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Junior League**

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\$17,500 in Junior League Grants Awarded to Local Non-Profits

By Sally Wortendyke

With great respect to the dollars earned by Junior League members from Wine Fest 2009 fundraiser, nine non-profit organizations in Bakersfield were awarded Enabling Fund and Project monies at the September 13th Junior League meeting. The culmination of a yearlong selection process from dozens of grant applications, these successful non-profit grants were approved by vote from the general membership in April 2011. Awarding money to non-profits who meet the focus area of JLB, criteria for recipients, is the finest of the League's endeavors to make a difference and improve the community. Receiving Enabling Funds were: the **Arvin Family Resource Center: \$1,000, Bethany Services (Bakersfield Homeless Shelter): \$2,000, Boys and Girls Clubs of Kern County: \$2,000, Buena Vista Museum of Natural History: \$1,000, Kern Bridges Youth Homes, Inc.: \$1,000, Kern Partnership for Children and Families: \$500, San Joaquin Community Hospital - Foundation: \$1,500, and Society for Disabled Children: \$2,000.** Project grant recipients are the **Girls Achievement Program (GAP) – a JLB project: \$6,500.** Each fall the **Community Research Committee (CRC)** is responsible for distributing general information to local non-profits about qualifications to receive Enabling Funds or to become a project of the Junior League of Bakersfield. This year's application deadline is December 1, 2011. The CRC committee will coordinate the submitted applications in preparation for the January meeting of the **Project Evaluation Committee (PEC)** comprised of the CRC committee, President-Elect, Finance Director/Treasurer and/or the Treasurer-Elect, and selected representatives from the Membership Council, Fund Development Council and Communications Council. With all councils represented in the deliberation process, members will hear about and discuss the recommendations in March and vote in April 2012. It is easier than ever for a non-profit to obtain information and complete an application. Simply go to the JLB website, www.juniorleagueofbakersfield.org and read all about it. Applications are in a PDF format and can be downloaded and completed online. As monies are distributed to community programs, the process begins again. This is how fundraising dollars are returned to the community, where Junior League DOES make a difference.



President's Page

Junior League of Bakersfield, Inc.

JLB Mission Statement

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

JLB Vision Statement

The Junior League of Bakersfield shares a vision of impacting the community through voluntarism and contributing to the well-being of individuals in the community.

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September has come and gone in a flash and we are off to an amazing start! Our first general meeting was fantastic. It was an enthusiastic full house! We presented our Grants and Enabling dollars to the community and had an opportunity to hear what our councils have been doing to prepare for the year ahead. Our Wine Fest tickets went on sale and over 25% of our active members took possession of their tickets at the September General Meeting! Thank you so much for this prompt outpouring of support to our Winefest ladies. They've been working for many months to prepare the best fest yet and it is so



terrific to see you all jump in and do your part right away. Don't forget, all required tickets are to be picked up by the October General Meeting. I hope you all are as excited as I am about the additional social activities being offered to our membership in hopes of extending our relationships beyond our monthly volunteering. From movies, books, exercise and more we will be building connections throughout the months ahead. I hope many of you picked up the book of the month, "The Other Wes Moore". Not only will this book provide a conversation starter for you and maybe one or two members you haven't met yet, but also we will have the opportunity to take part in the many community sponsored events this fall as this is the 2011 One Book, One Bakersfield, One Kern selection. Watch for ways to tie it all together. If you missed our general meeting some very exciting news is the completion of our newest training space in our wonderful headquarters, The GAP Room! Many thanks to our Adhoc committee lead by Sara Oliver and to Margaret Edmonston who served as our General Contractor and made sure we completed the project under budget! These ladies and their committee deserve an extra round of applause. Be sure to save the date for our Training Room Grand Opening on Thursday, November 3rd. Did you notice the wonderful new blouses the board was wearing? The JLB, crisp white blouse will become our new identification when we work in the community. Please drop off your perfect fit blouse yo JLB, along with \$5 in a labeled, zip-lock bag. We will handle the monogramming and have it ready for you in no time. It's a timeless, classy look that we can dress up or down to fit our events. Don't be left out, get yours done now! Lastly, by the time you read this, Katie and I will have attended AJLI's Fall Conference which is my final training as part of my commitment as president for JLB. These trainings have been invaluable in providing insight for me to do my very best as our league facilitator this year. As these trainings come to an end for me I want each and every one of you to make a point to consider the opportunities that are presented to our membership each year in the form of the Southwest Exchange and ODI. I can tell you, these trainings will impart knowledge and an increased value of what Junior League is all about and the true impact our organization has on not only our community but communities internationally as well. Southwest Exchange is in Orange County this year, October 14-15. Talk to Johnna and Maggie if you would like more information on the potential to attend. I am so excited to be in the role I am in this year. Thanks for this opportunity to grow and stretch. We have a lot to look forward to together. Be sure to take it all in!

Fondly,
Kelli

General Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2011

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Kelli Gruszka at 6:37 p.m. Terri Collins led the Flag Salute.

Approval of Minutes: Tonya Vallicella made the motion to accept the May 10, 2011 General Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Johnna Antongiovanni and was unanimously approved by the membership.

Community Research/ PEC Grant: Sally Wortendyke introduced the recipients of the enabling funds/project grants for the 2010-2011 year. Karen Davis from the Arvin Family Resource Center accepted their grant for the funds which will go to providing shoes for up to 100 students; Carolann Wooton from Bethany Services (Bakersfield Homeless Center) accepted their grant which will provide play gyms for the infant/toddler room; Elizabeth Yeasley accepted the grant on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club of Kern County; Koral Hancharick, from the Buena Vista Museum of Natural History, accepted their grant which will fund the revamping of the anatomy section/skeleton of children's area; Jim VanderZwan from Kern Bridges Youth Homes accepted their grant which will go to fund the summer camping trip for 20-25 foster youth; Elana Acosta accepted the grant on behalf of Kern Partnership for Children and Families whose funds will go to the safely surrender babies program; Kevin Burton, Janet Babb, and Grace Kwasman accepted the grant on behalf of the San Joaquin Hospital which will go to buying a warmer for milk for the NICU; Patricia Henson accepted the grant on behalf of the Society for Disabled Children which will go toward special events for disabled children throughout the year; Mandy Herp & Jessica Duncan accepted the projects grant on behalf of the Junior League's GAP committee which will go toward continuing the GAP program.

President's Report: 1) President Kelli Gruszka reviewed the importance and reasons behind grant recipients. 2) The new provisionals were introduced as a group. 3) Thank you cards were distributed to volunteers from the Little White Dress for the Brides Across America event. 4) Certificates of completion of the AJLI ODI Conference were distributed to attendees. 5) An update was given on the non-profit usages contract and upcoming events and meetings at the JLB Community Center. 6) An update was given on JLB monogrammed blouses for impact events and any member can turn a white blouse and \$5 in by October to have one. 7) An update was given on Council meetings and their purpose. 8) The "Fast Facts" dashboard information on the agenda was reviewed and will be updated throughout the year. 9) An update was provided on the use of a powerpoint presentation at each general meeting to cut the cost of paper. 10) Members were informed that they will continue to receive any information or motions prior to general meetings via e-mail. 11) The Green Book will be out soon, but the membership section will be posted on the member's section of the website along with the yearly plans created by Council Directors and Chairs. 12) Membership was encouraged to utilize the JLB meeting rooms, but to make all reservations in advance through the office manager. 13) Kelli provided her office hours for the year which will be Monday-Thursday 9-11 a.m. 14) Members were asked to assist putting away tables and chairs at the conclusion of the meeting.

Administrative Council: Administrative Council Director Lydia Rowles introduced her Council Chairs and their accomplishments to date.

Arrangements: Chair, Kathy Iturriria-Laverty informed the membership there will be boxed dinners available for purchase for the October meeting and to sign up and pay at least 1 week before next meeting. The fall workday will be October 1st 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and the Spring workday will be April 28.

SPAC: SPAC Senior, Andrea Medina, gave a review of AB 987 & 988 updates and asked for member support. SPAC delegates will attend conference in Monterey in October. Dawn Ratliff talked about Dinner with Shannon Groves and SB48 referendum petition for overturning Fair Education Act. Petition and additional information can be found on Shannon Groves' website.

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Communications Council: Communications Council Director Kara Cieri introduced her Council Chairs and their accomplishments to date.

Website: Website Chair Janelle Mettler updated the membership on website changes and login/password information for the members-only area.

In-League: In-League Chair Laura Tague informed the membership that the September WOW award winner will be announced in October as she was not present at the meeting. The Book of the Month was explained and *The Other Wes Moore* will be the October book. Members were also asked to contact In-League if they know of anyone going through a hardship and In-League will coordinate assistance. Laura Tague and committee members, Julie Lerro and Jessica Whitham, provided a list of upcoming events including Movie Night, September 20, Zumba in the park every Saturday, First Friday Happy Hour, October 7 at the Padre, and Green Shop event October 26 (RSVP to In-League).

Marketing & Publicity: Chair, Robin Daves, explained the current marketing efforts for Wine Fest, asked that committee Chairs inform her of their next meeting so the committee can determine any marketing needs. Members were informed of Wildflower advertising options as well as a contest for assisting in selling ads to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place members.

Publications/Wildflower: Chair, Cammy Beard, informed members that their committees should have been contacted already by a Publications Committee member and reminded committees that their articles are due tonight. The committee also hopes to be able to make it to as many events, meetings, and impact opportunities as possible this year.

Community Projects Council: Kelli Gruszka introduced the council chairs on behalf of Susan Swanson.

GAP: Co-Chair Jessica Duncan updated that GAP had their first meeting on Labor Day that included icebreakers and the importance of journaling. The next meeting is September 19th from 5:30-7:30 with a Zumba class, and the following meeting will be October 3rd and focus on philanthropy and community service

Impact: Chair Stephanie Gandara informed the membership of ongoing impact opportunities such as donating: smoke detectors, laundry soap, and/or fabric softener all at a \$25 value. The committee will also be collecting fleece fabric for The Society for Disable Children through December. Members should place items in the Bank of America room upstairs and sign their name. Additional impact opportunities will be September 24th at the Boys & Girls Club ArtFest, October 29th with the Kern Partnership for Children and Families, and at the October General Meeting CASA card envelopes will be available for pickup.

Finance Council: Finance Director Kay Bacon introduced herself and gave an update on the Treasurer, Lindsay Ashley, who is out bed rest/maternity leave.

Fund Development Council:

Wine Fest: Wine Fest Co-Chair Callie Spitzer confirmed wineries signed on for the event, that auction has received variety of auction items, listed food and restaurants that have been confirmed for the event, and that the event will have GAP information available and masks created by the girls for sale at the event. Tickets are on sale as of September 13th, and the committee is still in need auction items. Keri Gless presented information about opportunity drawings and asked for donations. Co-Chair Corie Rundle presented the WineFest budget motion, and questions were asked about the various charges for ticket which was explained by Eva Burke. The motion will be voted on at the October General Meeting.

Business Partnerships: Laura Oesch provided an overview of current donations and is \$50 away from the goal of \$25,000.

Ways & Means: Fund Development Council Director Eva Burk explained what is that Ways & Means does and the history of research for the spring fundraiser event options. Eva Burk presented the motion for spring fundraiser which will be voted on in October.

Membership Council: Johnna Antongiovanni introduced the council. Maggie Cushine informed membership that Courtney Foster is back from Iraq and on the GAP committee and that Tasha Subriar is back active in League and on the Membership Development committee.

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Nominating & Placement: Johnna Antongiovanni introduced committee members and which committees they would be contacting. She also mentioned that there are still open positions for Wine Fest Chair Elect and applications are now being accepted for President-Elect.

Membership Development: Joanie Haenelt stated that the first informational meeting will be September 21st and will give an overview of JLB to prospective members. Future informational meetings will be October 18th and November 15th with the Spring Provisional reception on December 8th at Sandy McMahan's.

Provisional: Terri Collins introduced the provisionals and informed the members that they should have the project decided by September Board Meeting. Also introduced were the 3 transfers this year. Joey Buehler introduced one of the new provisional, Pam Manny.

Old Business: Margaret Edmonston gave an update on the renovations of the GAP Room. The room is almost complete and will have smartboard and laptop due to an anonymous donation. The Contractor and Subcontractors were also thanked.

New Business: There was no new business.

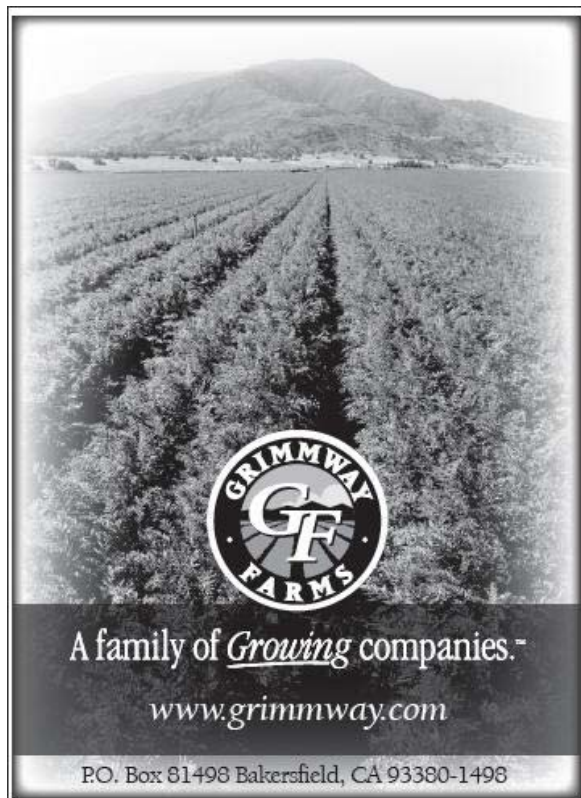
Announcements: There were no announcements.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted by:

Kara Cieri


Communications Council Director



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Motion

Ways and Means Committee Motion

MEMBER: Eva Burke DATE: August 15, 2011

BOARD MEETING: ✓ 8/30/2011 GENERAL MEETING: ✓ 9/13/11

MOTION:

The Ways and Means Committee moves to have an “adult only” Spring Fundraiser with auction held at the League Community Center on Saturday, April 28, 2012. The fundraiser requires Active Members to sell two (2) tickets at \$40 each. Maximum tickets sold not to exceed 250. All required tickets must be claimed no later than the March general meeting on March 13, 2012. The increase in ticket price will allow for the Spring fundraiser committee to hire workers. There will be a limited number of positions, as deemed appropriate by the committee, for Active Members to work the entire event in lieu of their ticket requirement. A \$50 fine for each ticket not sold will be assessed for not fulfilling their ticket requirement. Provisionals will not be required to sell tickets, however, will work the event. All monies will be due at the May general meeting on May 8, 2012.

RATIONALE:

The three-year plan calls for a Spring Fundraiser and previous “adult only” spring fundraisers with auction held at the League Community Center helps meet this plan.

PROS:

1. Based on survey results, a majority of members supported this event format.
2. Event held at League Community Center is free of charge.
3. Previous “adult only” JLB spring fundraisers is a proven successful fundraiser.
4. Provisionals get fundraising training.
5. Money raised assists JLB with reaching its mission.

CONS:

1. Active Membership has mandatory ticket requirement with the possibility of fines for not meeting ticket requirement.
2. Provisionals have to work the event.
3. All money is due at the May general meeting which does not give the membership the usual 30-day money exchange after the event.
4. The fundraiser may not meet the goals of the three-year plan.

Copies to:

President Kelli Gruszka

President-Elect Katie Kirschenmann

Parliamentarian Margaret Edmonston

Communications Director Kara Cieri



Motion

Winefest Budget Motion

MEMBER: Corie Rundle & Callie Spitzer DATE: 7/26/2011

Board Meeting: August 2, 2011 General: September 13, 2011

MOTION:

The Winefest Committee moves that the Junior League of Bakersfield, Inc. approves the following budget for the 2011 Winefest.

Income:

Ticket Sales			
Actives – 340 (85 members)			\$25,500.00
Provisionals – 0			\$0.00
General – 50			\$3,750.00
	SUBTOTAL	(390 persons):	\$29,250.00
Table Sales	30	\$1,000.00 (240 persons)	\$30,000.00
Business Partnerships			\$25,000.00
Auction/Opportunity Drawings			
	Live/Silent		\$35,000.00
	WOW		\$5,200.00
	100 Best		\$2,650.00
			\$42,850.00
Auction Program			\$500.00
		TOTAL INCOME:	<u>\$128,600.00</u>

Expenses:

Food			\$2,000.00
Vintners			\$5,000.00
Rentals/Facilities			
	Building	\$2,740.00	
	Rentals	\$4,000.00	
	Valet Service	\$1,200.00	
	Paid Contract Workers	\$500.00	
	Lighting & Sound	\$6,160.00	
		\$14,600.00	
Decorations/Signage			\$1,500.00
Fundraiser Marketing Publicity			\$2,500.00
Tickets			\$2,000.00
Auction			
	Auction Purchases	\$400.00	
	Auctioneer	\$500.00	
	MC	\$100.00	
		\$1,000.00	
Business Partnerships			\$350.00
Bar Cost			\$200.00
Misc Licenses			\$200.00
Security			\$250.00
Bank Charges			\$1,400.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$31,000.00	
Wine Fest/Business Partnerships Net Profit			\$97,600.00

Motion

PROS:

1. The proposed budget meets the guidelines in the 3 year plan.
2. Winefest is an established and successful event.
3. High end vintners will be pouring again this year which will help distinguish JLB's Winefest from other wine-fests in the community.
4. A decrease in professional, interactive lighting and sound.
5. A realistic number of attendees.
6. Paper tickets are provided.

CONS:

1. Constant Contact will still be used. We have to allocate more money for processing fees associated with selling tickets online.



Special Thanks to Jim Burke Ford, Trader Joe's, Barbich Hooper King Dill Hoffman, Imbibe and Ray & Joan Dezember for their support of the Junior League of Bakersfield as 2010-2011

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Winefest

Wine Fest Updates & Information

By: Callie Spitzer

Tickets for 2011 Wine Fest are officially on sale as of September 13, 2011! For tickets visit Imbibe or our website: www.juniorleagueofbakersfield.org/winefest. Tables are selling fast! Remember to reserve yours today.

The Booze Hound wants to thank you in advance for your \$25.00 donation. This is to reimburse him for the wine offerings held at Wine Fest (W.O.W. & 100 Best).

We are always looking for auction items. If you know of anyone willing to donate please let us know or email jlwbwnefestauction@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support! Thank you to those members and sustainers for sending your vintner friends to us. We are excited to have them be a part of Wine Fest!

Remember if you do not want the 4 ticket responsibility, you can work the event. Space is limited and is on a first come first serve basis. (You are also required to work your 2 pre or post hours). Work hours signup will start at the October General Meeting. Remember this is ONLY for pre or post work hours. The Wine Fest Committee wants you to enjoy Wine Fest with your family and friends!

The Wine Fest Committee is encouraging everyone to wear a mask! We have found them at Pier 1 and Chloe's Accessories in the mall. You can also order them online. GAP will be selling their handmade masks at event if you happen to forget yours!

Thank you for all your continued support and excitement towards Wine Fest! It is going to be a successful, fun event!

The Wine Fest Committee wants to extend a BIG thank you to our Business Partners! We thank you for your continued support of Junior League! Diane S. Lake Trust, Ray & Joan Dezember, W. A. Thompson, Grimmway Farms, Union Bank, Mazzei Injector, Giumarra Vineyards, Barbich Hooper KDH, Citizens Business Bank, Jim Burke Ford, Clifford & Brown, Kern Ridge Growers, Billings Ranch and the Icon Group for printing our tickets!



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Impact Bakersfield

'Im-pact' verb To have an impact or effect on; influence; alter

By Stephanie Gandara

The Impact Committee has begun its work of identifying community needs which fit with Junior League's mission and bringing these needs to the membership's attention. These needs are typically met by volunteer service or a specific donation (twenty five dollar value). The committee held our first meeting at the JLB Headquarters on Monday, August 29th.

This year you will find that many of JLB's favorite 'impact' opportunities from years past such as smoke detectors for the Fire Department and Laundry soap for SAL are again impact opportunities for 2011/2012. We are excited to have received from the membership a large number of potential impact opportunities for us to review and bring to the membership. In addition to making an impact through donations, we are continuing to explore volunteer opportunities.

The Boys' and Girls' Club ArtFest held on September 24th was one such opportunity. The Impact Committee will seek volunteers for similar impact activities through use of JLB's constant contact distribution network in addition to the traditional sign up sheets at the General Meetings. Some activities have a need for a limited number of volunteers, so act quick if you see something which really interests you.

This year, we will also strive to include as much information as possible to help you be the best volunteer you can be. We will let you know what the recommended attire is i.e. casual or business, whether you will be standing (may need comfy shoes) and whether or not the volunteers will be fed.

Please keep your suggestions coming! Send them to Stephanie Gandara, jlbimpact@gmail.com. Remember to visit our Impact table at the General Meetings to find out what is new and say HI to Christine Karieva who will be coordinating our sign up sheets.

Arrangements / Community Center

In the Mooood for Moo?

By: Christine Icardo

The food for the October general meeting will be from Moo Creamery. They have graciously offered to supply us with their delicious food in the style of individual boxed lunches for the low price of \$8.00 per person.

The meal offering for October is:

* Turkey Tostada *

Roasted turkey, sweet corn, black beans, avocado, cilantro, cabbage, crema, cojita cheese, red wine vinaigrette and salsa roja on two crispy corn tortillas served with tomatillo salsa.

Note: A meatless version will be offered as a vegetarian option.

If you would like to order a meal for the October meeting please send in your money no later than **Tuesday, October 4th**. You can also drop it by the Community Center care of the Arrangements Committee.

If you have any questions please contact Christine Icardo at 665-0368 or Kathy Iturriria-Laverty at 472-1362.

Fall Work Day

By: Christine Icardo

It's that time of year again! Time to give our beloved Community Center some TLC! The Fall Work Day is fast approaching. This year it will be held on **Saturday, October 1, 2011 from 9:00am-12:00pm**. Remember, to remain in good standing all actives and associate members must participate in one of the Work Days. If you will be unable to attend the Fall Work Day, the date of the Spring Work Day is April 28, 2012. You can also donate supplies or pay a \$40.00 fine.

Please call Christine Icardo at 665-0368 or Kathy Iturriria-Laverty at 472-1362 to RSVP for the Fall Work Day.

Training Room

The GAP Training Room is Complete

By Sara Oliver

If you haven't been down to headquarters to check out the new GAP Training Room, make that trip a priority! It is really beautiful, much more so than we ever imagined. As of this writing we have a few "punch list" items to finish and some of the furniture hasn't arrived yet, but yesterday we were able to watch GAP Committee members move their supplies up from the basement into their new home. What a wonderful feeling of accomplishment. We want to take this opportunity to thank a few women who were integral to the completion of this project. First and foremost, special thanks go to Ad Hoc Remodel Committee Member and Parliamentarian **Margaret Edmondston**. Margaret was the primary day to day contact for our contractor Chris Bertolucci Construction. She also worked closely with fellow committee member and Sustainer **Tracy Burrell** to purchase all the "odd" items that were not in the original bid. Thank you Tracy for your wise counsel! **Katie Kirschenmann** and **Julie Fisher** gave us their time and their vision when selecting and purchasing the furnishings. The modern style furniture is a neat contrast to our beautiful old building. Also, thanks to the GAP Committee and Chairs **Mandy Herp** and **Jessica Duncan** for their constant enthusiasm (and impatience J) which kept us moving along. And finally, many thanks to **Kelli, Susan, Kara**, and the JLB Board, for their support.

Please remember our fabulous donors to the project:

JLB members for voting to spend the money to finish the room,

Sustainer Barbara Grimm-Marshall for her generous gift for the furniture and furnishings,

"Anonymous" who provided funds for our state of the art electronic Smart Board and the lap top computer,

Zonta International for their fundraising efforts, and the JLB Sustainers and the Endowment Committee who are providing funds for the chair rail (which is not yet complete) that will provide access to the upstairs for those with special needs.

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, November 3rd will be our Open House and Ribbon Cutting. More information to follow!

A Very Special Thank You!

**Construction
of the
GAP room
IS COMPLETE!**

Sub Contractor List:

- Kenny Salcido Electric , Inc.
- Monty Gonzales Plumbing
- Broken Drum Insulation
- Vic Coleman Plastering
- Pat Callahan Tile and Granite
- Jim Williams Painting
- Wells Accoustic
- Stumbo Air conditioning & Heating
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Membership Needs

By: Johnna Antongiovanni

The Membership Council is looking for a new President-Elect-Elect! We will be taking applications from September 15 to October 15. This position will be on the ballot in December and the PEE will attend the winter conference in January. The presidential year for the PEE will be 2013-2014.

If you are interested in chairing the Spring Fundraiser or being a member of the spring fundraiser committee now is the time to let us know!

Please contact Johnna Antongiovanni 829-1577 or Maggie Cushine 565-6191 with questions regarding these available positions.

We can also be reached at our email address jlbmembershipcouncil@gmail.com.

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Meet the Provisionals

Meet the Provisionals.....

By Kelly Donovan, Jennifer Zambo



Laura Porter.... was born in Bakersfield. She has lived in Los Angeles, Fresno, and Jupiter, Florida. She attended college in Los Angeles to study Interior Design. Presently, she works at Design Studio, but has started her own business as an Interior Designer. She expects to be on her own next year. She is single and a proud owner of a 100 pound black lab, Abby. Her interests are in traveling, cooking, and drinking wine. She considers herself a “crafty” and creative person. She heard about league from her mother, who was previously a member. She hopes to meet new people and serve the community.



Joey Buehler.....was born in Bakersfield and has lived in Palo Alto as well as Manhattan Beach, California. She has one son, Jeffrey, who is 17 and is a senior at Garces High School. Joey is employed as a school nurse for the Bakers-field City School District and enjoys traveling, going to the movies, and spending time with family and friends. Joey has been looking to find an organization to help with charitable works, and desires to give back to the community. She will be a wonderful asset to League. Welcome Joey!



Lynell Roberts.....was born and raised in Bakersfield, but has lived in Ventura, Washington state, and 11 other states. She is married and has six children, ranging from ages 15 to 28, and a 3 year old grandson. She has previously worked in Real Estate, been a Notary, Arbonne and the County Probation Department. She took time off from work to travel and be with her husband. Her interests and hobbies include gardening, reading, cooking, crochet, watching movies, traveling, RV’ing, being outdoors, spending time with her dogs, helping others, and being involved at her church. She learned about league from a friend and the internet. She looks forward to serving others through Junior League.

In-League

Join in the Fun!

By Laura Tague

We have some fun new stuff for this year. The first Friday of every month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. will be “JLB Happy Hour!” We are planning events at the Padre, Imbibe, Thai Orchid, and many other fun local hot spots! The third Tuesday of the month will be “Dinner and a Movie” night with the JLB. Tuesday is also discount night at many local theaters. We will try to rotate between theaters in order to be convenient for everyone. Edwards and Valley Plaza offer mobile ticket purchase which can be very convenient for popular movies and can be a huge time saver. If you have a cell phone that utilizes “apps.” Check out the Fandango app which gives show times, reviews, and allows for mobile ticket purchase. It is very easy to use and it is FREE!

We will also be planning monthly events for ladies only and for the family. We are planning some kid friendly events during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring breaks. Some events we are planning include *My Fair Lady* and dinner at the Marriot, Condor’s games, Color Me Mine, and a photography class and holiday photo session.

We know many of you have home based businesses. We would like to promote them and are considering a holiday shopping opportunity in November. If you have a home based business and are interested in participating or hearing more please email us.

We are also continuing to help our members in need. If you know of anyone who is experiencing a difficult time and could benefit from additional support please let us know via email or call 808-6659. We do not need to know specific details if one wishes to keep them private, only that there is an opportunity for us to make a positive impact in the life of one of our members.

September’s Events

-September 19th, *I Don’t Know How She Does It* at Edwards theater and dinner at Que Pasa Mexican Café, time to be announced

-“Zumba In the Park” begins September 17th. It will run each Saturday from 7– 9:00 a.m. Patriot’s Park

-The “Book of the Month” for October will be “The Other Wes Moore”.

October’s Events

-October 7th “Happy Hour” at the Padre, in conjunction with the Heart Gallery

-October 18th “Dinner and Movie,” to be announced

-October 26th at 6:30 “Green” Beauty with wine and appetizers at the Green Shop located next to Café Med. The Green Shop will provide a workshop with information on chemicals in beauty items. We will be able to make our own “green” beauty products including “Spicy Sugar Scrub” which contains ground cloves and rose petals.

Announcements

*Welcome home **Courtney Foster**! JLB appreciates all you do for our country.

*Please remember **Lindsay Ashley** in your thoughts as she and her husband are expecting their twins very soon.

*Please remember **Aimee Whitson** in your thoughts as she continues to battle cancer.

If you would like to follow Aimee through her treatments go to:

<https://www.caringbridge.org> Website: Whitson

Cards are always appreciated during difficult times.

Please refer to your Green Book for member’s addresses.

This Month in G.A.P.

By Mandy Herp

G.A.P. 2011/2012 has officially begun! Labor Day was our “Getting to Know You” night with 10 young ladies in attendance. We currently have 26 teens signed up including two on a waiting list. We have a few familiar faces and many new ones. September 19th will be our next session, Hip Hop dance night!! October 3rd will be all about Philanthropy and Community Service. We are very excited for this year and cannot wait to dig in and get to know these ladies better.

We would also like to thank everyone who helped get the Training Room up and running. It is beautiful and we can’t wait to have our dinner and art project on September 19th upstairs in our new digs. We know that this will make the girls feel more at home and will help them get even more out of the time we have together.

The G.A.P. 2011/2012 Calendar is below. We are looking forward to a fun, informative and engaging year!

G.A.P. Calendar 2011/2012			
Date	Day	Time	Session
September 5, 2011	Monday	5:30 - 8:30	Welcome
September 19, 2011	Monday	5:30 - 7:30	Hip Hop Dance - Exercise
October 3, 2011	Monday	5:30 - 8:30	Philanthropy/Community Service
October 17, 2011	Monday	5:30 - 8:30	College Night
November 7, 2011	Monday	5:30 - 8:30	Self-Esteem w/ Debbie Lundberg
November 21, 2011	Monday	5:30 - 8:30	Philanthropy Project
December 5, 2011	Monday	5:30 - 8:30	What not to Wear
December 19, 2011	Monday	5:30 - 8:30	Movie Night - Elf
January 9, 2012	Monday	5:30 - 7:30	Zumba - Exercise
January 23, 2012	Monday	5:30 - 8:30	Conflict Resolution
February 6, 2012	Monday	5:30 - 8:30	Cooking/Nutrition
February 20, 2012	Monday	5:30 - 8:30	Health & Wellness
March 5, 2012	Monday	5:30 - 7:30	Yoga - Exercise
March 19, 2012	Monday	5:30 - 8:30	Career Night
April 2, 2012	Monday	5:30 - 8:30	Spa Night
April 16, 2012	Monday	5:30 - 8:30	Circle of GAP
May 4, 2012	Friday	5:30 - 8:30	GAP Art Show



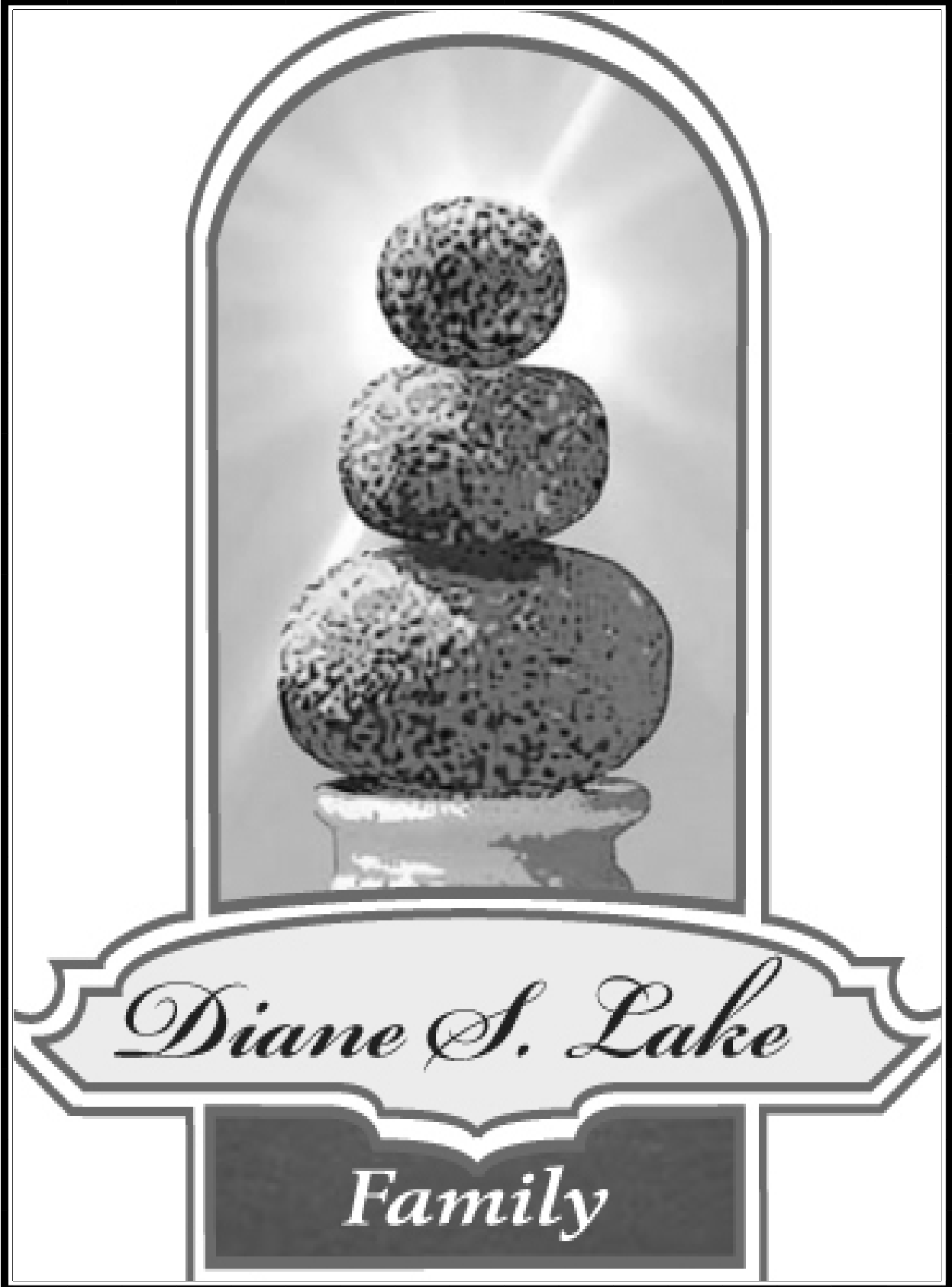
Birthdays

October Birthdays

Judy Marty	10/1	Staci Apsit	10/17
Phillis Van Boening	10/4	Julie Lerro	10/17
Michelle Lawrence	10/5	Bertha Bruschi	10/18
Theo Zaninovich	10/7	Elizabeth Marshall	10/19
Jennice Cerrina	10/9	Lacy Carter	10/20
Catherine Stier	10/12	Joan Lindsay	10/23
Suzanne Boyd	10/13	Erin Whitfield	10/28
Carol Lloyd-Williams	10/13	Sandra Moore	10/29
Sandra Banducci	10/13	Laurie Kreizenbeck	10/29
Cynthia Bailey	10/16		

Many of the dates of birth are missing from the JLB data base.
Please submit your date of birth to Suzanne at juniorleagueofbakersfield@gmail.com if you have been omitted or incorrectly listed in the monthly Wildflower birthday list.





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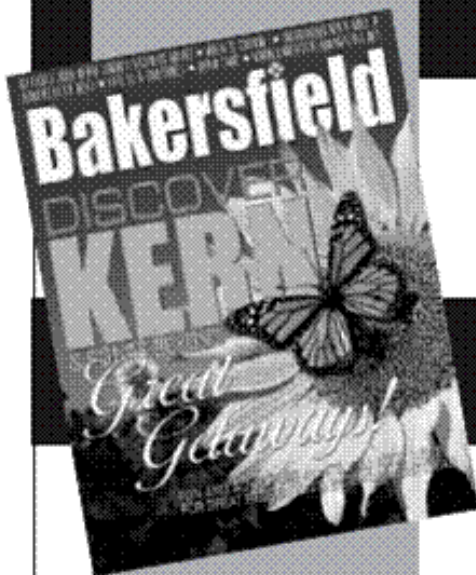
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Let's Get Ready to Party!

By Donna James

The 2011-2012 Sustainer Committee has met and we're ready to party. As Co-Chairs, Leslie Walters and I are working with a dynamic group of JLB sustainers and planning some fantastic events for this upcoming year. Please mark your calendars for the following events:

***Christmas Company Bus Trip - Around November 10th
Official Date T.B.A**

***Christmas Tea - December 8, 2011**

***SOS - (In early Spring)**

Sustainers, please support *Scads of Spaghetti* night at the Community House

***Pasadena Showcase Home - Last week in April**

***Sustainer Luncheon - June 12, 2012 @ 11:30
At Bakersfield Country Club**

Sustainers, we need NEWS! Please call or email Leslie Walters at:
(661) 716- 2301

or

jlbsustainers@gmail.com

Let's stay connected!!

JLB Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of our JLB members who have recently passed away or lost loved ones.

Dawn Kirschenman and Lori Cottle recently lost their father, Burnis Gentry.

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Upcoming Events

October 1-

*Fall Work Day

October 11-

*General Meeting

6:00 Social & 6:30 Meeting

*Wildflower Articles Due

October 14 & 15-

*Southwest Exchange - Orange County

October 18-

Membership Informational 6-7:30pm JLB

October 25-

*Board Meeting



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