



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
PUEBLO**

Women building better communities

The Pueblícation

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November Calendar



General
Membership
Meeting

Tuesday, Nov 12th
5:30PM - Social
5:45PM - Meeting

Old Towne Carriage
House
102 S. Victoria Ave.

The Funds Committee
will provide
refreshments

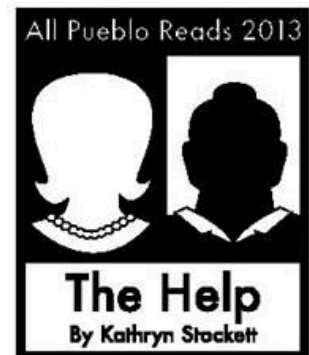
Babysitter will
be available

The Junior League of Pueblo presents:

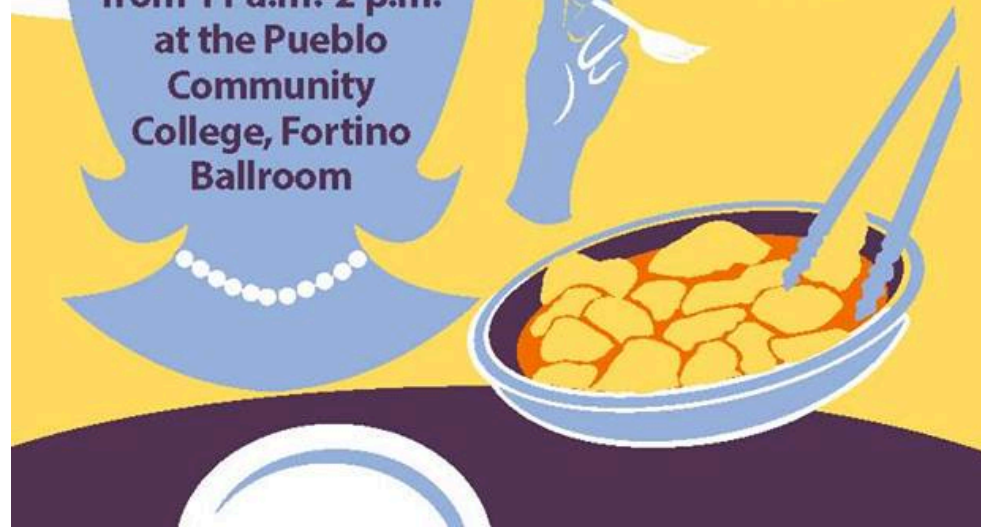
A Southern Hospitality Luncheon

This will be a perfect day for a ladies luncheon together to celebrate the modern day Junior League of Pueblo. A full course southern meal by the PCC culinary school is the highlight of this All Pueblo Reads event! Also, please bring a new or gently used children's book for the book drive, which is a partner project with the Centennial High School's Girls Cabinet. There may just be a surprise in store for participating in this special day!

Tickets \$25
Saturday, Nov. 2
from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
at the Pueblo
Community
College, Fortino
Ballroom



To purchase tickets,
call 542-0491
or 251-4571.





Letter from the President

Nicole Stout

“Children must be taught **how** to think, not **what** to think.”

— [Margaret Mead](#)

Happy Fall to you all! We have already accomplished so much in the few months as we been back in session, including four literacy events at different area libraries. These literacy events have all been successful in educating our area children with more fun activities all thanks to our community impact committee, the chairs and all you volunteers. This month’s Good as Gold goes to two of our members that stepped up to chair one of the literacy events, congratulations to Amanda Griego and Kim Young you ladies did a superb job. These programs have also been accompanied by our Kids Health Challenge chair Jessica Weckx; she faithfully attends these events challenging the kids to healthier snack choices. The kids get a kick out of seeing what snack choice is the more nutritional. Community impact chair Amber has stayed busy not only with her committee but organizing our new pride and joy partnership, Mentor program with Columbian Elementary third and fourth grade girls. This program is a great opportunity to be role models for these girls, to show them the importance of volunteering and the difference we can make in our community. It’s already been such a heartwarming and exciting journey ahead to look forward to.

Our Provisional class just celebrated their successful provisional project Monster Dash 5K run/walk at DiSanti Farms; the event was full of crafty costumes and pumpkins being a smashing success for all. Our creative provisional class has worked so diligently on this legendary project for this year and we couldn’t be more proud of this class, hope their event becomes an annual treat for JLP. The delightful day continued at DiTomaso farms for our annual Fall Family Social filled with old fashion games, potluck and pumpkin picking. This gathering is always a fun-filled time socializing and getting to know each other’s families.

The Funds committee is gearing up for its first Fundraising efforts for the year with our Southern Hospitality Luncheon. This event will be a celebration of all JLP and Service league efforts over Junior League of Pueblo’s legacy. This event is partnered with the All Pueblo Reads program and PCC Culinary School that will delight us with a three course southern cuisine. Please come join us on November 2nd at 11am PCC for this classy event recognizing all our partnerships over years, programs that we have created in the community and most of all celebrate each other’s passion for the league, the community and our children.

So with all the events and efforts we are accomplishing already for the year it’s made me think of what I’m thankful for in JLP and my life. So many doors have opened up opportunities for myself, our members/league and our community over the last year and several years I been in league. I truly enjoy seeing a child’s face light up when we teach them something new or give them back something they are missing in their lives such a rewarding experience. I’m mostly thankful for the friendships that the league has brought into my life and the support my family, friends and most of all, my husband gives me every day within JLP and outside of it. So sit back and think about what you are most grateful for in our league and in our own lives.

“Be Kind, Be Thoughtful, Be Genuine but most of all Be Thankful.”

Warmest Regards,
Nicole Stout-JLP President

Good as Gold Award



Congratulations
Amanda Griego
and Kimberly
Young for their
hard work co-
chairing the
Pueblo West
Literacy Event!
We appreciate all
they do for JL of
Pueblo!



Community Impact Committee Report

Chair, Amber Latella

What are the benefits of Joining Junior League?

- Improving Communities
- Volunteering
- Building leadership skills
- Meeting women who share the same values expressed in the JL Mission!

Whew! What an amazing year we have had so far! We have been busy working bees these last couple of months! We hosted our last literacy event of the year on October 19th at the Rawlings library and had 58 children participate and take a book home. To date we have given away books to 175 children at all four of the literacy events this season! It is because of each and every one of you that helped raise money, promote and work the events that we were able to make this happen! Pictures from the last literacy event are throughout the newsletter!

We had our mentor kick-off party on October 17th at Columbian Elementary School! I am so pleased that we have so many wonderful ladies participating in this program and we had a wonderful night. Our theme was "Getting to Know You" and that we did! I am so excited to see where this program takes us and that we are empowering future women leaders of Pueblo to do amazing things!!

Kid's in the Kitchen is in full swing! A date has been set for January 25th from 9 am to 1 pm. It is going to be bigger and better than ever! We are using the downstairs and ballroom upstairs for exhibitor space and dance classes! April Elkins, Brooke Williams and Kim Young are the Co-Chairs for this event and are off and running planning this to be the best Kid's in the Kitchen to date! Be on the lookout for ways you can help with this event in the coming month!



Funds Committee Report

Chair, Lyndsey Leffler

I cannot thank all of you enough for your help in getting the Fall Fundraiser up and running so quickly. There have been bumps along the road but that is what makes us such an amazing organization; we overcome obstacles. Please continue to sell, sell, sell those tickets!

Girls Night Out 2014 is in full swing and this year is looking to be the best one yet by Mande Mathews and Jessie Ones. I am really looking forward to the 10 year birthday celebration and I'm sure you will all love it!

Thank you all so much for your support!

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November Birthdays



11/4 Jenny Smith
11/5 Pat McEvoy
11/8 Betty Bullen
11/10 Helen Murley
11/11 Clair Marie Peoples
Laura Heberly

Dates to Remember



Holiday Party
Thursday, December 12th
Hosted by Sustainer
Barb Vidmar

Kids in the Kitchen
Saturday, January 25th
PCC



Membership Committee Report

Chair, Mande Mathews

Fall is in the air and the Provisional Project, The Monster Dash 5k Run was a huge success!

I cannot express enough how proud I am of these remarkable ladies. This large group of Provisionals came together and worked hard to fulfill their responsibility to complete a project together that would focus on our mission while getting to know and bond with one another. I had a lot of fun attending their meetings on weekly basis, watching them get right to the point and move on to the next task (not much time for "chitchat").

It has been my pleasure to work with these women and got to know each of them on a personal level. They have made my job easy and enjoyable and I look forward to all the ideas, leadership and enjoyment I know they will bring to our League.

Sustainer Fall Luncheon Recap!

Sustainers, Actives and Provisionals attended a luncheon on October 10, 2013 at the Steelworks Museum. Although the attendance was small, everyone enjoyed a Mexican buffet and reports from the Actives and Provisionals about all the upcoming activities in the League. We also enjoyed a presentation by Victoria Miller from the Museum about the fascinating history of the steel mill in Pueblo and surrounding communities. Attendees were invited to visit the museum after lunch.

Thank you to all that attended!!



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.

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Active Spotlight by Melissa Santistevan

Jamie Caldwell

Jamie is a Pueblo Native. She has been married to her husband Jim for 10 years and they have three daughters, Allyson (8), Gracie (3) and Lainey (1). She is in her final semester at Colorado State University – Pueblo for Sociology! You are almost there Jamie!



Jamie and her husband own a custom integration firm (smart houses) called Maximus Control. They are the leading specialists in the area and have been featured in numerous magazines and articles.

This is Jamie's fourth year in Junior League. She joined because she wanted to be a part of an organization that provided incredible opportunities for women and children. In her spare time she enjoys running, figure skating and reading. She also loves to daydream that she is an amazing singer (but she claims she sounds more like a frog). She loves to sing! She is very shy and nervous around people but at the same time she thoroughly enjoys being with people. One thing for sure is that Jamie is a very loving mother and she is most proud of having three amazing girls who love each other to pieces and are always looking out for each other.

Her favorite motto is "This above all; to thine ownself be true"--- William Shakespeare

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.

Rawlings Literacy Event!!





Sustainer Spotlight by Donna Souder

Barb Vidmar



Barbara, or “Barb,” as her friends call her, was born in Bellingham, Washington, population 35,000, where she graduated high school. Barb was the senior class representative and learned then that she had a passion for working with others to improve community conditions. Barbara has been married for 46 years to William, and they have three children and four grandchildren.

Barb graduated from CSU-Ft Collins with a BS degree in Speech and Hearing Therapy and she and William moved to Pueblo in 1971. Barb immediately took an interest in the family business; she worked at Vidmar Motor Co for thirty years and was the dealer of record for most of that time. During that time, she attended General Motors Institute in Flint, MI and took every class in dealership management they had to offer, since she had no formal business background. It was during this time that Barb joined Junior League. According to Barb, “I joined Junior League soon after we re-located to Pueblo in order to get involved with the community and to meet other caring, dynamic women.”

Barb was an active member of Junior League for almost thirteen years; she joined when her youngest child was less than a month old; and she “retired” (as per the rules of the time) at age 40. Barb still feels that the friendships she developed through Junior League are still important to her life today. “I enjoyed assessing needs within our community, problem-solving, working together and realizing the synergy of our collective talents.” Just one of the many community impact events Barb was a part of helped to raise the money to start and expand the hanging pots downtown and on HARP; today, Barb remains an integral member of a small group of dedicated women who fill all the pots with soil and plants (over 50 per pot).

Barb’s professional memberships, volunteerism, and community involvement creates an impressive resume that includes service on the Pueblo City Council, work as the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority Commissioner, Rotary, numerous state and national boards, and much, much more. Today, Barb enjoys gardening, hiking, reading, and photography.



RESERVE THE DATE!!

Thursday, December 12th

JL HOLIDAY PARTY AT BARB VIDMAR'S
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Recipe from Adobe Oven Cookbook

Green Bean Casserole

2 packages frozen French cut green beans	1 can water chestnuts, chopped
1 can soy beans, well drained*	1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 cup grated Cheddar cheese	1 package frozen French fried onion rings
	Season to taste

Partly cook beans and drain well; mix with all other ingredients except onion rings. (Mixture will be dry). Arrange onion rings over top and bake at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes. May be prepared for baking a day ahead if desired.

***If soy beans are not available, omit them and water chestnuts and substitute 3/4 to 1 cup toasted, slivered almonds.**



Happy Thanksgiving

Rheuanna Kelly