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General Membership Meeting

February 10, 2015 at 5:30pm

Location: St. Peter's Church
3939 W. Pueblo Blvd. (next to
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Wanted: Cookbook Recipes

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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.

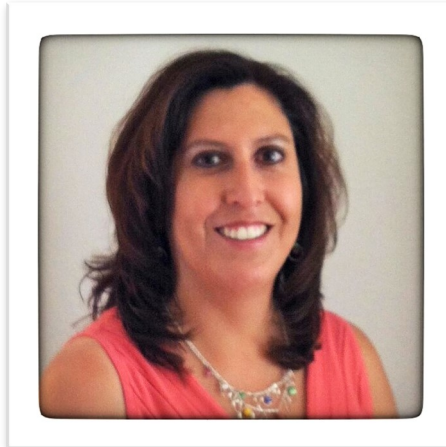
Our Vision

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.

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Message from the President



Sandra Proud
President 2014-2015

Dear League members,

The second half of the league year is in full swing and great things are happening.

The Board had a very productive and fun mid-year weekend retreat in January. We reviewed the first half of the year, discussed upcoming events and made some adjustments to the budget. It is so important to make sure that we are on track for the rest of the year and the future.

Kids in the Kitchen was a very successful event. The cooking classes were overflowing with kids

and they were all having a great time and enjoying healthy food. The vendors and activities upstairs were busy all day as well. It was great to see so many ladies at the event working hard and having fun at the same time.

It is almost time to vote for the chair positions for next year. I encourage everyone to think about whether or not you would like to be in one of the chair positions next year or a part of the Board in years to come. I can't stress enough how rewarding and fun it is to be a part of the Board. The training and experiences that you receive will benefit you tremendously.

It's going to be a busy three months but the end results will be worth it. Keep up the good work ladies!!

Sincerely,

Sandra Proud
President

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Let your Light Shine Active Spotlight

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Donna Souder-Hodge

Allow me to introduce Donna Souder-Hodge. Donna was born and raised in Texarkana, Texas, a small town in East Texas that straddles the Texas/Arkansas border. She attended university at Lyon College, a private university in Northern Arkansas, where she majored in Biology. Ironically, Donna did not become a medical doctor. Instead, she received her doctorate in Rhetoric from Texas Woman's University in 2008, much to the relief of anyone who ever suffered through her squeals during a frog dissection. "I always thought being a scientist would be great! I dreamed of working for NASA or Johns Hopkins, way before I really understood what that meant. My mother was a teacher, so, of course, I thought I didn't want that future. But here I am, happier than I ever imagined!"

Donna and her husband, Dustin, have lived in Colorado for eight years, but they only moved to Pueblo four years ago. Donna spends her days at CSU-Pueblo, where she is an Associate Professor of English, the university's Director of Writing, and the coordinator of the English Program's summer study abroad program. This year, she and Dustin will spend May in France, Italy, Greece, and Turkey. Ask her about her wedding ring; Dustin bought it for her in Edinburgh, Scotland, a special place for both of them. In her "free" time, she and Dustin own Hodge Productions; together, they write, film, and produce a national TV show, which airs on RFD TV to over 300,000 viewers every week. **Listen closely, and you'll hear Donna's Texas accent do the show's opening every week!**

Of course, Pueblo has already secured a special place in Donna's life too. Donna tells us, "Growing up, I had a wonderful role model for service. My mother was very involved in our community, and the Junior League was always an important part of any big community event.

Joining the Junior League was the best decision I made. I immediately discovered a group of likeminded women. These ladies are involved and hard-working: they're strong, independent women; they're parents, CEOs, and advocates in our community. I'm lucky to be a part of this organization and all these ladies do in Pueblo. I know we have so much still to accomplish, but the future has great things in store for this organization and the women of Junior League."

Donna currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Pueblo Symphony, the Pueblo Zoo, and the Southern Colorado Spay & Neuter Adoption Clinic.

Donna's favorite saying is "In the end, we only regret the chances we didn't take." And she's lived her life with this in mind. "I love my life, but it's been full of weird, often scary, twists and turns that I never could have predicted. And, I haven't regretted a single second! Great love, friends, and a job that makes my life meaningful? What more could one woman want?"



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Let your Light Shine Sustainer Spotlight



Jill Ball

The Passionate Puppeteer

Jill Ball, a Texas Native, was born and raised in San Antonio, TX. She completed college at the young age of 20 and taught high school math in Texas, Hawaii, and California. While teaching, Jill also completed her Master's Degree in Reading Education. She met her husband while in Hawaii, and supported him through medical school.

The couple has three sons who were all born in different states (California, Texas, and Oregon). Though she has traveled all over the globe, her favorite place is Rocky Mountain National Park where she enjoys hiking.

Jill and her family relocated to Pueblo in 1985 and she was introduced to Junior League by Linda Duhon who was an Active member at the time. "I wanted to do my volunteer work during the day, during the week. "Kids on the Block", fit that bill, she says of the project in which she was the main character. Kids on the Block was a puppet show that traveled to all of the Elementary schools in Pueblo discussing drug abuse. Jill's puppet was on stage for the entire production and had to answer all of the questions that the 4th-5th grade students posed. The program ran for more than 8 years educating children on the effects of drugs as well as peer pressure.

Junior League has enriched her life because of the amazing members she has met as well as helping her get involved with the Pueblo community when her family first moved here. Her hope for the JLP is that it survives. "I think it is so hard for women to be employed, moms, and volunteer in the community"

It was a ball interviewing the woman behind the puppet, and getting to know such a fabulous Junior League Sustainer.

-Spotlight by Brittany Jones



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Committee Chair Reports

Mark your calendars to attend the Latino Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours on February 5, 2015 at Ameriprise 102 S Union Ave. Ste. 101 Pueblo, CO 81003. Junior League of Pueblo along with Ameriprise, will host this unique way to network and promote the league's upcoming events, such as Girls' Night Out. These fun and laid back events are a great way to show we are a diverse group of amazing women who care about our community.



Communications
Kimberly Hinkle

Remember to visit the Junior League of Pueblo website and "[Like](#)" us on Facebook! Don't forget to share our upcoming events on Facebook with your friends and family. Also, check out all the new photos and league information on Dropbox. We are always in need of pictures of our events. If you have pictures from an event you would like to share, please upload them to Dropbox.



We had a wonderful start to the year with our largest community impact event, Kids in the Kitchen! KITK was a success with over 200 children attending. Thank you to all the ladies who made this event successful and to Brooke Williams and Nicole Eller for chairing the event!



Community Impact
Trisha Pocius

During the month of February, we will be planning our next community impact, event Fit4Fun, and have a Done in a Meeting for the El Pueblo...an Adolescent Treatment Community! Fit4Fun will once again be held at the Pueblo Mall on March 14th from 10:00am-2:00pm in the JCPenny court. This will be a free event for the community and will have vendors, activities, giveaways and more! Be on the lookout for our first planning meeting in February. Please bring the following items to the General Membership meeting in February, gently used suitcases, athletic bags, backpacks, etc. for the adolescents living at the facility. The adolescents are in need of these items to pack their personal belongings once they leave the facility.

Thank you all for all your enthusiasm and dedication to our community impact events!

Good
as
Gold
Award



Congratulations
Nicole Eller,
Brooke Williams,
and
Emily Vidmar!

For all your hard
work chairing
Kids in the
Kitchen.

Junior League
appreciates all
you do!



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Membership
Laura Heberly

2015 is off with a bang! With KITK behind us, and GNO ahead, we are all very busy with JLP planning.

Here are a few important updates from Membership:

Slate of Officers

Calling all interested! Nominations for 2015/16 JLP Officers will be accepted through Tuesday, February 10, at our next GMM. To serve as an elective officer, a member shall have been an Active member prior to taking office. For more information regarding nominations, Slate of Officers, etc., contact JLP Membership.

Done in a Meeting

At our February GMM, we will be holding a Done in a Meeting to collect suitcases and bags for El Pueblo Kids. Please bring your gently used suitcases, athletic bags, backpacks, etc. to our meeting, Tuesday, February 10. If you are unable to attend, but have items to contribute, please contact JLP Membership to coordinate pick-up/drop off. Your donations will help provide proper bags to kids who otherwise may have to use plastic bags to carry their belongings, as they move between families and/or treatment facilities. Thank you for your help and generosity!

Membership Drive

It's time to start thinking about prospective members! Our members are the core of our organization; the one thing that allows us to continue to serve our community through our mission. As we take on more projects and the League continues to grow, we need the woman-power to make it all happen. Please think about friends, co-workers, or acquaintances that might be a good fit for the League. Send prospective members' names, addresses and email addresses to membership.jlp@gmail.com.

League Shirts

We are taking orders for JLP shirts! If you didn't sign up at the January GMM, check your inbox for more information, and to order your shirt. You can choose to go with a black polo with embroidered logo at \$24, or you can provide your own black or red shirt to be embroidered for \$7. Orders will also be taken at the February GMM. If you are providing your own shirt, bring it to the GMM or contact JLP Membership to coordinate pick-up/drop off.

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February Birthdays

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| 2/04 Lori Allen | 2/18 Katherine Hylton |
| 2/11 Sidney Clutter | 2/19 Carrie Smith |
| 2/15 Dorothy Turner | 2/20 Brooke Williams |
| 2/18 Margaret Divelbiss | 2/21 Evelyn Clayton |





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'Girls' Gone Mod"

"Girls' Gone Mod" theme for 11th Annual GNO; Sponsors begin signing on!

After record attendance at last year's Junior League of Pueblo Girls' Night Out (GNO) 10th anniversary event, the Junior League of Pueblo (JL) is pleased to announce that it will host its highly-anticipated 11th Annual GNO from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 17, at the Pueblo Convention Center. GNO is a tradeshow/fashion show and – in addition to being ladies' favorite night out – is JL's primary fundraiser to support its signature children's literacy and health programs.

While the event continues to grow in sponsorships, attendance, and participation, it's time to shake it up a bit. To make the reoccurring event unique and fresh, we've themed it **"Girls Gone Mod,"** with the goal of celebrating the reemerging "Mod" fashion and sub-culture which celebrates the "highly visible woman seeking change and progress." For those not familiar with Mod, it's a movement born from a British youth subculture from the mid-1960s and late 1970s that focused on streamlined fashion, angled prints and underground jazz-inspired music that defined the intellectual modernists that favored the independent and progressive woman.

After requests from vendors and ed an additional hour, and will floor fashion show featuring Mod Sustainers, and a performance band, Andy, Brook, and Ryan of 9:00p.m. Don't forget a free fashion and music that can be 60 local vendors. In spirit of this feature mid-century furniture piece to add character to their

Proceeds from the event will be hosted in conjunction with Pueblo's based program called "Kids in Run," and Fit for Pueblo – a free parents and kids in our efforts to rate. Altogether, JL's literacy and children in our community each grow as does our League mem-



guests, this year's show will be extend-include a Mod-inspired fashion show, a clothes from the closets of Pueblo's from Pueblo's favorite jazz-inspired the Martini Shot Band from 8:00p.m. to dessert bar and a drink to go with the enjoyed while perusing the more than year's Mod theme, the event will also shops for ladies looking for a unique home.

used to host several free literacy fairs City-County Library District, a nutrition-the Kitchen," a "5K Monster Dash health fair that provides resources to decrease the community child obesity health programs directly impact 2,000 year, and that number continues to bershíp.

We would like to thank our sponsors that have already signed on including; Diamond Sponsor (\$3,000): Rochelle Kelly Wristen and her incredible team at the **St. Anne Elizabeth Seton Women's Health Center at St. Mary Corwin Medical Center**. Platinum Sponsor (\$2,000): **Rocky Mountain Vein Institute**. Gold Sponsors (\$1,000): **Pueblo Surgery Center, Legacy Bank, and Primrose Retirement**. Silver Sponsors: **Loaf 'N Jug** and **Advocare**. Wine and Dine Sponsors: **The Leslie Carrol Family, Big R, and DS Masonry**.

Event tickets cost \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from a League member and a ticket location, still to be determined, starting March 1. For more information, or to become a sponsor or vendor, contact GNO Chair Jessi Ones at 251-5025 or ilpgno@gmail.com, Co-Chair Lacy Desmond at ilpgnochair@gmail.com, or League Fundraising Chair Mande Mathews at mmathewsjlp@gmail.com. Vendor forms are available at www.jlofpueblo.org.

Sustainer GNO 'Thank You' Wine Night Scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 12 at the Home of Megan Murillo

Sustainers, thank you for your generous contribution toward last year's Celebration Toast for the 10th Anniversary Girls' Night Out. Your donation helped us make the celebratory event truly special. The event wouldn't have been a success without your help and we'd love to say thanks in person, and provide information on how you can support us this year.

Please join us for our inaugural "GNO Sustainer Appreciation Night" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at the home of JL Member Megan Murillo, 204 Dunsmere Ave., 81004. We'll have appetizers, wine and lots of info on the two ways in which you can support GNO this year. One of which means lots of fun digging into your closet!!! RSVP by contacting Cara Fitzgerald by emailing carafitz0615@gmail.com or 250-1436 by Monday, February 9, 2015. Please come, and learn about our upcoming event and let us say thanks! We appreciate your support!



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Kids in the Kitchen

Children's health and wellness has been one of Junior League of Pueblo's main focuses. The fourth annual Junior League of Pueblo's "Kids in the Kitchen" event was held at Pueblo Community College on January 24, 2015. With help from the PCC Culinary Arts program, we were able to inspire future young chefs to create hearty and delicious snacks that can easily be made at home. Upstairs in the Fortino Ballroom it was "Pack" full of action. With help from CSU-Pueblo Athletics families learned new activities on how to stay active while having fun!





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French Silk Pie

Crust:

1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
2 tablespoons sugar
1/4 cup melted butter

Toppings:

Sweetened whipped cream
Chopped nuts
Grated semi-sweet chocolate

Filling:

1/4 pound butter
3/4 cup sugar
2 squares unsweetened chocolate melted
2 teaspoons vanilla
2 eggs

Combine crackers crumbs, sugar and butter. *ix* well and press into bottom and sides of pie pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 8 minutes. Chill. To prepare filling, cream butter, sugar, vanilla, and melted chocolate. Add eggs one at a time, beating for 5 minutes at high speed after each. This is important! Pour into crust and refrigerate overnight. Spread with toppings before serving.

Kay Stillman

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