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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER MANDE MATHEWS

It is that time of year again—the holidays are in full swing and you are no doubt busy making lists, shopping, decorating, attending parties, and baking (or, if you're like me, buying pies from Walmart). These are just to name a few of the season-to-dos. Let's face it; the holidays are a crazy hustle and bustle. While I still agree with Andy Williams, it is the most wonderful time of the year, the stress of the season distracts us from focusing on what is most important; love for our family, friends, and each other. Buying the perfect toy or figuring out how to afford the nicest gift

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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.

## OUR GOALS

- ① Provide volunteers and funds to support programs that address the needs of families and children
- ② Provide training that prepares women to be effective volunteers and leaders in the community
- ③ Provide an environment that incorporates diversity in its membership
- ④ Create community awareness about the needs of young children

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isn't necessarily showing how we feel about someone. Along with those gifts, in the shiny red paper, I encourage you to give someone the gift of your time.

I recently spoke with my dad about what he would like for Christmas. It wasn't the Netflix subscription I swore he was missing out on—it was my company that he valued and wished for. He just wanted to visit face-to-face. Being a busy League volunteer, working mother of three, being involved with the PTO and being room mom for two classes, carving out time for a visit is much more daunting than logging on-line to buy him that "special" gift. After finding time to stop and enjoy a lunch full of chitchat and laughter with my dad, I felt so loved. The kind of love that grounds you, helping you to cope with the crazy demands of life.

My friends and I talk all the time about how making time for each other is what shows one another we care. The same can be said for making time for people you don't know. Stopping to have a genuine conversation with a stranger can make them feel valued and possibly add a bit of sunshine to a bad day. Showing you love someone by spending time with them sends a message we can all agree on; there isn't anything that can be purchased that can replace the warmth and love we all feel when someone shows they want to be in your company.

One of my favorite Christmas books is "Angel Pig & the Hidden Christmas" by Jan L Waldron. It is short little story of a pig family that had no money and they thought because they had no money that they could not have Christmas. So, when the Angel Pig arrived on Christmas Eve she shared with them, *"Giving and sharing and just helping out, that is what Christmas is really about. Look around you, that's where you should start. You'll find the best giving is done with your heart."*

So, during this busy holiday season, I hope you will take some time and join us at the Salvation Army as we give to families that are in great need in our community. There is nothing better than watching those mommies, daddies, or guardians walk away with a new toy knowing their child too is going to have a Merry Christmas!

To each of you and your families, have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,  
Mande Mathews, President

## NOVEMBER GOOD AS GOLD



### Megan Quinby

Thank you for all of your hard work stepping up to be a helping hand at both Monster Dash and Touch a Truck! Your "YES" attitude is such a light to everyone around you!



### Brittany Jones & Bri Wills

Our fantastic Monster Dash chairs put on a wonderful event! Thank you for ALL of your hard work and all of the details you both tirelessly worked on!

## NO DECEMBER General Membership Meeting

GMM will reconvene on  
Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM  
St. Peter's Church  
3939 W. Pueblo Blvd.  
Pueblo CO 81005

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

|      |              |       |                 |
|------|--------------|-------|-----------------|
| 12/3 | Jill Ball    | 12/11 | Sue Mastro      |
| 12/5 | Mona Askwig  | 12/18 | Kathleen Farley |
| 12/6 | Marissa Gohn |       |                 |

*Cheers*

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## SUSTAINER SPOTLIGHT

—KELLY KENNEY—

Kelly Kenney moved to Pueblo in 2002 from her hometown of Farmington, New Mexico. She relocated here with her husband Jasper (happily married for 14 years) and they eventually expanded their family. They have three young children – Taylor, 10, who participates in the Pueblo Children's Chorale; Kade, 7 and Stormy, 3. The Kenney family has resided in Colorado City for the past six years where her kids attend Rye Elementary School. They take advantage of their mountainous scenery by going on family hikes and camping trips. They also enjoy going on yearly beach vacations and to visit Jasper's parents in northern California. The busy family also likes to golf and the kids participate in seasonal activities



Kelly received her undergraduate degree from New Mexico State and attended the University of Wyoming earning her graduate degree in educational technology and adult education. She taught social studies at Pueblo West High School and currently works for Branson School District.

A fellow JLP member, Judy Patch, invited Kelly to a new member night back in 2002 and Kelly was instantly hooked! Kelly felt right at home when she arrived in Pueblo, as she felt it was such a friendly place that was easy to meet new people. She's felt like she's lived here her entire life. Once she joined, she served on the Membership Committee and Communications Committee during her active years. Kelly served as Chair for both of these committees and helped organize the Latino Chamber of Commerce Happy Hour and the children's events, such as Kid's in the Kitchen. She also helped design and launch the original Junior League of Pueblo website! For Kelly, the most fulfilling part of being a part of JLP is being involved in community service and giving back to our community. She has been inspired by other women in the league and enjoys being connected with leadership minded ladies.

Favorite quote: "Wine is constant proof that God loves us and loves to see us happy." – Benjamin Franklin

Written by Sara Schwartz



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## ACTIVE SPOTLIGHT

STEPHANIE PFEIF

Stephanie Pfeif, a three-year veteran of the league, joined JLP to help support and give back to a community in need; and one she loves so much! Even though Pueblo has grown in size, she appreciates the "small town feel" and the familiarity of knowing everyone.

As a Pueblo native, like many young people moved away for six years, but Pueblo drew her home! She moved "home" five years ago for a job opportunity for her husband, Chad.

Stephanie has a Bachelors and Masters of science in Speech-Language Pathology and currently is a Speech-Language Pathologist for Shandy Clinic. She and her husband have a one-year-old daughter, Harper.

Stephanie has served on the membership and funds committees. She has enjoyed assisting with the "Ladies Who" series, and the socials. She feels the most fulfilling part of the league has been "Being able to get together with a group of like women and achieve a common goal of giving back to the community. The inspiration I get from all of our members is unlike anything I have ever been a part of."

Stephanie's favorite quote is "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." --Walt Disney. Thank you for having the courage to make a difference in your community, Stephanie!

*Written by Lacy Desmond*



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

JESSI ONES

### **PAL PROGRAM CONNECTS MEMBERS; MATCHES MUST BY DEC. 31 FOR CHANCE TO WIN**

My first year as a Provisional, I was matched with the much-loved Jen Welte as my Junior League of Pueblo mentor. She provided general guidance and encouragement that was greatly appreciated. Today, my fondness of the wonderful Welte continues, as does our mentorship program.



Now called, the "JLP Pal Program," the project partners Actives and Sustainer Actives who support the new member by sending regular reminders about upcoming meetings and events, answering general questions as they arise, and providing guidance as the Provisional determines her League path.

As an added incentive, this year's JLP Pal Program encourages Mentors to meet with their mentee one-on-one, whether it's a wine after work, lunch or playdate. Those who do meet before Sunday, Dec. 31 are entered into a drawing to win dinner on the League. To participate, Matches must take a selfie of their meet-up and post on our Seeing Spot App. The winning "Perfect Pals" will be drawn at our End-of-Year dinner in May. Thank you to the ladies listed below who are serving as a JLP Pal Mentor for the 2016-17 League year. Matches were made because the Provisional selected their mentor, the mentor selected their mentee, or the League requested the mentor to participate because of her leadership role in the League.



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Thank you again to our 2016-16 League Mentors:

## PROVISIONAL

Marisa Gohn  
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Terry Grooms  
Tiffany Kreklow  
Kelly Payne  
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Mande Mathews  
Sara Schwartz  
Lacy Desmond  
Brittany Jones  
Tara Beck  
Donna Souder  
Bri Wills  
Bryana Burns  
Raylene Johnson

And remember, even if you are not a mentor; never underestimate the power you have to help retain new members. With just a simple hello, an invite to participate on a committee, or a personal message to attend an outside League event, the relationships built are what help us build a healthy, happy League with many meaningful connections.



## PROVISIONALS RAISE MORE THAN \$5,000

After four months of planning and meeting, creating and revising, polishing and perfecting, the 2016-17 Provisional Class met for its final get-together, stuffing bags for their Dec. 1 event, Holiday with Heroes on Monday, Nov. 28. The both fundraising and community impact event, thus far, has brought in more than \$5,000. The event partners with Pueblo's two local foster agencies, providing holiday activities, hosted by our community Heroes. The dual goal of the event is to foster positive relationships between safety service personnel and community mentors while providing information on making healthy life choices to at-risk children in our community.

Thanks to the event title sponsor Brandon Payne, DDS, MD (\$1,000) and also Accelerated Wealth (\$600); American Medical, D&D Marketing, Midtown Shopping Center, Rocky Mountain Eye Center, Sprinkbok Health (\$500); American Medical Response, Benefits Broker, Little Caesar's Pizza, North Shore Marina, Sit Means Sit Dog Training (\$250); Anne Dagget, Land Title Guarantee Co., Peterson & Fonda PC, and US Bank, and In-Kind Donor YMCA of Pueblo (\$100).

Watch for final event numbers in the January newsletter. Thanks for your hard work 2016-17 Provisional Class.





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## COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

ERICA WATTS AND  
KELLY MCLEAN



The Community Impact Committee would like to wish everyone happy holidays and are excited to share with you

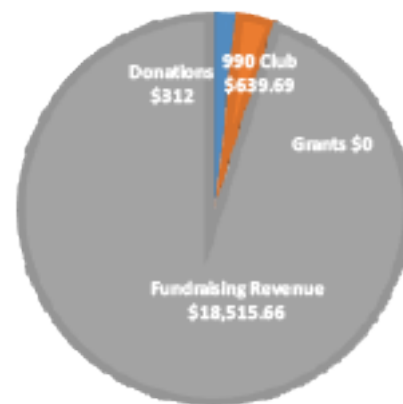
the work being accomplished. As a League, we have strengthened our partnership with the Boys and Girls club through monthly Fit 4 Fun activities. Walmart has helped with the purchase of UNO decks for each child participating in our Game night themed evening this month. We look forward to our future Fit 4 Fun activities, which each committee will get a chance to design.

POSADA wanted to express their extreme gratitude for donating over 100 dollars' worth of shower supplies for their mobile shower for homeless families. Great Job Ladies! Next, we will be collecting wrapping supplies for the Salvation Army at our annual Holiday party.



### FUNDS RECEIVED YEAR TO DATE

■ Donations ■ 990 Club ■ Fundraising Revenue ■ Grants



## MONEY

**\$15,460.06**

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### SALVATION ARMY ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

THEIR OBJECTIVE: TO HELP PARENTS  
GRANT CHRISTMAS WISHES FOR THEIR  
NEEDY PUEBLO CHILDREN.

JLP will be collecting donations of New  
Toys, Wrapping Paper and Tape at the Annual  
Holiday Party. Volunteer opportunities will  
also be available. Look for more  
information in the weekly SOYH!

The planning for Kids in the Kitchen is under way, and we are looking for members to join in helping with this fun program. Kids in the Kitchen will be held on February 4th and is solely focused on food and nutrition. We will be giving a tour of healthy eating through demonstrations and recipes of breakfast,


lunch, dinner, and a healthy snack. If you are interested in participating in planning, please contact Erica Watts or Meg Quinby.

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# RECIPE

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## Christmas Punch

10 lemons

6 limes

1/4 cup sugar

1/4 cup grape juice

4 tablespoons grenadine

3/4 cup light rum

1 quart whiskey

2 bottles sweet soda

Put strained juice of lemons and limes into a 2-quart pitcher. Add other ingredients and pour over ice in punch bowl, adding sweet soda just before serving.

Serves 20. Cheers!