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February Calendar



General
Membership
Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 11th

5:30PM - Social

5:45PM - Meeting

Olde Towne
Carriage House
102 S. Victoria Ave.

The Communications
Committee will
provide
refreshments

Babysitter will
be available

GNO Committee seeks Sponsors and vendors for April 11th event!!

Returning and new sponsors continue to sign on, as this year's Girls Night Out (GNO) Committee moves forward in planning what has become ladies' favorite night out in town.

The popular tradeshow/fashion fundraising event will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 11, at the Pueblo Convention Center.

The GNO committee is excited to announce that **St. Mary Corwin**, **Legacy Bank**, and **Mathews Brothers Electric** will return as major sponsors. **OTCH/DS Masonry** has committed, once again, to join us as a **Wine and Dine Sponsor** and **Seabel's** will return as a Fashion Show sponsor.

Meanwhile, thank you to our newest sponsors, **Vidmar Motors Company** for their generous \$1,000 sponsorship and **Little Caesars Pizza** for coming on board as a Wine and Dine sponsor.

While ladies continue to solicit sponsorships, which range from \$500 to \$3,000, work also begins on attracting an amazing list of vendors that will give our 1,100 plus ladies a unique and elegant shopping experience. Booth spaces are 10x10, include pipe and drape, and cost just \$210. In addition to meeting more than a 1,000 women in their target market, vendors will be part of more than \$9,000 in marketing and advertising and an aggressive online social media campaign.

All proceeds benefit the Junior League of Pueblo's programs that seek to increase children's literacy and fight child obesity in our community.

Interested business should contact Junior League of Pueblo Fundraising Chair Lyndsay Leffler at llefflerjlp@gmail.com or GNO Co Chairs Mande Mathews at mmathewsjlp@gmail.com and Jessi Ones at jessi_ones@yahoo.com.





Letter from the President

Nicole Stout

I would like to wish a Happy Heart-felt month to all my fellow JLP members, sustainers and sponsors. We have approached our half way mark for the league year, and we have already accomplished so much and reached so many children in our community. We recently had our first partnership event with Kids Health Challenge Fit4Fun. This first annual event was very successful reaching over 150 kids at our local mall for a day full of fun activities for the kids. Thank you to those that took the time to represent JLP and volunteer at this event.

Our largest annual Kids in the Kitchen event is always a highlight for the league and community. This year's event was partnered with PCC and accompanied by several exhibitors and local CSUP athletes. We have added more activities and a new cooking class menu making it a more educational and exciting event for the estimated 300 kids. Thank you to all who participated in this event and for helping it be a signature project for JLP.

This month continues to be busy for our league as we help support other organization efforts in the community like the Newborn Hope Luncheon. We have several JLP ladies that represent and chair this heart-warming event for our little miracle babies. Please note on calendars and get ticket quickly for the event on February 7th - JLP will have two tables available but spots are going quickly, thank you in advance for all of you that support this event and for supporting our fellow JLP gals.

Our mentor program has also been a new venture for our league with 13 mentors that our league has the opportunity to guide and be role models too. I encourage all mentor's to be reaching out to your mentees on a regular basis; we will be planning an event this month with our mentor girls details will follow on SOYH.

Our GNO committee has been hard at work perfecting our 10th Annual Girls Night Out. We are fast on track with sponsors and fashion show. If you have any ideas on more sponsors and vendors please let Jessi or Mande know. The meetings are open to anyone interested in helping with GNO planning process so please join us for all the new things for the event this year. We can't wait to celebrate with all of you and the community.

As our league year continues to cruise along we are already coming up on slating our officers for next year's board. We had several nominations which are a great sign that we have so many ladies interested in taking on these roles, please keep in mind the time commitments required and healthy campaigning is encouraged for the best candidates. Best of luck to these candidates on these board positions I have faith that you will all do an outstanding job. The opportunity is truly rewarding and educational; I have enjoyed my time on the board the last 4 years immensely and highly recommend taking the opportunity.

I was happy to host our board's mid-year board retreat recently. We had a lovely and educational day full of budget reviews, progress on committee projects and deadlines and a lot of brainstorming for new and efficient ideas to improve board and league processes. Thank you ladies for all your dedication to the board, league and your committees, you have all made this year a wonderful journey so far as president.

Lastly congrats to Laura McGowan on January Good as Gold and this month's winner Jessica Weckx - job well done to you fabulous ladies!!

"Sometimes the Heart sees what is invisible to the Eye"

Much Love,

Nicole Stout
JLP President

"A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark."

— Chinese Proverb

Good as Gold
Award



Congratulations
Jessica Weckx for
her hard work with
the Kids Health
Challenge and Fit4
Fun Event!

We appreciate all
she does for JL of
Pueblo!

Fit4Fun Event!!!

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- Improving Communities
- Volunteering
- Building leadership skills
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Communications Committee Report

Chair, Sommer Street

Please remember to check out the JLP website and "like" us on Facebook!
Share our upcoming events as many times as you can!

Also check out all the new photos and information on Dropbox –
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/gsam9t997pw85kk/ZCKDH_vXxD

Don't see your pics on Dropbox? Please send them to me and I will add them!

JLP Cookbook Naming Contest!!

Have a fun creative name for the
NEW JLP cookbook?

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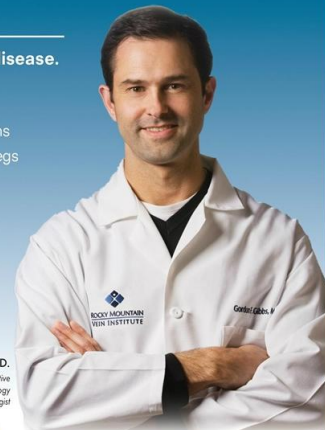
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February Birthdays



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- 2/4 Lori Allen
- 2/11 Joan Vidmar
Sidney Clutter
- 2/12 Beritt Odom
- 2/15 Dorothy Turner
- 2/16 Kathy Hylton
- 2/18 Margaret Divelbiss
- 2/19 Carrie Smith
- 2/20 Brooke Williams
- 2/21 Evelyn Clayton

Membership Committee Report

Chair, Mande Mathews

The second half of our League year is off to a great start. We have many exciting things on the upcoming calendar for our League, including Kids in the Kitchen and Girls Night Out! I hope you are all able to participate in both of these events as they are the two largest signature events the League puts on.

Also, mark your calendar for March 8th 10:30AM-1:00PM for the Spring Social. The Membership committee is working with Snap Fitness for a fun day of 80's themed Zumba, costume contest, tour of the new facility and ending the day with socializing over pizza from East Coast Pizza. Nothing better than a little fitness and fueling our bodies with yummy food afterwards, right? Hope to see you all there!!

Sustainer News!

The next Sustainer event will be Wednesday, February 26th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Sage Art Academy, 203 N. Main Street.

Please join us for a fun evening of appetizers, wine, socializing, and creating your very own original piece of artwork!! Cost will be \$45.00 and will include everything. This is an opportunity for those of you who can't make the Sustainer luncheons to come and see what's going on in the League! Hope to see you all there!

Please RSVP to the Junior League Office at 542-0491 by February 20, 2014.

Dates to Remember



Sustainer Event
Sage Art Academy
Wednesday, February 26th
6-8PM

JLP Spring Social
Snap Fitness in PW
Saturday, March 8th
10:30AM – 1PM

GNO
Pueblo Convention Center
Friday, April 11th
6-9PM

GNO News!!

Upcoming Meeting Dates!

Tuesday, Feb. 11th after GMM

Monday, Feb. 24th at 6PM –
location to be determined

Be sure to mark your calendar for April 11th and help us say happy birthday to what has not only been a successful event for 10 years, but one that has helped us financially support many JL programs that benefit women and children in our community.

SUSTAINERS!

Help us celebrate GNO's 10th Birthday in Style

Send your donation today and help us buy red-colored champagne for GNO guests to celebrate 10 years of what has become Pueblo's favorite ladies' night out. **We still need \$500** to meet our goal and make it a special evening to remember! Thanks to the ladies who have already generously donated toward our 10th Anniversary Champagne Toast: :

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Active Spotlight by Melissa Santistevan

Cara Fitzgerald

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This month's spotlight is on proud Pueblo Native, Cara Fitzgerald! A majority of her family and friends live here so she was happy she was able to stay in town after her husband graduated from Vet School.



Cara and her husband, James, were married last June and are expecting a son (Tommy) in May! Cara and James had known each other in middle school, and then reconnected when she went up to visit a friend who was a student in the vet program at CSU. James happened to be in the same program when they reconnected at a vet hospital open house. He had a duck in his arms and she was holding a baby goat! Won't that be a fun story to tell Tommy!

Cara graduated from Colorado State University in Fort Collins with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing and a second major in Technical Journalism with an emphasis in Public Relations. She is currently the Advertising and Marketing Specialist at Loaf 'N Jug, a division of Kroger Company. She has been there for four years. She loves her job! There is always something going on and she loves multi-tasking.

Cara joined Junior League in 2007 to meet new people and to be exposed to different volunteer opportunities. She really loves our DIAD projects and always learns something new at the monthly meetings. She loves meeting everyone and looks forward to getting to know the provisional class.

In the past, Cara enjoyed being a part of the American Cancer Society as their Public Relations Chair, on the Board of CASA as Publicity Chair, a member of: NeighborWorks of Pueblo, Historic Pueblo Inc., and the Central High School Foundation Board as Publicity Chair.

For fun Cara enjoys listening to her husband's band. She also enjoys going to concerts, traveling, and spending time with friends, who all seem to be getting married and having babies!

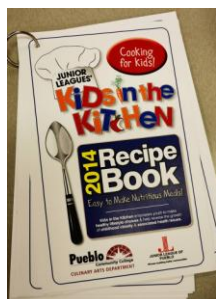
OUR MISSION:

The Junior League of Pueblo 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.

OUR VISION:

The Junior League of Pueblo is a recognized leader in the community, committed to fulfilling the need of the child. Volunteers nurture the individual, advocate for the rights of the child and strive to empower the children of Pueblo to reach their full potential.

Kids in the Kitchen!!



Kids in the Kitchen!!!



Great job JLP ladies!!!



Community Impact Committee Report

Chair, Amber Latella

We have had an amazing start to the New Year! Our largest community impact event was a huge success with over 275 children in attendance! Thanks to all the ladies who helped make this year's Kid's in the Kitchen an enormous victory! It is such a huge endeavor to take on and organize this highly popular event! I want to sincerely thank April Elkins and Brooke Williams for chairing the event and bringing new, innovative ideas to help make this year's event an enormous victory! We also could not have done it without the assistance and guidance of Pueblo Community College and the culinary team, led by Ben Bedard. These guys go above and beyond the call of duty and we can't thank them enough for all they do for the league and the community of Pueblo! I also want to thank all the league members that helped donate their time to volunteer at this event. We could not have put on such a large event without each and every one of you helping to see it grow yearly! It warms my heart to witness so many ladies give back to the community like you do! Our members truly are rock stars!!

The Pueblo Kid's Health Challenge also put on their first event at the Pueblo Mall on January 11th. It was a fabulous time for all who were in attendance and helped build the Pueblo Kid's Health Challenge brand! They provided new and innovative ways for families to eat healthy and exercise together! They had over 150 children in attendance! Way to go ladies!! I can't wait to see this program grow year after year!

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- Susie Anton



JLP has a new Community Impact program! Pueblo Kids Health Challenge (PKHC) is committed to the children of Pueblo County by encouraging all to move more, volunteer often, and live well. We provide families an incentive for their children to eat healthy, exercise, and volunteer. Families log their healthy lifestyle choices for the month, and at the end of the month PKHC awards one child a prize in the form of outdoor play toys or a gift card to a sports store. **Visit our website: www.pueblohealthchallenge.org**