustain our valued supporters of this Junior League of Columbus project.

I am honored to lead such a talented group of diverse women who donate their "time, talent and treasure" to ensure the meaningful projects and programs the League sustains benefit those who come to trust our servant leadership. The Junior League of Columbus' 92 year legacy remains strong and each one of our members contribute to maintain it through: Leadership- Engagement-Generosity-Attitude-Community and You.



Cortney J. Porter
2015-2016 Junior League of Columbus President

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Day Job: Business Line Manager of Cyber Intel Analytics in Cyber Innovations at Battelle (shorter answer: Business Line Manager at Battelle)

League Job: Partnership Development Director, and President-Elect-Elect

What does success mean to you? When you are doing something you love and making a difference in the world.

What advice do you have for women just starting their careers? Always ask questions, take as many opportunities as possible, don't think you aren't experienced enough or knowledgeable enough to add to the conversation

What makes a great leader? Someone who can set aside their personal issues and do what is best for the organization. Someone who can pull the team together to make the best possible product.

How has Junior League helped you in your professional pursuits? The Junior League has given me opportunities to work with a lot of different type of people, to see things from different perspectives (coming from the engineering world this was VERY important for me), practice leadership skills in a safe environment (lessons learned are just that and will not affect my career), and see the bigger picture of my place in the central Ohio community.

Did you always have the same professional goals or did they evolve over time? Yes and no, I never had a "ten year plan" or even a "five year plan." I just push myself every day to continue to grow in my current role and I just rarely say no to new opportunities.

What is the best way to achieve a professional and personal balance? Let me know when you figure it out! No really, I am truly lucky in the people that surround me. I have a husband that is a 50/50 partner in the home and completely supportive of my career (both professional and within the League). My parents are in town and are willing to help out when they can with my kids (4 year old and 10 month old). I have friends at work, in the league, outside of both, that keep me grounded. I also take time for myself. And I realized early on that every night when I leave work

or go to dinner or go to bed with a to do list that is a mile long that that is okay, it will be there tomorrow.

Thank you to Kristen and Beth for providing insight about success and leadership, to Ashley Gammella, GMM Team Member, for contributing the thought-provoking questions, and everyone on Education and Development your assistance in crafting a wonderful article. We are lucky to you and all the women in the League that inspire us to be successful in our professional work, in our league work, and in our community work. We look forward to seeing everyone at our *NEW!* upcoming *Leadership and Lattes* event in Spring 2016.

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