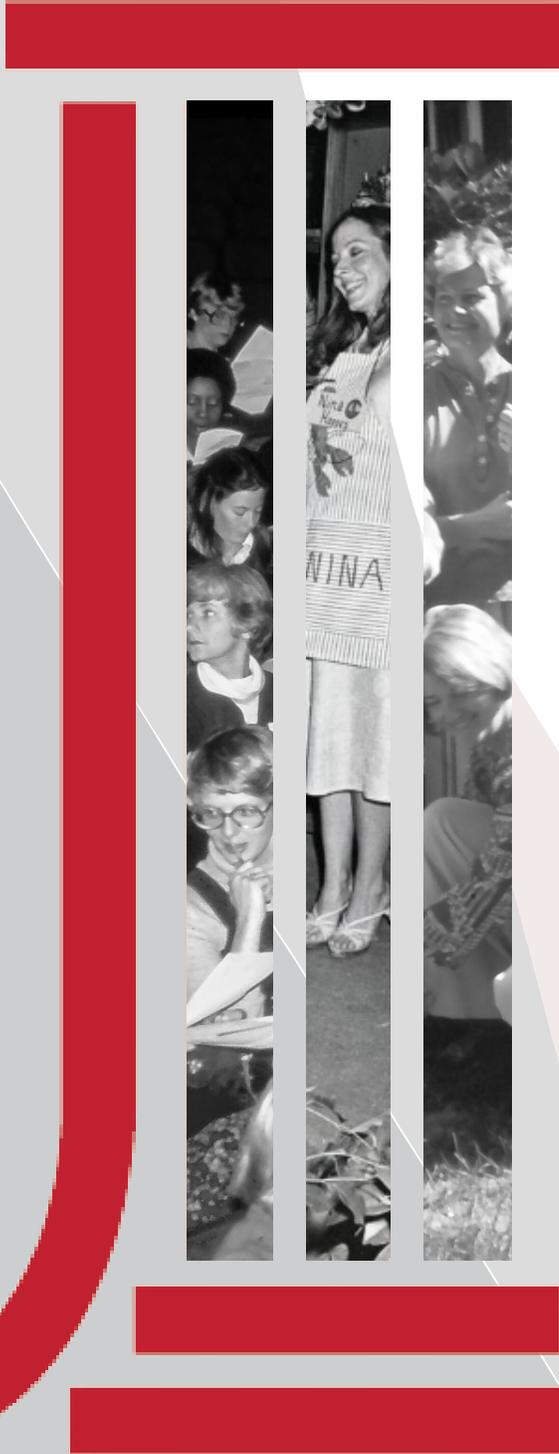


THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLUMBUS

CLEARINGHOUSE



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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

While preparing to step into the role as President of the Junior League of Columbus, I was asked by a Past-President about my goals for the League year. In that same conversation she offered a piece of advice – to picture the end of my term and think about what I would need to see to be able to say I accomplished my goals. And while, at the time, I couldn't quite articulate yet the goals I would set for this year, there's one word that I couldn't help but keep coming back to:

EMPOWERED

As Members of the Junior League of Columbus, we value 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." However, I think that in order to live this value, you must first feel empowered yourself.

The word empowered is defined as having the knowledge, confidence, means, or ability to do things or make decisions for oneself, and to empower someone is the process of enabling that individual to do something themselves. In keeping those definitions in mind and reflecting on my own JLC experience, my goal became clear. I want YOU to have the knowledge, confidence, means and ability to make decisions about what your League experience will look like this year. You are part of a large network who will support you, who will lift you up, and who will not let you fail. I encourage you to try that new placement, strive to learn new skills that will develop you both personally and professionally, let yourself feel and experience the impact you are making in our community. In doing so, I hope that you find you are living the value of empowerment and supporting our mission in every decision that you make.



Best regards,

Jennifer Shea,
2022-2023 President

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.

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A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Since 1923, our members have proactively identified areas of need in our city, taken action to address those needs, and supported organizations that provide vital services. This League year is an exciting time to be part of our League, and you, our members, are at the heart of this organization. During our Centennial year, we will reflect on our history and celebrate the many women who have used their Junior League training to serve our community.

As we emerge from the pandemic, we expect to return to typical League operations but will continue to offer flexible ways to participate in our training and service opportunities. Now more than ever is the time to start looking forward as we continue to build our history. I look forward to serving alongside you, as your Executive Vice President, and seeing how you will continue to carry out our mission and shape our city over the next year and the years to come.

Cheers to our 100th League year!

Nicole Bergman
2022-2023 Executive Vice President

CENTENNIAL KICK OFF PEP RALLY

In April of 2022, The JLC held our Centennial Pep Rally where over 30 actives and sustainers gathered to kick off our Centennial Year. Our President, Christin Smith, and Centennial Chair, Hayley Roberts, gave some remarks. Members enjoyed a fun competitive game of Centennial trivia, watch a Centennial highlight video created by Nicole Bergman, and ended the evening with a champagne toast to kick off our Centennial year!



FRIENDS NIGHT OUT WITH PLENTY O'SMILES

The Junior League of Columbus' (JLC) Leadership team hosted a "Friends' Night Out" fundraiser on May 5, 2022, at Seventh Son Brewing. This fun event featured a cookie decorating workshop led by drag queen, Plenty O'Smiles, who owns Plenty O'Cookies. The fun evening allowed for two workshops; however, guests were able to come early or stay late to socialize and enjoy the beverages at Seventh Son Brewing. For every drink that sold, Seventh Son Brewing donated \$1 back to JLC. We welcomed over 60 guests and raised \$1,390 to support the JLC's three community projects.





C.O.D.E. DAY 2022

On March 19th, Nicole Bergman and Christin Smith represented the Junior League of Columbus at this year's C.O.D.E. (Connect • Ohio • Develop • Educate) Day. For decades, Ohio Leagues have created this unique experience so Ohio League members can learn and develop together. The Junior League of Toledo (JLT) hosted this year's in-person event at Maumee Bay State Park.

The JLT invited local speaker, Jonelle Massey. Jonelle is a psychotherapist, author, school counselor, and empathy consultant. She is also the wife of the University of Toledo's Head Basketball Coach, Jeff Massey. She spoke about 'the journey towards empathy' and how you can all learn from others. League members also spent the day with team building exercises and having in depth discussions with moving forward after a pandemic. The day was inspiring for everyone involved.

Keep a lookout for next year's C.O.D.E. Day event hosted by the Junior League of Youngstown.



BACKPACKS FOR CENTRAL OHIO

This year the ABC Project looked a little different. It was lead by a one woman show, Rose White. With the help of the grant writing team and sustainer connections, the JLC secured a \$15,000 grant from AEP. On May 14th, volunteers helped distribute 1,006 backpacks at our 23rd Adopt-a-Backpack for Children (ABC) project distribution day. This year we also distributed supply filled backpacks to a few local organizations in Columbus including Columbus Urban League Head Start, Revive Church Hilltop, and Columbus Early Learning Centers.

BOARD UPDATE: The ABC Project is currently paused and is under evaluation.

AN ENCHANTING MORNING WITH FUN FOR ALL

The 'A Breakfast with Characters' took place at Whetstone Park of Roses on Saturday, March 12. Families and friends dressed as their favorite superheroes, princesses, and villains and gathered for a magical morning of fun and surprises! Both sessions featured a variety of characters for the kids to interact along with balloons, crafts, raffle items and delicious breakfast foods.

Music and tunes were provided by local DJ, Jae Esquire, who was also the emcee. Children made superhero masks, princess crowns and superhero cuffs. Adam's Mascots, the Rebel Legion, and Amy's Princess Parties paraded around the event space entertaining and playing with children of all ages. Amy's Princess Parties closed the traditional session with an extraordinary performance that got everyone up on their feet and dancing!



This event would not have been made possible without our amazing sponsors and partners along with our A Breakfast with Characters team. Thank you to IHOP, Bob Evans, Sugar Rush Bakery, Peace Love & Little Donuts, Raising Canes, Kroger, Giant Eagle Dublin, Amy's Princess Parties, Adam's Mascots, Silver Confetti Events and Jae Esquire. A huge thank you to Courtney Rea and her team for hosting a successful event that raised over \$5,300 for Bridging the G.A.P.

BOARD UPDATE: In May of 2022, the Board made a tough decision to sunset the A Breakfast with Characters event.

JLC HISTORIAN CALLING FOR HISTORICAL ITEMS



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLUMBUS
WOMEN BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES



Over the last year and a half the JLC Archivist/Historian, Nicole Bergman, has been busy organizing and digitizing all of the archives in preparation for the JLC Centennial in 2023. Every item from Topics, Clearinghouses, Annual Reports, and photo negatives have been scanned and are available to our membership to view. Now that the Centennial Exhibit Committee is well underway in researching and preparing for the Centennial exhibit, we are asking for any historical items that members may have from over the years. We are looking for photos or any physical items that could be put on display. Please reach out to the historian@jlcolumbus.org with any information or items members might have. Items can also be placed on loan and returned after the Centennial celebration.

JLC DONATED A VARIETY OF ITEMS FOR FCCS GRADUATION



Thank you to Franklin County Children Services for partnering with the Junior League of Columbus to give us the opportunity to help youth in foster care. The Bridging the G.A.P. team, led by Project Provide, dropped off items for the graduation gifts for the 51 youth in care who graduated from high school. Items requested and donated included "my first home" tool kits, home organization items, home essentials, and door prizes for the graduation celebration, as well as gift cards and notes of encouragement from our Community Impact team members! Thank you to Linda Edwards Sabatini and Krystle Rose for picking up and organizing all the donated items from IDesign! Thank you IDesign for the extremely generous donation of so many wonderful quality houseware items for our foster youth programs!



KELTON HOUSE GARDEN CLEAN UP IN FULL SWING

Each spring, Junior League members are invited to get their hands dirty digging in the Kelton House Garden to help get it ready for the warmer months. Throughout several gardening sessions hosted by Karla Richardson, members were called upon to help clear out old leaves, branches, and other debris left behind from the winter to better assess the current landscaping and help perennials bloom and thrive. New plantings were added to the garden beds, border bricks were removed and reset, and mulch was laid out along the front fence line.

In addition to becoming one with nature, members had the opportunity to get a workout in by hauling bags of fertilizer, soil amendment, and mulch generously donated by Scotts Miracle-Gro. If you stopped by the house in the early spring months, you would have seen the large stack of bags piled on the driveway. This donation helped us enrich the flower and greenery beds throughout the gardens and ensured that the area would be in the best possible condition for the Kelton House Gala, weddings, and other outdoor events throughout the summer.

Garden clean up events are held throughout the spring and fall and all are welcome to grab a shovel, some gardening gloves, and help out!

KELTON HOUSE GALA TEAM LAUNCHES A 2-DAY FUNDRAISER

Kelton House Garden Party and Gala was a major success this year! It was refreshing to be back at the Museum after two years of being away. Friday night we ushered in a fabulous new event that was filled with music, drinks and seeing friends old and new! Many of the League members, those who joined in 2019 or after, had never seen the Kelton House as a venue of such celebration and jubilee.

At the Garden Party, guests grabbed a drink from The Sipping Wall, were amazed by beautiful flowers by The Flowerman and enjoyed music in the garden. While appreciating the samplings of bubbles, bourbons, and brews they could shop with Kendra Scott who generously gave back a percentage of the sales. Saturday evening guests enjoyed a wonderful event catered by our great partners, 5 Star Planning. The food was spectacular, and the entertainment grand.

A harpist and acts from The Amazing Giants created a truly memorable evening. The events raised over \$10,000 for the educational and operational needs of the Kelton House. We are so grateful to the amazing guests, sponsors and leadership of the Junior League of Columbus who supported this wonderful event. We look forward to the future of exciting events at the Kelton House and we appreciate all that Sarah Richardt has done to promote the Kelton House. Cheers and hope to see you in the Gardens again soon!



DEIB TEAM RECEIVES AJLI GRANT

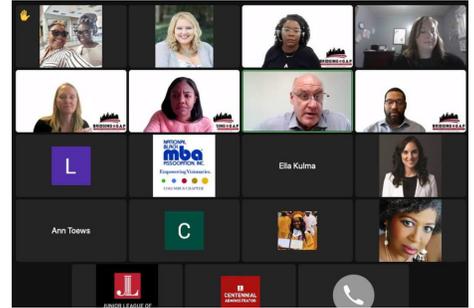
The Junior League of Columbus' Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) Committee worked tirelessly throughout the 2021-2022 League year to bring DEIB topics to the forefront. The Committee identified an opportunity to have a speaker series where they would bring in leaders within the Columbus community to educate JLC and community members about these important topics and work that is being done around the community to advance DEIB. The Committee applied for a grant through the Small Leagues Big Impact affinity group through AJLI and were awarded \$100 for this initiative. The first event in the Speaker Series featured Fran Frazier from Black Girl Rising. This was an extremely successful event and a strong start for the Speaker Series that will continue in the following League year.

AJLI ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Christin Smith, President; Jen Shea, President-Elect; Rochelle Toth, Executive Vice President, and Nicole Bergman, Executive Vice President-Elect represented the Junior League of Columbus at the Associations of Junior Leagues International's Annual Conference in Dallas, Texas, May 12-14, 2022. These leaders were able to attend various workshops that provided tactical skills and inspiration. Topics covered at Annual Conference included advocacy, diversity, equity, inclusion, belonging, Centennial planning and governance. President Christin Smith also represented JLC as the voting delegate to vote on the proposed new mission statement, which passed. AJLI's Annual Conference was an amazing experience and an opportunity to celebrate the end of the League year.



FOSTERING CHANGE BY BRIDGING THE G.A.P.



In May, the Junior of Columbus launched their second social media campaign to spread awareness about the lived experiences of those in the child welfare system and how the Central Ohio community can come together to help these young people overcome the hurdles they face. Just like in May 2021, the campaign included volunteer opportunities for the members of JLC along with their family and friends and a clothing drive supporting Alicia's Closet, a local organization serving youth in foster care and a webinar. This year's webinar was focused on how to "Become a Foster Care Ally". We heard from experts who work within the foster care system in Ohio to serve youth, families, and individuals with lived experience in the foster care system. The panel included Kim Eckhart for the Children's Defense Fund; Jamole Callahan, a Child Welfare Advocate; Todd Hanes, President and CEO of Adriel; and Heidi Bowling, an Adriel Director. Together they discussed the actions currently being taken to improve the outcomes for young people within care and how we can improve their outcomes as they transition out of care.

Thank you to everyone who donated clothing during the Foster Care Awareness Month clothing drive! We were able to donate 15 bags full of kids, adolescents, and adults gently used clothing and shoes to Alicia's Closet. They provide support and resources for youth in the foster care system, foster families, former foster youth, and kinship care families in Central Ohio.



EMPOWERING YOUR HEAD, HEART, & HANDS

On July 10, 2022, the 2022-2023 JLC Board of Directors and Management Council held a Rolling Retreat, where they participated in activities that helped them acquire the knowledge, confidence, means and ability to lead with their heads, their hands, and their hearts. They traveled to Norwich Township Fire Department where they learned how to 'use your head' in an emergency situation. They 'use your hands' while learning self defense (and breaking boards) at the Hilliard Taekwondo Academy. And lastly, they 'use your hearts' to give back to the community by making essential packages for Huckleberry. In total, the JLC leaders made 50 essential kits.



While "rolling" to each retreat location, the Board and Management Council were trained on Collaboration through Consensus Building, had a history lesson on the Complete JLC Leader, and further developed camaraderie through a series of ice breakers.

2021-2022 JLC ANNUAL DINNER RECAP

On Thursday, June 9, the Junior League of Columbus' members were back in person to celebrate a year filled with success and accomplishments at Mozart's Beechwood Tavern Room. Many outstanding people were honored that evening including our Community Award recipients: Dirty Frank's Hot Dog Place and Keith Shannon.

Dirty Frank's has been a JLC Partner since 2017. Throughout the years they have given back to the Columbus Community through their Dogs for a Cause and volunteer non-profit shifts at the Columbus Crew Stadium. The JLC has been fortunate to partner with Dirty Frank's to raise over \$4,000 for our Bridging the G.A.P. Project. The other Community Award recipient was Keith Shannon. Keith has been a volunteer and docent at the Kelton House Museum for at least the past five years. Through his keen interest in local history and years of volunteering at the Kelton House, Keith provides a dynamic tour, combining both the history of the Kelton Family with his love for all things dramatic.

The League members that were honored that evening included:

Rising Star Award: Danielle Fricke and Courtney Rea

Team Player Award: Kimberly Burns

Outstanding New Member Award: Krystle Rose

President's Award: Lauren Stazen

A huge congratulations to our newly sustaining members; Audree Boggs, Terry Butterworth, Karissa Hodson, Camille Doty, Tatum Duckworth, Gina Hotte, Veronica Murman, Tara Nemcik, Lisa Rauck, Hayley Roberts, Veronica Scherbauer and Lauren Stazen.

These women have all demonstrated dedication to their community by going above and beyond their placements and really serving the League in an immeasurable capacity. To conclude the evening, the gavel was passed to incoming President, Jennifer Shea, by several past Junior League of Columbus presidents in attendance. We look forward to what she has in store for the Centennial 2022- 2023 League year. Congratulations to all the honorees from that evening as well as to the 2021-2022 New Member class on completing their provisional year!



JLC HOSTS ALL LEAGUE FAMILY PICNIC

To ring in the new League year, on July 31st, the JLC hosted an all League family picnic. League members and their families gathered at the Griggs Reservoir/ Duranceaux Park in Upper Arlington. Everyone enjoyed picnic food, listened to music, and had great conversations while the children played on the local playground. This was the perfect summer event to celebrate the new League year.



WELCOME 2022-2023 NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Juanetta Burch, Lynette Campbell, Mackenzie Compton, Meghan Connolly, Olivia Cotton, Norma Duckett, Lauren Ernst, Margaret Harris, Holly Holtzen, Brianna Jones, Kimberly Koehler, Nova Lasky, Kristina Laughman, Alyssa Maldonado, Maria Malguarnera, Deyanira Medina, Kathleen Morris, Makayla Plants, Myna Rai, Virginia Reutzel, Alexandra Simon, Lynnea Soposki, Catherine Stephan, Megan Tarkey, Alexandria Taylor

JLC IS A PART OF HISTORY WITH HOUSE BILL 340

On June 14, Sarah Richarddt, Executive Director of the Kelton House Museum, Nicole Bergman, Executive Vice President, and Chauna Mason, Executive Vice President Elect, joined civic leaders and state representatives for Governor Mike DeWine’s signing of HB 340. The signing of HB 340 designates September as International Underground Railroad Month in Ohio. Sponsored by Adam C. Bird, District 66 (R) and Willis E. Blackshear, Jr., District 39 (D), the passage of the bill makes Ohio only the 12th state to make such designation by law. September is the month that both Frederick Douglass and Harriett Tubman emancipated themselves.



On November 1, 2021, Sarah Richarddt, was invited to speak to the Ohio House Committee for a historical perspective in support of the bill. She shared a summary of Fernando and Sophia Kelton, their involvement with freedom seekers, Martha and Pearl Hartways’ lives, and the local educational impact of the Kelton House’s Underground Railroad Learning Station. During her speech, and in subsequent committee meetings as the bill progressed, Sarah displayed portraits of prominent African Americans by artist Catharine “Catz” Stanford from her recent art exhibition at the Kelton House.



JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

For the second year in a row, the Kelton House Museum and Garden hosted a celebration of Juneteenth. The event celebrated the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans on June 19, 1865. A few key highlights from the event was a performance by the Columbus State Vocal Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Emma Easton, a presentation by our featured speaker and community activist, Julialynne Walker, and a presentation by Sarah Richarddt, “Who is Rosetta Armistead: The Underground Railroad and Town St.”. Families also created their own family flag and relaxed in the gardens while food and drinks were provided by 5 Star Planning and Events.

8 WAYS TO SUPPORT THE LEAGUE

Supporting the Junior League of Columbus has never been easier. Below are a few easy ways to help support the Junior League of Columbus.

 <p>Amazon Smile</p> <p>Give .5% of your eligible Amazon purchases to the Junior League of Columbus by shopping on Amazon!</p>	 <p>Community Rewards</p> <p>Give a % back to the Junior League of Columbus when you designate us as your selected charity.</p>	 <p>Employer Match</p> <p>Ask your employer if they match charitable donations! Contact your HR department today.</p>	 <p>Estate Bequests</p> <p>Leave a percent of your estate to The Junior League of Columbus in your will.</p>
 <p>Business Connections</p> <p>Do you or someone you know own a business that’s interested in supporting the league?</p>	 <p>Facebook Fundraiser</p> <p>Start a Facebook fundraiser for the Junior League of Columbus on your birthday or favorite holiday!</p>	 <p>Support Projects</p> <p>Give a gift directly to the Junior League of Columbus’ projects by clicking the DONATE tab on the website.</p>	 <p>Support Today</p> <p>Give a gift to the Junior League of Columbus Annual Fund or Endowment Fund.</p>

NEW MEMBER & TRANSFER RETREAT

On Saturday, August 6th, the Junior League of Columbus welcomed its Centennial New Member Class made up of 25 inspiring women. This year we also invited our newest Transfers to join us from the past year to get introduced to the League and learn more about our focuses and processes. We started the day with headshots and a group photo, a welcome from our Member Advisor Coordinator, Linda Sabatini, and an address from our President, Jennifer Shea, to set the tone for the 2022-23 JLC year!

To help get everyone acclimated to one another, we asked our New Members and Transfers to participate in a "Get to Know You" activity, which allowed them to learn interesting facts about their fellow League members and even find neighbors they didn't know they had. The rest of the day was spent going over our JLC history and mission, along with what our newest members can expect from their overall membership experience, including next steps for the Placement Process.

In rounding out the day, we shared important information for how those in attendance can take advantage of our communications resources, like Digital Cheetah, the JLC News, and our JLC Social Media presence. Before closing, we highlighted our Centennial events and Campaign, so our New Members & Transfers could join in on the celebrations kicking off in 2023. All in all, we cannot wait to see what this new class of League members will accomplish in support of the greater Columbus community over the next year!



2022 LEADERSHIP TRAINING

On Saturday, August 13th, the Junior League of Columbus invited members, especially those with leadership roles, to join us for our annual Leadership Training at the Kelton House. Led by the Membership Experience team, the day was planned to highlight our JLC processes and procedures, along with the resources available to all leaders in the League to have a successful year managing their respective teams.

We started the day with our Ice Breaker which allowed those in attendance to learn something new about leaders they may not regularly work with in the JLC, to hopefully further foster collaboration and connection between all members. From there, our President, Jennifer Shea, set the tone by inspiring attendees to 'Collaborate Through Consensus Building,' in recognizing that our members come from varying walks of life and hold different perspectives on how to move the League forward.

For the rest of the training, we had speakers from just about every area of the League share updates and plans for the year when it comes to our budget, JLC Calendar, placements, and what to expect this year for the New Member experience. Additionally, we reviewed how leaders can utilize the Marketing & Operations Council, Kelton House Council, and Membership Development Council as internal resources to engage their team members and host events meetings throughout the year.

We hope that those in attendance gained insights to help them guide, engage, and propel their teams throughout our Centennial to be impactful in support of their goals and the JLC's mission. Be on the lookout for details on a Leadership Training 2.0 in the second-half of the year!

GIRL SCOUTS-HERSTORY



Building on the model and robust curricula created by previous JLC members and sustainers, the Girl Scouts educational programming added some new components for 2022, under the coordination of Tara Nemcik, Kelton House Girl Scout Programming Coordinator and Sarah Richardt, Kelton House Executive Director. Here are just some of the highlights:

HERStory. While learning about prominent Kelton women, including Sophia and Grace Kelton, girls participate in round-robin sessions throughout the Kelton House. The stations include creating their own suffragette sash while learning about the struggle for women's suffrage and a 'Language of Flowers' lesson and scavenger hunt that sends teams of girls searching throughout the first floor of the museum for a red flower hidden in an unassuming carpet pattern or drapery. One of the most loved activities remains learning about the average Victorian society lady's day-to-day attire while dressing up an adult troop 'volunteer' in 6+ layers of petticoats, hoop skirt, and bonnet. This always includes the obligatory group photo on the fainting couch, of course! The morning ends with a fun and fascinating career panel with JLC member volunteers where nearly every possible question is asked, from favorite employer to favorite color.



Underground Railroad. Likewise, the Underground Railroad program adds additional elements to an already strong curricula. A similar round-robin style, the Girl Scouts enjoy a brief tour of the Kelton museum by a docent. In the Underground Railroad Learning Station, a KH staff member or JLC volunteer continue to share the moving soliloquy as she portrays Sophia Kelton. All the while, the interactive choose-your-own-adventure game, 'Footsteps to Freedom', engages the girls' critical thinking skills. The girls are guided through the harrowing story of two young enslaved girls in their perilous pursuit North to freedom. The girls must navigate such challenging dilemmas as what to pack, when to continue moving or decide to hide, and who is safe, or not safe, to talk to during the nerve-wracking escape.

Overall, the new additions to the Girls Scouts Education Programming have only enhanced the experience of these young, future leaders!

WOMEN OF INSPIRATION SUMMIT & EXPO (WISE)



On July 27th and July 28th the JLC participated in a two-day event focused on wisdom, inspiration, spirituality and empowerment! Back for its fourth year, the CYP Club was proud to present the Women of Inspiration Summit & Expo (WISE). Every summer since 2019, WISE brings together hundreds of women (and a few men) for an uplifting and inspirational event experience to connect and grow while hearing from outstanding speakers and thought-leaders.

This year, JLC members were heavily involved in this event; Nicole Bergman represented the JLC as a member of the WISE planning committee and also moderated the final session of the event. Chauna Mason attended and manned the JLC booth, speaking to women about the JLC and encouraging them to sign up to learn more about the League, and Rochelle Toth was a guest speaker at the event. She hosted her own session discussing how to have 'Difficult Conversations'. This event was the perfect opportunity to share our League's mission and our rich history.

We are pleased to announce that the Junior League of Columbus has launched a fundraising campaign to celebrate our hundred years of service to the Columbus community. All actives and sustainers have played a part in the JLC's rich history; now we ask that you also play a part in defining the JLC's future.

For nearly a hundred years, we have offered a place for women to find our voices, broaden our knowledge, and use our skills for good. We have empowered women to speak up and speak out, and we continue to build the female leaders of today, while inspiring the leaders of tomorrow.

Our Centennial Campaign is about more than just raising dollars - it is about empowering the next hundred years of visionary civic women leaders, leaders that spark lasting and meaningful change. Consider how the JLC has served and will continue to serve you, our community, our neighbors, and those in need.

We have looked carefully at the most important and urgent needs of the JLC and have planned the Centennial Campaign to meet those needs. Our Campaign will raise monies through our members and close friends, and will also offer pledges to be paid over a five-year period.

We believe in the League's ability to impact change and create the women leaders of tomorrow. It is in this spirit that we ask you to join us as an advocate for the Junior League of Columbus' Centennial Campaign.

For more information about the campaign, visit <https://www.jlcolumbus.org/about/celebrating-100-years-of-impact/>.

CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN IS READY TO LAUNCH



TODAY!

YWCA QUICK IMPACT



On Saturday, August 27th, active members Maria Martello, Courtney Rea, Nicki Stanley, and Allie Starbuck attended the first Quick Impact of 2022 at the YWCA Family Center.

This year, JLC committed \$1,000 and two volunteer sessions to the YWCA Family Center. The Family Center still follows COVID-19 restrictions, limiting the number of volunteers to four per meal service. Our members helped prepare breakfast for the following morning while serving a hot meal to over 150 individuals and families.

HAPPIER HOUR

For the second year in a row, the Junior League of Columbus will be offering monthly opportunities for our members to connect outside of the business of the League for our Happier Hours. Happier Hours are intended to be the 'happiest' hour of your day because you'll be surrounded by your fellow League members!

So far this year, we have hosted two Happier Hours - on Thursday, August 4th at Parsons North Brewing (one of our JLC Partners) and Thursday, September 1st at Easton Unplugged at Easton Town Center.

Be on the lookout for details for our upcoming Happier Hours, but at least save-the-date to make sure you can join us:

- o 11/2/2022
- o 12/1/2022
- o 1/5/2023
- o 2/2/2023
- o 3/2/2023
- o 4/6/2023
- o 5/4/2023
- o 6/1/2023



If you have any questions or ideas for our Happier Hours, feel free to connect with our Membership Experience Coordinator, Colleen Vance, at membershipdev@jlcolumbus.org.

A CELEBRATION OF OUR CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS

As part of this 2022–2023 Centennial year, the Junior League of Columbus is celebrating the partners that have helped our League make an impact in the community over the past 100 years.

To kick off this landmark year of service, we invited current community partners to the Kelton House on August 30th for an evening of refreshments, music in the garden, and a tour led by Kelton House Director Sarah Richardt. JLC President Jen Shea presented each attendee with a Centennial certificate in recognition of its partnership with the Junior League.

The evening’s conversations prompted lively conversations around our shared vision for helping vulnerable young people in the Columbus community, as well as several new ideas that the Community Impact Council is now pursuing. We heard stories about how the pandemic presented extraordinary challenges for local youth served by our partners, which added a sense of urgency and importance to our work in the community.

For some attendees, this event was the first opportunity to meet face-to-face since the beginning of the pandemic, after many emails and Zoom calls. Guests also connected more meaningfully with the mission of the Junior League as a whole through a tour of the Kelton House, the League’s longstanding community project.



So far this League year, the Junior League of Columbus has committed more than 400 volunteer hours to our community partners and distributed \$4,500 in grants. Community partners are selected based on the quantifiable value our League members add to their work. We aim to partner with organizations doing high-impact work that is relevant to our signature community project, Bridging the G.A.P., which aims to guide, advocate, and provide for young adults who are transitioning out of the foster care system.

Because Bridging the G.A.P. officially launched only weeks before Covid-19 related lockdowns began in 2020, this year marks the first year of full programming across all three program pillars. Our partners’ expertise and direct access to young people in need is critical to the program’s success, and we are thrilled to be off to such a promising start.

MEET OUR NEW TRANSFERS



Molly Kuchan

How many years have you been in the League?
4

What League are you transferring from?
Junior League of Minneapolis, MN



Marci Leveillee

How many years have you been in the League?
6

What League are you transferring from?
Junior League of Philadelphia, PA



Jessica Romer

How many years have you been in the League?
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What League are you transferring from?
Junior League of Dayton, OH



Caitlin McGowan

How many years have you been in the League?
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What League are you transferring from?
Virginia



Sarah Geisler

How many years have you been in the League?
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What League are you transferring from?
Junior League of Emerald Coast in Florida



Tenisha Highsmith

How many years have you been in the League?
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What League are you transferring from?
Junior League of Nashville

SEPTEMBER GMM "LEADING FROM EVERY SEAT"

On Tuesday, September 13, the Junior League of Columbus held the first General Membership Meeting of the Centennial League year. The League invited Lisa Vaughan of Junior League Evansville, Indiana to speak to our members on "Leading from Every Seat - how each Junior League Member is a leader, no matter her placement." Vaughan led an insightful and engaging discussion on how each Junior League Member can make the most of her membership, from the first day of her New Member year all the way through sustaining. This begins with the League as a whole recognizing each member has a valuable skill and competency to bring to the League, regardless of her length of membership. By utilizing each member's unique assets, the League will continue to thrive and grow into the future.

In celebration of the Centennial Year, each GMM location holds a historical connection to the League. This month's GMM was held at the Columbus Main Metropolitan Library located in the heart of downtown Columbus. The League has a long historical tie to libraries and reading making the downtown library the perfect place for our first GMM. In the 1930s and 1940s, the League hosted a mobile library cart in a local hospital providing books to patients. The League also ran the Central Ohio Radio Reading Service (CORRS), a radio broadcast which read newspapers and magazines to those unable to read themselves. From reading to disabled children, to selling books at Bargain Box, the League has always had an affinity for promoting reading in the Columbus community.



SAVE THE DATES:

November

- 11/3/22 | New Member/Transfer/Sustainer Cocktail Party
- 11/15/22 | JLC Business Meeting
- 11/16/22 | Quick Impact: Columbus Early Learning Centers Thanksgiving Meal Drive
- 11/18/22 | Preview Party/Holiday Tour of Homes
- 11/20/22 | Quick Impact: ACTION Ohio Thanksgiving Dinner

December

- 12/3/22 | Holiday Tour of Homes
- 12/7/22-12/12/22 | Project Provide: Huck House Holiday Drive
- 12/13/22 | JLC Holiday Social

January

- 1/2 - 1/31 | JLC Exhibit at the Ohio State House
- 1/10/23 | JLC General Membership Meeting
- 1/19/23 | Centennial Celebration at the Ohio State House

February

- 2/1/23 | JLC 100th Birthday
- 2/1/23 - 2/7/23 | Member Appreciation Week
- 2/7/23 | JLC Business Meeting

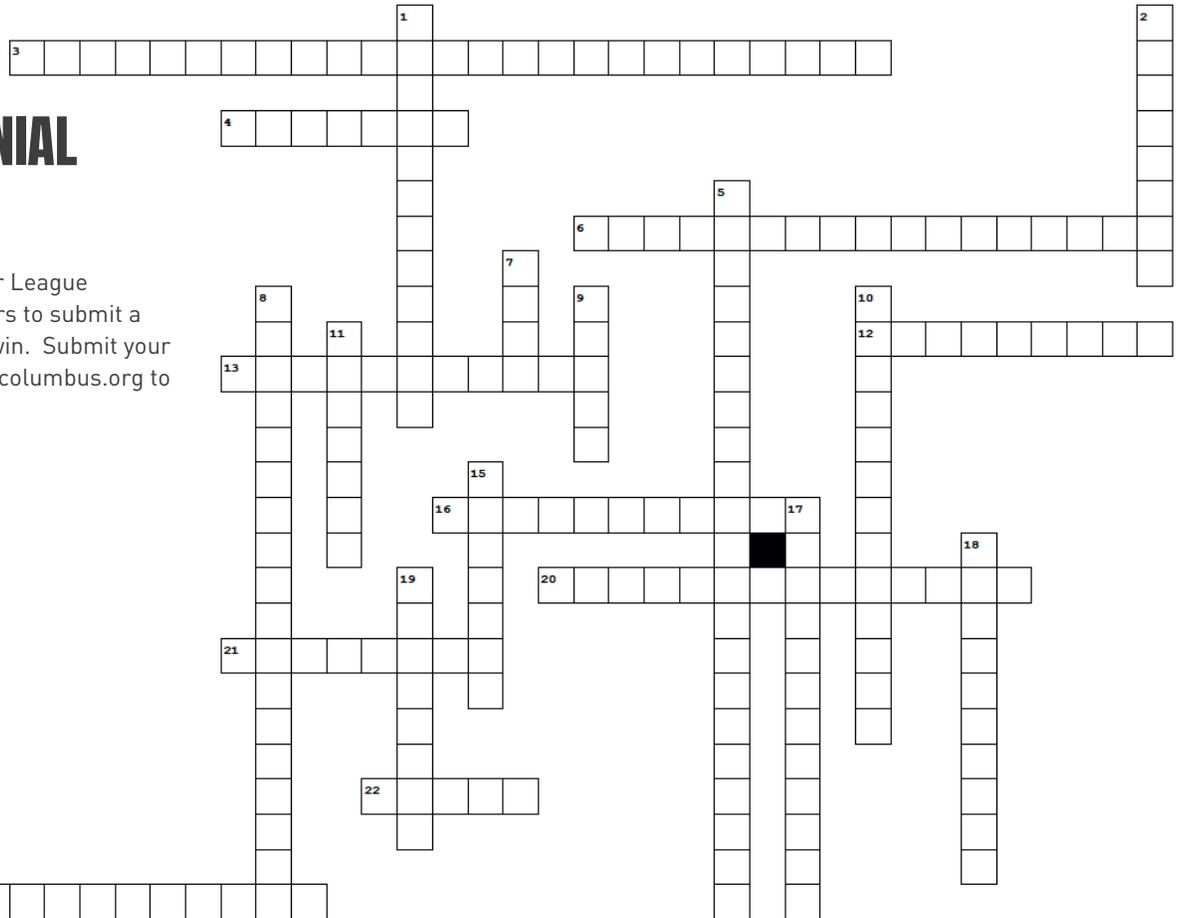
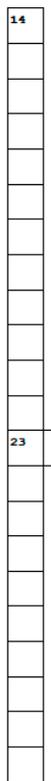


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Across

3. Backpack Project
4. ___ Columbus Arts Council
6. '4-C' Program now known today as
12. Columbus ___ Foundation
13. First JLC Fundraiser
16. Historic Home
20. Supports youth again out of foster care
21. ___ Park Conservatory
22. Leadership development program for middle school girls
23. Famous founding member

Down

1. Famous Columbus writer
2. Underground Railroad ___ Station
5. Children's theater production company
7. Middle School Summer Camp
8. Annual JLC Fundraiser
9. ___ Kelton donated home to Columbus Foundation
10. JLC Newsletter
11. CASA (Court- Appointed ___ Advocates)
14. Displaced homemaker program
15. P.A.R.T.Y.(Participate Actively in ___ Throughout the year)
17. Old JLC office
18. Longest running JLC fundraiser
19. Ohio's Capitol

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