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Women building better communities

The Pueblícatíon

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January Calendar



General
Membership
Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 14th
5:30PM - Social
5:45PM - Meeting

Old Towne Carriage
House
102 S. Victoria Ave.

The Membership
Committee will
provide
refreshments

Babysitter will
be available

*Join us Saturday, January 25th at PCC from 9AM-1PM!
Kids in the Kitchen!*

**Join us
for a day of
Family Fun!**

Sat., Jan. 25 • 9 am-1 pm
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Inside the Fortino Ballroom & Pueblo Joe's in the Student Center

- **Meet & Greet with
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- **Healthy Snacks**
- **Giveaways & Goodie Bags**
- **Free Kids Activity Fair**
- **Live Cooking Demonstrations**

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Letter from the President

Nicole Stout



December was a month for us all to reflect on the first half of our league year, time for giving to our community and celebrating with each other for the holidays. We celebrated in true fashion for the holidays at our Holiday Party hosted by Barb Vidmar at her exquisite home all dressed for the holiday season. The evening was complete with festive foods, drinks, and socializing. Thank you to all the provisionals, actives and sustainers that came and that donated gift wrapping supplies for the Salvation Army.

Our annual volunteering efforts with the Salvation Army and Posada took place on Saturday, December 21st. It is always heart -warming giving back to the children and families in our community. This year's event was estimated to reach 6000 children and families right here in our own community. So thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and donated to these families. I appreciate all of you for opening up your hearts and hands to help out this season with the Salvation Army and Posada.

We are now off to a roaring start to our new year with our first event being the Kids Health Challenge Fit4Fun event at the Pueblo Mall on January 11th. Please everyone remember to sign up to help with this event and the efforts of kicking off this first PKHC event. There will be several exhibitors and activities for the children to participate in.

This month is also our largest community impact event - the 3rd Annual Kids in the Kitchen event on January 25th at PCC. This event is partnered with PCC, PCC culinary, several exhibitors and volunteers from CSUP athletics. KITK brings in around 300 kids for the day's activities including cooking demonstrations, physical and nutritional education activities. Everyone mark your calendars to help volunteer for this event that is our most attended community impact event and very important to the league and community.

We also just completed our first half of the year with our new mentor program. These girls look forward to our lunches and activities together, thank you to the mentors that are changing these little girls' lives and being positive role models for our future little leaders.

We are full force in our GNO planning stages with regular meetings, getting sponsors, vendors and fashion show participants. This year's 10th annual event is our largest fundraiser and we need all hands on deck for the fabulous celebration. If you have preference of what you like to help with or any sponsor and vendor ideas please contact our GNO chairs Mande and Jessi. Our sustainers are graciously sponsoring the champagne birthday toast for the event and a few other little surprises are in store for our 10th annual celebration.

Lastly I would like to toast to the New Year and to all you fabulous women that dedicate your time, passion and leadership to the league and our community. I'm truly honored to serve side by side with each and every one of you. Let's make this 2014 year for JLP full of memories and continue to show our community our strong endless efforts and helping hands.

CHEERS,
Nicole Stout
JLP President

“What a child doesn't receive he can seldom later give.”

— P.D. James

Good as Gold Award



Congratulations
Laura McGowan
for her hard work
on the Fall
Fundraiser &
Mentor Program
Food Drive!
We appreciate all
she does for JLP of
Pueblo!



Funds Committee Report

Chair, Lyndsey Leffler

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!

In just three months the Junior League of Pueblo will hosts its biggest fundraiser of the year – Girls Night Out (GNO)! The increasingly popular vendor and fashion show will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday April 11, at the Pueblo Convention Center!

This year's GNO is especially significant as we celebrate the 10th year of what has become ladies' favorite night out in Pueblo, with a recorded 1,100 in attendance last year! To ensure we celebrate GNO's 10th birthday in style, guests can look forward to several birthday surprises, including a trio performance by Andy, Brook, and Ryan of the Martini Shot Band the final hour of the show! We're also giving away a beautiful piece of bling that will be hidden in only one of the hundreds of GNO birthday cupcakes that ladies will enjoy that evening!

Cost is \$15 per person and includes a dessert buffet. Vendor booths go fast, so interested businesses with apparel or goods to sell to a crowd of eager female shoppers should visit www.jlofpueblo.com, download a vendor form, and fax to 719-275-4561 by January 31. For more information, contact Lyndsey or one of the GNO Co-Chairs Mande Mathews at mmathewsjlp@gmail.com or Jessi Ones at jessi_ones@yahoo.com.

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Communications Committee Report

Chair, Sommer Street

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

JLP has decided to not host the Latino Chamber Happy Hour in January. We may look into hosting something in the future!

Please remember to check out the JLP website and "like" us on Facebook!

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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January Birthdays



- 1/11 Lacy Desmond
- 1/14 Jen Welte
- 1/15 Anne Hill
- 1/20 Amber Latella
- Laura McGowan
- 1/21 Peggy Fogel

Sustainer News!

Watch for invites to the next Sustainer evening event in the Spring!!

Dates to Remember



Fit 4 Kids
Saturday, January 11th
Pueblo Mall

Kids in the Kitchen
Saturday, January 25th
PCC

GNO
Friday, April 11th
Pueblo Convention Center

Membership Committee Report

Chair, Mande Mathews

On behalf of JLP I want to thank Barb Vidmar for hosting a delightful Holiday Social in her beautiful home. We had such a great turn out of Provisionals, Actives and Sustainers who all enjoyed the delicious hors d'oeuvres, wine and the company of each other. Our ladies generously donated wrapping supplies, bows and large bags to the Salvation Army so they can provide wrapped gifts to over 6000 families this Christmas season. Lindsey Pechek announced the exciting news of the revamping of our Pueblo Cookbook and is asking for name ideas along with recipes. We appreciate her and her committee for taking on this large task.

It is hard to believe 2013 has come to an end. As I look back over the last year and the journey I have had within our League I cannot be more proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization. It is a true blessing to help the children within our community with some of the most dedicated and big hearted women I know. I cherish each and every one of you and want to wish you and your families a Happy New Year.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

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Active Spotlight by Melissa Santistevan

Doreen Martinez

This month we are featuring Doreen Martinez. Doreen is proud to be a Pueblo native. She and her husband Shawn, have two children Olivia, 8 and Eli, 5. Doreen has a degree in English Literature from Colorado State University – Pueblo. Before she became a mother she taught High School English at South High School.



Doreen has been in Junior League for 7 years. She joined because of the league’s focus on literacy. She has found that the league’s literacy events have been the most rewarding events. She is especially proud of the league’s partnership with PCCLD. Her favorite thing about Junior League is the wonderful ladies that make up the league! She loves being a part of a powerful group of ladies who make a difference in the community.

On top of all the things she does for our community as a part of Junior League, she also serves as the Secretary for the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Library. Doreen loves to read any chance she gets. She also enjoys camping, and going on bike rides with her kids and husband. She is most proud of all the things that her kids accomplish every day. She loves knowing that she played a part in helping them learn to read, multiply, ride a bike, play soccer and play guitar. Those to her are far greater than anything that she has ever done!

Favorite quote – “One person can make a difference and everyone should try.” – John F. Kennedy

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.

SUSTAINERS!

HELP US CELEBRATE GNO'S 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. Thanks to the following Sustainers who have already made their generous donation!

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Bronze Donation: \$20-49 | Shirley Cline, Maggie Divilbliss, Kris Hartman, Cathy Krause, Linda Garcia, and Corrine Koehler.

**MAKE YOUR DONATION TODAY
AND HELP US CHEERS 10 YEARS OF GNO!**

Mail check to JL Office: N. Main St., Suite 415, Pueblo, CO

GNO News!!

Upcoming Meeting Dates!

January 6th at 6:00PM
at Kryste Brown's home

January 14th after General
Membership Meeting

January 27th at 6:00PM at Jessi
Ones' home

(Dinner will be provided by
Kryste and Jessi, please bring
drinks and/or dessert)

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.



Sustainer Spotlight by Donna Souder

Rochelle Kelly-Wristen

Rochelle Kelly-Wristen was born right here in Pueblo at St. Mary Corwin Hospital. Rochelle's husband, Coach John Wristen, is the head football coach at CSU-Pueblo. Rochelle is the proud mother of Dex (20), a Junior at CSU-Pueblo, and stepmother to JoVanna Dukes (26), Bailey Wristen (16), CT Wristen (18).

Rochelle graduated from the University of Southern Colorado (now CSU-Pueblo) with a Bachelors of Science degree in Mass Communications and has worked in many aspects of public relations, marketing, and media ever since. She is currently employed St. Mary Corwin as the Director of Marketing and Communications, where she has been happily set for the last seven years. Though Rochelle just transferred her membership to JLP in 2013, she has been a member of the national organization for 25 years: she was an active member in Denver, Atlanta, Georgia, and in New Orleans.



Like many women across the country, Rochelle joined the Junior League of Pueblo as a way to get more involved in the community and meet other young women leaders. According to Rochelle, she joined "...because it is a wonderful network of women empowered to better their communities. The league gives women a platform to do amazing work while serving as a conduit for new friendships with a wonderful group of ladies."

Rochelle's membership in Junior League has led her to take on numerous other roles in the community. Currently, Rochelle is a member of Pueblo Rotary #43 and the Pueblo Rotary #43 Foundation Board, the Women's Foundation of Colorado – Pueblo Chapter, President of Fair Ladies, a member of the Southern Colorado Press Club (and past president), Daughters of the American Revolution, American Football Coaches Wives Association, and past board member of the CSU-Pueblo Alumni Association and Dreamweavers.

Rochelle loves to travel, play tennis, and golf. But if you've ever met Rochelle, you'd know that CSU-Pueblo football is her favorite pastime! Rochelle tells us that she is most proud of the career she made after receiving such a wonderful education at CSU-Pueblo. She writes, "I was so humbled to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Department of Mass Communication and Center for New Media at CSU-Pueblo last year!"

Rochelle believes that being brave and taking charge are two ways we can all make a difference. Her favorite motto? "When writing the story of your life, don't let anyone else hold the pen."

Community Impact Committee Report

Chair, Amber Latella

Happy New Year! What a wonderful league year it has been so far! I am appreciative of every member of this league and my committee! Thank you to everyone who helped with the Done in a Day on December 21st for the Salvation Army. We helped distribute gifts to over 6,000 children for those less fortunate here in Pueblo. It warms my heart that we were able to assist with this event. We also gathered many trash bags, bows and wrapping paper at our holiday event that they were most appreciative of. I love that we can make such a little request and get so much back from our league members and sustainers! Thank you ladies!

We have two big community impact events happening this month. First we have the Fit 4 Fun event put on by Pueblo Kid's Health Challenge. This free event will be on January 11 at the Pueblo Mall from 11-2pm. This will be a free event to the public and promises to be a fantastic time for all! There will be a hula hoop contest, zumba for kids, a nutrition booth, a grand prize give-away, and much more!

The next community impact event is our signature community impact event of the year. Kid's in the Kitchen is on January 25th from 9am to 1pm at the Pueblo Joe's Café and Fortino Ballroom on the campus of Pueblo Community College. This free event will be fun for all ages. We will have live cooking demonstrations, a healthy snacks recipe pamphlet for the kiddos to gather around the event, free giveaways, goodies bags and much, much more! I sure hope to see everyone there and can't wait to see you all in 2014!



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Recipe from Adobe Oven Cookbook

Crockpot Chile

In a skillet, brown 2 lbs of hamburger with ½ cup diced onion. Cook until tender, and drain off grease. In Crockpot, combine hamburger with:

2 – 1 lb 14 oz cans chile beans
2 – 1 lb cans tomatoes

Mix well; cook on high 1 hour, then low 10 hours. Add chili powder or Tabasco to taste.

Serves 6

Alice Bollinger



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**