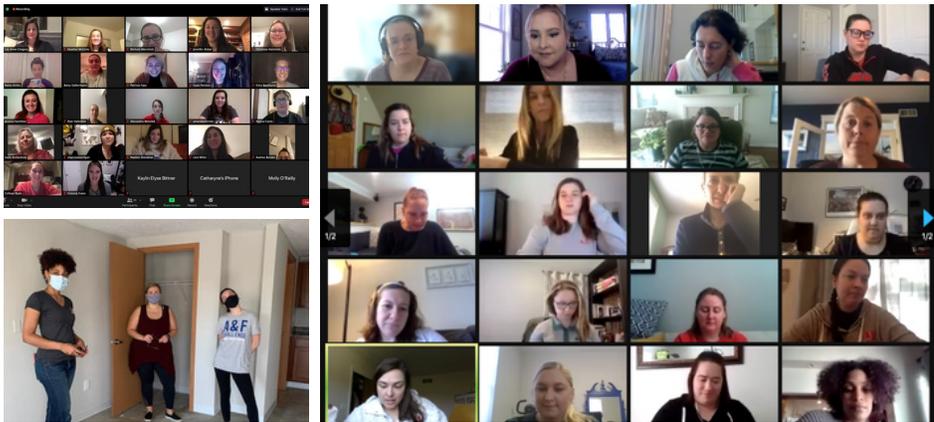


## THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLUMBUS

# CLEARINGHOUSE



The last several months are a blur as time lost its usual meaning. The classroom moved to the family room, celebrations were canceled, and expectations had to be redefined. The global pandemic has impacted us all in a variety of ways, whether it is in the health and safety of our families, employment disruptions, or our social support networks. But we still move forward. The Junior League of Columbus continues to serve our members and our community. Already we have reopened the Kelton House and seen visitors and events return. New members are obtaining monthly training and being placed within many areas of the organization. We have taken steps to ensure our financial stability by reducing our physical footprint and running all League business and operations out of one location. Committees and Councils still meet. Fundraisers are reimagined. Future leaders are recruited. Member training increases. In short, the mission continues. We are an organization of connection and belonging and we have shown ourselves to be resourceful, imaginative, and dedicated. We will continue to move forward. Together.

Best regards,  
Terry Butterworth  
2020-2021 President  
Junior League of Columbus

## 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 STATEMENT

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.

### 2020-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# AN ANNUAL DINNER LIKE NO OTHER

The end of the last League year is one for the history books. Due to COVID, many in-person events and gatherings were canceled, and attending virtual events has become the new norm. On Tuesday, June 9, 2020, the Junior League of Columbus came together on a Zoom call to celebrate our Annual Dinner.

The night was full of celebration as we highlighted all the things we have accomplished including; receiving the 2019 Top-Rated Nonprofit Award from Great NonProfits, creating new plans and procedures for our members, and hitting new records from our councils including the Holiday Tour of Homes team selling over 500 tickets and raising more than \$32,000.

We also spent the night recognizing our members. We congratulated and thanked the new class of Sustainers which included; Diana Briggs, Janice Brockman, Cheryl Cooper, Megan Keller, Erin McKie, Marisa Nye, Blaire Ramey, Brittney Vallendar Saxton, Sarah Warner, and Paige Wood.

We also announced the JLC award winners which included:

**Outstanding New Member Award:** Linda Sabatini  
**Rising Star:** Natalie Fox and Jennifer Shea  
**Team Player:** Diana Marshall  
**Community Award Recipient:** Peggy Hedden  
**President Award Winners:** Nicole Bergman and Melissa Flanigan

We ended our member celebration by featuring Georgeanne Reuter with a special tribute video highlighting her 20 years of service as the Kelton House Executive Director. Thank you, once again, Georgeanne for your dedication.

Even though the event was virtual, we were able to keep a few traditions alive. For the 1st time ever, 19 Presidents participated in the Passing of the Gavel tradition. Weeks prior, each past president was filmed "passing a hammer", a fun way to still keep the tradition. After the video played, Kara Newbury passed the gavel (6ft apart) to the new incoming President, Terry Butterworth. Even though it was unexpected to be virtual with over 100 participants in attendance it was certainly a night to remember.



Diana Briggs

Janice Brockman

Cheryl Cooper

Megan Keller



Erin McKie

Marisa Nye

Blaire Ramey

Brittney Saxton



Sarah Warner

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Diana MarshallPresident's Award  
Nicole BergmanPresident's Award  
Melissa FlaniganCommunity Award  
Peggy Hedden

## KARA NEWBURY SPEAKS AT CYP WISE EVENT

On the morning of July 29th, Columbus Young Professionals (CYP) hosted the 2nd annual WISE event (Women of Inspiration Summit & Expo). This two-day online event welcomed a diverse group of women for an uplifting and inspirational experience to connect and grow while hearing from outstanding speakers and thought leaders. Kara Newbury, the JLC's immediate past President, represented the League in her own breakout session. She spoke about her passion for volunteering and her experience with the JLC and how the League supported her during a difficult time in her life. Other inspiring speakers included; Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, U.S. House of Representatives, Shannon Ginther, Chair of the Columbus Women's Commission, and Julie Wilkes, Entrepreneur, Author, and Motivational Speaker.

WOMEN OF INSPIRATION SUMMIT & EXPO  
 SUMMIT SPEAKER  
 JULY 29  
 11:20am

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 WOMEN OF INSPIRATION SUMMIT & EXPO  
 PRESENTED BY  
 cypclub BRANCH

*Kara Newbury*  
 #WISECBUS

## BRIDGING THE G.A.P. PROVIDES 105 WELCOME KITS TO STAR HOUSE

On March 9th, 2020, The Junior League of Columbus launched a new Signature project, Bridging the G.A.P (Guide, Advocate, Provide). The purpose of this project is to support youth who are aging out of the foster care system in Columbus. Each year in Ohio alone, close to 1,000 youth transition out of the foster care system. The League has committed to helping these youth succeed.

The first part of this project, Project Provide, started in 2020 with League members raising funds and collecting donations to be able to purchase Essential Kits for youth moving into their own apartments for the first time. In partnership with Star House, an organization in Columbus that supports youth ages 18-24, the JLC raised enough money to purchase 105 kits full of essential household items for the youth. Star House is also working to build a new apartment complex in Columbus called the Carol Stewart Village where the youth will be able to transition to their own space while still having staff from Star House available for assistance. Part 1 of the development phase of the new apartment complex was completed in 2020 and 62 of the kits have been given to youth. As of October 2020, Phase 2 of the apartment project has been put on hold by Star House, due to COVID 19 restrictions. Therefore, the remaining kits will be distributed once the project is complete.

The efforts of the League to support foster youth have so far been very successful! The Community Focus Council and the Bridging the G.A.P. team are looking forward to continuing to develop the Guide and Advocate pieces of the project over the next year.



## ABC TEAM ADAPTS TO COVID-19 CHALLENGES



The Adopt-a-Backpack for Children (ABC) project for the League year of 2019-2020 was a success! The team was able to quickly adapt to the challenges of COVID-19 and still provide backpacks to the community. We were able to provide over 2,400 backpacks to the community this year.

The ABC's operations team worked hard to find the best vendor for backpack orders and coordinated delivery to our distribution location, Trinity Baptist Church. The team worked with Trinity Baptist Church to organize the best place for a socially distant distribution. The ABC's community engagement team developed a method to fairly distribute the backpacks to all the schools that requested them and developed a solution for safe way distribution. This was a success as the pickup took place outside and the team provided the backpacks in boxes to eliminate the number of times individuals touched.

Overall, this year's project was a huge success given the challenges the teams faced with the pandemic. The adaptability of the ABCs team was outstanding and we are so proud of the impact we were still able to have on the community.

## QUICK THINKING EVENT TEAM JUMP STARTS NEW LEAGUE YEAR

Due to the unfortunate cancellation of the Greatest Show of Support event, the quick thinking and determined team put their heads together and created a virtual fundraiser. The Adopt-a-Backpack Virtual Fundraiser launched on August 10th and ended on August 16th. This event was a perfect way to start a new League year and jump-start the fundraising endeavors for the ABC Team.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On August 15th, 2020 JLC New Members enjoyed their retreat virtually. Even though a virtual event was not ideal, there was a great turnout where new members were able to network and learn the ins and out of the League.

Our 2020-2021 New Member Class include; Jennifer Akbar, Julianne Ali, Mary Armbruster, Erica Backhurst, Rachel Battocletti, Andrea Bender, Kaylin Bittner, Stephanie Campanella, Alyssa Carpenter, Julia Carter, Alyssa Caves, Nexus Chapman, Vickie Closson, Victoria Evans, Patricia Faas, Shannon Flynn, Emily Fox, Danielle Fricke, Lee Anne Gregory, Christine Heinrichs, Catharyne Henderson, Lorie Huff, Trisha Imhoff, Shannon Kerrigan, Carolyn Mangas, Lauren McCray, Jennifer McGhee, Heather McGinty, Monique McKiever, Lexi Miller, Alexandra Murray, Leah Niswander, Elizabeth E Oellermann, Remy Orlins, Mary Paxton, Kathryn Persico, Geena Reinitz, Karla Richardson, Colleen Ryan, Morgan Sanner, Amanda Skinner, Jhay Spottswood, Nicki Stanley, Collette Toney, Rian Valentine, Alexandra Wesolek, Rose White, and Jordan Zak

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING SUCCESS

On August 21st, all active members were invited to join a two-hour virtual training program with speakers from all facets of the League. They had the opportunity to learn more about posting to the JLC calendar, submitting to the JLC News, and more from Marketing and Operations Chair Lauren Amery. Kelton House Chair Melissa Flanigan provided the latest updates on the Kelton House Museum & Garden. Additionally, Management Council leaders Lauren Stazen and Rochelle Toth provided COVID-19 updates and important background on how to handle various situations that may arise as leaders in the League. Lastly, an overview of the League year curriculum and goals were outlined by Membership Experience Coordinator Lisa Petroski and New Member Coordinator Devin Henry.

Since this training was held virtually, there is a recording available on the JLC website for those who could not attend.

## FIRST GMM OF THE YEAR

On Tuesday, September 8th, over 50 JLC members joined together virtually for the first General Membership Meeting (GMM) of the year. Members had the opportunity to kick off the League year with inspiration and a fresh vision. President Terry Butterworth provided the opening statement and then the group was introduced to the new Kelton House Museum & Garden Executive Director, Sarah Richardt. The keynote speaker, Rachel Kerr of Beauty Boost, inspired by providing tips for, setting goals, and finding a "balance".

Despite living in unprecedented times with COVID-19, League members were still able to come together and remain engaged from their own homes. The GMM finished with optional social breakout rooms to help stay connected and introduce New Members and transfers.



## THE JLC SAYS GOODBYE TO THE ENGLISH HOUSE

After years of discussion, on September 30th, 2020, the JLC has officially moved out of the English House. In 1988, After two years of construction, the English House became the home of the Junior League of Columbus' Office for the next 32 years. The English House was dedicated to Marian and Walter English who were major supporters of the League. The decision to move was discussed and approved by the JLC Board and The Columbus Foundation, the leaseholder. The JLC's new office is now at the Kelton House Museum & Garden.

## NEW AND EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING AT THE KELTON HOUSE

Since reopening its doors on July 8th after closing in mid-March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our new Executive Director, Sarah Richardt, has made some changes to the house in order to increase revenue and follow safety precautions. The Kelton House is now open Friday-Sunday from 1 pm-3 pm and Thursday evenings from 6 pm-8 pm through the end of October. Our new Thursday hours have allowed those in the neighborhood to drop by and connect with the Kelton House. "Yoga in the Garden" has been offered on Wednesday evenings this fall as another way to increase visitors and to attract a variety of age ranges. Due to COVID restrictions, monthly teas have been postponed for safety reasons. The Gift Shop has been moved to the front parlor, allowing the former space to be transformed into a beautiful bridal room for our special guests.

The Kelton House has seen an increase in weddings and other special events this fall as couples smaller, intimate venues during the pandemic. We are excited about the increased interest in our museum and garden and hope to continue this success into the upcoming wedding season. Opportunities to streamline our event planning at the Kelton House are currently underway.

The Kelton House has been fortunate to receive multiple grants to assist with historic preservation and programming. This includes \$15,000 from The Columbus Foundation for building upkeep and \$1,000 from the Mildred Horn Grant for operating expenses.



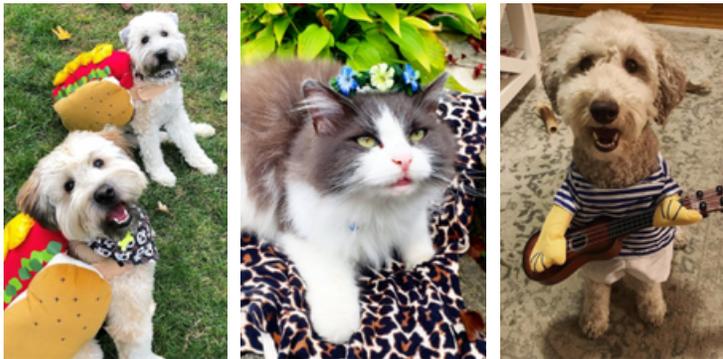
# FERNANDO'S FUNERAL

This past October, the Kelton House presented Fernando's Funeral. This COVID-friendly Halloween event had a guided tour that focused on the ghost stories of the Kelton Family. Docents dressed up and shared their own spooky experiences of the mansion. Over 120 visitors attended this ghostly event.



## SPOOKY PET CONTEST

To add some fun to our recruitment efforts, the recruitment team organized a virtual Spooky Pet Halloween Costume Contest for both members and non-members. A few submissions included; two 'Hotte' Dogs, Carole Baskin, and the winner of the contest, a musician.



## JENDCO SAFETY DONATION

This past October, Jendco Safety Supply donated \$1,000 to the Adopt-a-Backpack for Children (ABC) Project. The donation will supply 40 backpacks and supplies for local children in need. Thank you to Blaire Ramey and Jendco Safety for your generous donation.



## VIRTUAL HOLIDAY TOUR TAKES PLACE

Due to the uncertain times, we are living in during the COVID-19 pandemic, the 16th Annual Holiday Tour of Homes, scheduled to occur during the first part of December, was entirely virtual in order to make sure homeowners and ticketholders stayed safe and healthy.



Several beautiful homes, in neighborhoods such as Upper Arlington, Grandview, Clintonville, and downtown Columbus, were featured via a professional-grade video presentation filmed by 214 Studios. Viewers were captivated by the diverse homes and the beautiful floral arrangements that were generously been donated to this year's tour. We were so excited to partner with the new Kelton House caterer, 5-Star Planning, as an additional "live" event, which involved a live tutorial for a sweet holiday treat!



While the tour looked and felt a little different this year, we were excited to feature a wide variety of homes in neighborhoods that usually aren't conducive to an in-person tour because of lack of parking or distance between the homes.

This year's team is comprised of: Coordinator Ashley Laughlin, Vice Coordinator Chenee Castruita, team members Alexandra Miller, Camille Doty, Emily Cellier, Jessica Dempsey, Kara Blunier, Katy Lucas, Mandy Reber, Krystal Jaeger, Mary Kate Gallagher, Kelly Baker, and Taylor Kotevski, with marketing assistance from Shelley Lee and Lauren Amery.



## JLC ADOPTS YOUTH THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

On behalf of the Junior League of Columbus, the Bridging the G.A.P. committee adopted two young adults this holiday season in collaboration with Huckleberry House. Each young adult provided a wish list that included many more necessities than luxuries, such as socks, underwear, and a winter jacket. Through the generosity of the League and its members, we were able to provide each individual with a host of surprises from their wish list. The JLC is committed to working with young adults transitioning out of foster care to live independently, with resilience, hope, and the skills and supplies to thrive. We hope that these gifts during the holidays will provide tangible resources for these young adults as well as encouragement and faith in their future.

## THE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE IS OFF TO A GREAT START

In its second year as a committee, D&I is building on the strategic work completed last year to increase education and development of the League and foster the personal growth of its current membership. The Diversity and Inclusion Committee aims to accomplish these two primary goals by partnering with you! We hope to serve as a resource to the different committees and teams that are leading projects and events on behalf of the League. We are focusing our efforts on recruitment and collaboration with central Ohio organizations and plan to offer various platforms to join in meaningful discussion and personal growth as a League and as an individual. All members have an opportunity to make the League a more inclusive, and diverse organization where all of central Ohio's women can grow and find community. Come be a part of this important trailblazing team.



## JLC CREATES MISSION MONDAYS

### empowerment

WE BELIEVE THAT THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN IS A NECESSARY REQUIREMENT TO CREATE POSITIVE, LASTING SOCIETAL CHANGE. LIVING THE VALUE OF EMPOWERMENT FOSTERS TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN EACH OTHER.

This year, the Marketing Council, lead by Lauren Amery, launched a Mission Monday Campaign. Each Monday the team highlighted the mission of the Junior League of Columbus through our 7 values: Community, Diversity, Collaboration, Service, Respect, Empowerment, and Training. The goal of the campaign is to reflect on why we are members, highlight our accomplishments, and connect back to why we love the organization.

### community

WE BELIEVE A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY IS ESSENTIAL TO HUMAN WELL-BEING. LIVING THE VALUE OF COMMUNITY PROVIDES A FOUNDATION OF INCLUSION, WHICH ALLOWS US TO MAKE A GREATER IMPACT ON THE WORLD AROUND US.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER ERICA CRAWLEY

In January, the JLC hosted the "Advocate GMM" focusing on equipping our members to be successful advocates on behalf of issues they care about. The meeting featured keynote remarks from Ohio State Representative Erica Crawley, who spoke about her own experience as an advocate on some of the issues she cares most about. Members also had the chance to get an update on the Bridging the GAP Project from Committee Chair, Tatum Duckworth, who also highlighted ways that members could advocate for foster care in our community.

**Keynote Speaker:**  
State Representative  
Erica Crawley



## GALENTINE'S DAY TRIVIA NIGHT

What better way to celebrate Galentine's Day than with a Romantic Comedy Trivia night with your favorite gals! On February 11th, JLC members tested their Romcom knowledge. The group was split into two teams with Diana Marshall as the moderator. After multiple rounds of intense battle, team Romcom Queens brought home the gold. The team included; Nicole Bergman, Amy Roberts, Veronica Scherbauer, and Nicki Stanley. Congratulations Ladies!



# JLC MEMBERS TAKE A DEEP DIVE INTO 'ADVOCATE' TRAINING

**FEBRUARY DEEP DIVE TRAINING**  
.....  
**ADVOCATE**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18**  
**6:00 - 7:00PM**  
**ZOOM - REGISTER IN LINK**

**OUR PANEL:**



**Kaleidoscope Youth Center**  
Erin Upchurch, MSSA,  
LISW-S; Executive Director



**Huckleberry House**  
Sonya Thesing, Executive  
Director, JLC Sustainer



**Star House**  
Margaret DeLaurentis,  
Clinical Therapist

**BRIDGING G.A.P.**  
GUIDE • ADVOCATE • PROVIDE  
A PRESENT OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLUMBUS

On Thursday, February 18th the Junior League of Columbus hosted its first-ever 'Advocate' Training. We dug deeper on the topic of advocacy from our January GMM, by hosting a panel with representatives from local organizations whose missions intersect with the foster care system in some way. On the panel Margaret DeLaurentis, a Clinical Therapist from Star House, and Erin Upchurch, the Executive Director of Kaleidoscope Youth Center shared how their organizations serve the greater Central Ohio community as it relates to youth transitioning out of foster care, and how they even aid in services that support homeless youth & young adults.

We also highlighted information from the Huckleberry House, as provided by Executive Director, Sonya Thesing. Each organization shared what their biggest needs are, especially during the pandemic, and what legislation they're advocating for on behalf of the populations they serve.

In total, our members learned how they could get involved with Star House, Kaleidoscope Youth Center, and the Huckleberry House in a volunteer capacity through the Junior League of Columbus or individually to more fully support our community impact initiatives through Bridging the G.A.P.

# JLC MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN AJLI RACIAL EQUITY CHALLENGE

The Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) condemns discrimination, racism, and racial injustice in our communities and in our Junior Leagues. For years, women of color have been systematically denied equity and inclusion in our economy, education, civic privileges, etc. Junior Leagues, including the JLC, are accelerating their efforts to take action to help eliminate racism in our countries, communities, and organizations.

As an actionable step, in September of 2020, AJLI created a 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge (modeled after Food Solutions New England (FSNE) 21 Day Challenge). This Equity Challenge was designed to form a new habit, Members taking the challenge are sent daily content to review and then engage in discussions about racism and their individual role in achieving racial equity in their communities. Participants who signed up for the challenge were randomly grouped together with other League members from across the US based on their time zone.

## Fellow Junior League of Columbus members who have taken the challenge say:



"After taking this 21-day challenge back in September of 2020, it has opened my eyes and heart in further understanding of different perspectives. I think it's important for every leader and future leader to take part in this amazing challenge and have these important discussions."

-Jackiethia Butsch, Active Member



"I took the challenge in January 2021, and it was one of the most impactful training opportunities I've had as a League member. AJLI provided an abundance of resources to help participants educate themselves, and actionable steps to take to grow as an individual. I would recommend that every League member participate."

-Kara Newbury, Active Member



"I didn't realize that AJLI had put forward this important initiative until I saw a post on Facebook that it was the last day to register for the February 2021 session - thank you, Nicole! It was a big commitment to follow through on the daily education/readings, followed by the daily group discussions, but SO worth it. The diverse group I was part of (age, race, geographic) was extremely committed to the work, and we all became incredibly close as we honestly shared our experiences and opportunities to learn more. Our powerful discussions sometimes left me exhausted, but also energized, by what I heard and also inspired and empowered me to do better. It's amazing to have five new friends I would never have met otherwise. I highly suggest you take this Challenge if given the opportunity!"

- Jen Peterson, Sustaining Member



## ROCHELLE TOTH RECEIVES HONOR

JLC member, Rochelle Toth, has been supporting Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity for the past 9 years and has been serving as their Chapter Advisor for the past 4 years. This role includes oversight and guidance of the daily operations of the fraternity that consists of 120 collegiate men at The Ohio State University. Rochelle was nominated by the Ohio Theta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and recognized by the National Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity with the Order of the Violet Award. The Order of the Violet award typically recognizes outstanding commitment and support of the Fraternity by the spouse or a significant other of an alumnus or collegiate member over an extended period of time. Since Rochelle did technically didn't meet the qualifications by being a spouse or a significant other of an alumnus or collegiate member, the fraternity had to request special permission from the National organization of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity in order to recognize Rochelle for her commitment to the organization. Congratulations, Rochelle!

# AJLI WINTER LEADERSHIP TRAINING



Looking on the bright side of a pandemic, on February 27, the Junior League of Columbus paid for ten leaders to participate in the AJLI Winter Leadership training. The League members included; Lauren Amery, Nicole Bergman, Audree Boggs, Kimberly Burns, Shelley Lee, Amanda Parks, Christin Parsons, Rochelle Toth, and Jennifer Shea.



Prior to COVID the expense to send our members to leadership training was extensive and we could only afford 2-4 people. This year, since the event was virtual and the price point was right, we were able to send multiple leaders to attend this conference. With over 1,000+ League members from across the world in attendance, our members were able to connect and share their experiences. The highlight of the event was hearing from guest speaker Blaire G. Hervey (Also a Junior League member of Portland). Her presentation on 'motivating a high performing League Leadership Team' was very inspiring. "The most important responsibility, though, just might be building, motivating, and empowering an effective leadership team," said Blaire during the session. She shared tips and tricks on how to increase your efficacy as a leader, avoid burnout, and create a succession plan for League sustainability.

# THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE IS UNDERWAY



1923-2023

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
**COLUMBUS**

The Junior League of Columbus will celebrate its 100th year in February of 2023! In January of 2021, a Centennial Committee was formed to help with Centennial efforts, education, and celebrations. Through participation from all members of the Junior League of Columbus, the Centennial plan (2021-2023) aims to celebrate the past 100 years of community impact, reconnect the membership and the Columbus community with the mission of the JLC, and build sustainability for the next 100 years. 37 sustaining and active JLC members comprise 5 subcommittees, being led by Hayley Roberts. The Centennial Subcommittees' teams and goals are below:

**Celebration Event Team**, led by Mary Oellermann and Gina Hotte. Team members include; Katie Persico, Joy Jackson, Cortney J. Porter, Julie Smerdel, Mary Paxton, Christine Copa Heinrichs, Amy Deverson Roberts, and Amy Jo Hernandez. **GOAL:** to plan 2 celebration events for the 2023 calendar year.

**The Exhibit Team**, led by Cheryl Newton Cooper and Audree Boggs. Team members include; Colleen Ryan, Kara Newbury, Rose Schroedl, and Kelly Mitchell. **GOAL:** to curate and present a public exhibition showcasing the accomplishments of the JLC.

**The Community Team**, led by Karlye Martin. Team members include; Lynn Anderson, Jen Peterson, Nicole Bergman, and Betsy Oellermann. **GOAL:** to revive partnerships with organizations and highlight the JLC's work in the community and plan new community impact events.

**The Membership Team**, led by Jennifer Webb and Arielle Siner. Team members include; Linda Sabatini, Melissa Bender, Mandy Slack-Baker, and Molly O'Reilly. **GOAL:** to strengthen awareness of the JLC mission within the League by offering training and a Welcome Home event for previous JLC members.

**The Campaign Team**, led by Susie Seaman. Team members include; Jen McGhee, Anne DeVoe, Nicki Stanley, Aimee Morrison, Leigh Anne Strahler, Marisa Nye, and Susan Rector. **GOAL:** to encourage gifts for continued JLC work.

Reach out to [centennial@jlcolumbus.org](mailto:centennial@jlcolumbus.org) to get involved.



# OWJL CELEBRATING 40 YEARS!

40 years ago, in the summer of 1981, OWjL summer camp was held on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan University. The OWjL Program (Ohio Wesleyan Junior League) grew out of a two-year study by a task force formed by the Junior League of Columbus.

OWjL is a residential summer camp program for central Ohio's gifted and talented middle school students currently in grades 6-8. "Today, students invited to attend OWjL camp are nominated by principals, guidance counselors, or teachers from more than 120 middle schools in 10 central Ohio counties: Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway, and Union counties." Since the inception of the program, the Junior League of Columbus has given scholarships to students. We will be sharing more information about any possible celebrations this summer. Stay tuned.

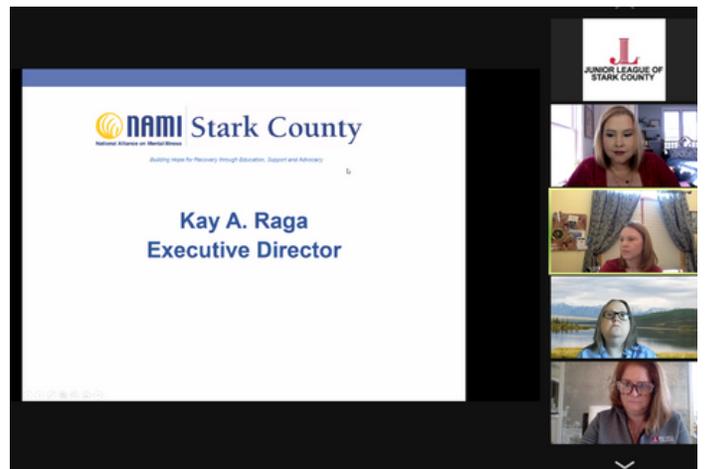
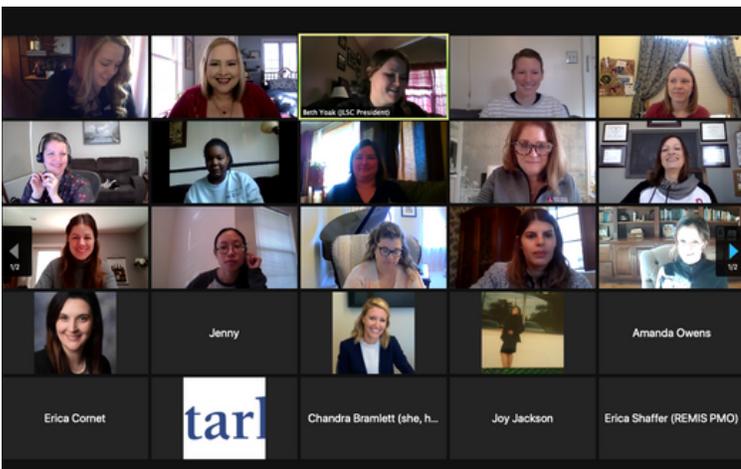


# VIRTUAL CODE DAY

On March 13th, 16 Junior League of Columbus members participated in this year's CODE Day. CODE day stands for Connect • Ohio • Develop • Educate. Ohio Leagues created this unique experience so each League can host and run this event. This year the Junior League of Stark County hosted this virtual event. In 2019, the JLC hosted in Columbus and will host again in 2027.

This year's guest speaker were; Kay Raga, *Executive Director of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Stark County*, Sarah Richmond, *AJLI VP Development*, Angela Palomba, *Executive Director of First Tee of Canton*, Victoria Berg, *AJLI Manager of League Services*, and Abbey Murphy, *Health and Wellness Supervisor at Powerhouse*.

JLC member, Nicole Bergman, stated "CODE Day one of my favorite events of the year. It's a unique way to meet other Ohio Leaguers, learn about what they do in their League, bounce ideas off each other, and of course, get inspired by the invited guest speakers. I recommend every member to attend at least once."



# MEET OUR NEW TRANSFERS

## WELCOME TO THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLUMBUS



### Anna Moorman

When did you transfer to the Junior League? July 2020

How many years have you been in the League? Since 2018

What League are you transferring from? Junior League of Northern Virginia

What do you do for a living? Strategy Planning Manager

Short Bio: Just graduated from business school and excited to start a new job and meet people in Ohio. I am transferring from Northern Virginia where I served in the Coast Guard.



### Allie Starbuck

When did you transfer to the Junior League? January 2021

How many years have you been in the League? 5 years

What League are you transferring from? Junior League of Gainesville, FL

What do you do for a living? Lean Consultant

Short Bio: I am transferring back to the Junior League of Columbus after moving to Gainesville Florida in 2017 for work. I work for Nationwide Insurance and currently live in German Village.



### Rachel Wolf

When did you transfer to the Junior League? January 2021

How many years have you been in the League? 2 years

What do you do for a living? Department of Justice

Short Bio: Hi! Rachel, I joined the league in Columbus, moved away for a year, and now I'm back! I work for the Department of Justice in Columbus. I have one tiny dog, and a new niece, both are fun. I enjoy sewing, traveling (situation permitting), and trying new food. This year, I hope to be able to get out and do more and improve my running.



### Stephanie McFadden

When did you transfer to the Junior League? February 2021

How many years have you been in the League? 4 years

What League are you transferring from? Junior League of Tallahassee

What do you do for a living? Staff Accountant

Short Bio: I was born in Panama City, Panama. In 2018, I moved with my fiancé to Chapel Hill, North Carolina. We recently made the move to Columbus with our three fur babies (one dog and two bunnies) and am excited to join the Junior League of Columbus!



### Mary Bloechi

When did you transfer to the Junior League? April 2021

How many years have you been in the League? A Member since 2004, current sustainer

What League are you transferring from? The Junior League of Raleigh, NC

What do you do for a living? Finance Billing Operations Analyst

Short Bio: I moved from North Carolina to Columbus. I am retired and I have been a sustainer for years now.

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A captivating art exhibit of original portraits of the leaders of the underground railroad created by local artist, Catz. Each piece tells the story of how they took control of their lives to 'create their own history'. For more information visit [keltonhouse.com](http://keltonhouse.com).



## ANNUAL DINNER CELEBRATION

Tuesday, June 8th @ 6:30 pm

This year, you have the opportunity to celebrate in the comfort of your own home or join at one of our "satellite parties" around the I-270 loop. At the Annual Dinner, we will celebrate this year's achievements, honor members through awards, those going sustaining, and passing the gavel to the next President. To register, check the JLC calendar.



## THE BRIDGERTON EVENT

Sunday June 13, 2021 @ 2 pm

Join us for a Regency garden party inspired by Bridgerton. Spend the afternoon in our garden with live music, games, tea, and a lite nibble. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Prizes for best 1813 period hair and most 'Bridgerton' costume. For more information visit [Keltonhouse.com](http://Keltonhouse.com).



## THE KELTON HOUSE GALA

Saturday, June 26, 2021 @ 7 pm

Join us for a roaring evening as the Kelton House Museum & Garden Gala returns virtually for 2021. The virtual program will include entertainment, a special tour of the Kelton House, and a silent auction featuring a necklace valued at over \$2,000 from Argo & Lehne Jewelers. For more information visit [Keltonhouse.com](http://Keltonhouse.com).

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