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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

MANDE MATHEWS

Happy New Year! We made it through 2016 with all the different obstacles and changes in our own lives. We said tearful goodbyes to dear ones, welcomed our new league babies, were saddened by the demise of relationships, enlightened by the beginning of others, and gladdened by new beginnings for some of our Junior Leaguers.



I don't know what it is, but we women handle change so much more gracefully than men. Maybe that is why we have lived longer than our male counterparts. Throw a wrench into our plans and we simply pick it up and change course without missing a beat. To make us even more remarkable, we even multi-task while we are conforming to the new direction we need to take. Isn't it wonderful to be so talented? Some men fall apart when you run out of orange juice for morning breakfast. Heck, we're just grateful to step on the scale and not have gained a couple of pounds from the big bag of Cheetos and chocolates we had for dinner the night before.

I remind Spencer frequently (to his dismay) of how talented women are. However, I must admit that the men in our lives are pretty remarkable as well. They quite often join us in our quest to save the world, help prepare the best meals for our gatherings and meetings, watch the children so we can do "Junior League," smile sweetly when they accompany us to our events (even though they would rather be in a sports bar), and they listen endlessly to stories of our successes and failures. For that and more, I thank the men who support us and allow us to do what we do best – change the lives of others for the better!

The beginning of the New Year also gives me an incentive to do some reflection on the past. When I joined the League, I looked forward to being

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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

JLP HAPPENINGS

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on the fundraising committee to help with GNO and then maybe working in membership (being president had never crossed my mind). Like many of you, I was looking forward to "making a difference" and making some new friends. I had worked in an office with all men for quite some time by then and was anxious to meet ladies who were outside of my usual circle, heck I was anxious to meet ladies! After my first few meetings, I was truly amazed at the dynamic individuals I was fortunate enough to encounter. We all came from different backgrounds, but yet had come together for the same purpose.

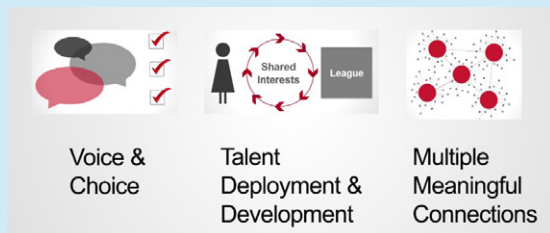
I have had some incredible experiences during my Junior League journey, but that early sentiment is always with me. As the Junior League, we are an amazing group of women with amazing skills and abilities who can achieve great and long-lasting accomplishments. While we celebrate the differences among us, we are, in many ways, very much the same. Day-in and day-out, we want to make a difference in the community, make new friends, and have a little fun along the way. That is what makes us, the Junior League, so special.

So, as you begin your New Year's Resolutions, put one more on the list. Remember to thank the people in your lives who make it possible to have the rich, rewarding lives which we enjoy. Sure, there are rough patches – some very rough – but it could always be worse. We are so very fortunate. I know I am. I give thanks every day for Spencer, my three boys, my family, my life, and everyone in the Junior League who made my 2016 so remarkable. So to each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart, Thank you!


"It's not about being the best, it's about being better than you were yesterday" – Unknown

Sincerely,
Mande Mathews, President

Want to learn more about the New Membership Model (NMM) and give input? Attend the first of two All-Member Roundtables with other members and NMM Trial Team participants, Thursday, Jan. 28, 6 p.m., Brues Alehouse. Registration available at jlpofpueblo.org.



IMPORTANT DATES!



LADIES WHO LEAD

Livingroom Lecture /with
DR. DONNA SOUDER HODGE

"Speak to Inspire"
Tuesday, Jan. 17 | 5:30 -7 p.m.
Livingroom of Dr. Souder Hodge | 1202 W. 31st St.

Develop your communication skills and become an effective speaker and leader in the League, and the community. Don't miss our inaugural "Ladies Who: Livingroom Lecture" training/social, presented by Junior League and communication veteran, Dr. Donna Souder Hodge. Currently serving as Executive Director of The Center for Teaching & Learning at Colorado State University-Pueblo, Dr. Souder Hodge will give helpful tips on how to improve your public speaking skills, create effective communication strategies, and employ words that inspire your fellow members. Cocktails and appetizers served at 5:30 p.m., living-room lecture begins at 6 p.m. Senior Actives and Sustainers will be in attendance, eager to meet new members and reconnect with veterans.

The "Ladies Who Living-room Lecture" is hosted by our Active-veteran, Senior Active and Sustaining members and designed to support our Actives by providing mid-year training and mentoring. So grab a drink, a sofa seat, and be inspired by Dr. Souder Hodge, and your League leaders!

Register on Digital Cheetah at jlpofpueblo.org.

JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, January 10th at 5:30 PM
St. Peter's Church
3939 W. Pueblo Blvd.
Pueblo CO 81005

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

JESSI ONES

New Members bring holiday cheer to foster community

Over the years, I have attended many events at the Olde Towne Carriage House. But I have never seen as much love, laughter, and goodwill between its walls as I did during Junior League of Pueblo New Members' Project, "Holiday with Heroes" on Dec. 1. The event brought tears to my eyes, and I noticed to many others, as more than 150 foster families and their children crowded into the space to enjoy holiday crafts, cookies, cocoa and time with Pueblo's community "Heroes" – Pueblo Police, District 60 70 Teachers, Veteran's Council Pueblo County Sheriff's Department, SWAT, Medical Personnel, Fire Department, The Go Team Therapy Dogs, Bridges Child Placement Agency, and Kids Crossing Child Placement Agency mentors.

As the New Membership Chair, I could not be more proud of the 24 women who make up this Class, and who were committed - from the very beginning – to create a project that directly impacts the kids in our community who are hurting the most.

The project was originally born out of the ladies' first conversations about increased drug and substance in Pueblo. Conversations quickly turned to the foster community, which has unfortunately experienced an even greater need for foster families due to the increasing number of kids being placed because of substance abuse in the home.

Because of the thoughtful insight of our 2015-17 New Members', the many generous sponsors, and more than 30 willing "Hero" volunteers, those same children experienced an evening of holiday fun with a community that cares.

In addition to hosting a successful event with more than 500 in attendance, and securing television, radio and newspaper coverage to bring awareness to the issue, the Class raised more than \$5,000 to help purchase "Sweet Cases" for those same kids from the two partnering foster agencies, Bridges and Kids Crossing. Sweet Cases include

blanket, stuffed animal, coloring book, crayons, hygiene kit and other donated items. After the purchase of the Cases, the Class will still have additional funds available to donate to a community drug preventive program for our Pueblo's youth.

Special thanks to the Project Co-Chairs Christine Pittman and Natalie Reese, who helped organize an incredibly smart, talented and caring class: Michelle Ribaud, Kelly Payne, Jenna Seddon, Amie and Marissa Gohn, Janessa Gallegos, Katie Knight, Emily Stweart, Tiffany Corsentino, Bri Seder, Ronda Orndorf, Kim Garcia, Emilie Burdick, Erin Gaither, Terry Grooms, Aubrey O'Quinn, Janine Yaklich, Anne Dagget, Tiffany Kreklow, Melissa Mihelich and Gloria Madril.

Thanks to the event sponsors 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); Benefits Broker, Little Caesar's Pizza, North Shore Marina, Sit Means Sit Dog Training (\$250); ReMax (\$200); Anne Dagget, Land Title Guarantee Co., Peterson & Fonda PC, and US Bank, and In-Kind Donor YMCA of Pueblo (\$1,000).



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SUSTAINER SPOTLIGHT

GRETTA KETTLECAMP

"Get involved, learn of the many needs of the community. Do what you can to improve them," that is Gretta Kettlecamp's favorite quote.

As a member of the Pueblo community since 1952, she has done just that. Gretta has been a volunteer for the Junior League, First Presbyterian Church, and the McClelland Learning Center. Gretta says that the people of Pueblo are her favorite part of the city.

Gretta is originally from Dearborn Michigan, but moved to Colorado and attended CU Boulder. She has been married for 64 years and has two sons. Gretta joined the Junior League of Pueblo in 1953 because it was "the peak of social attainment for a woman".

As a member of Junior League, Gretta helped with own your own art show and the Children's Museum. She believes that the most fulfilling part of the league is the association of the women.

Written by Brittany Jones

Interview by Jenny Smith

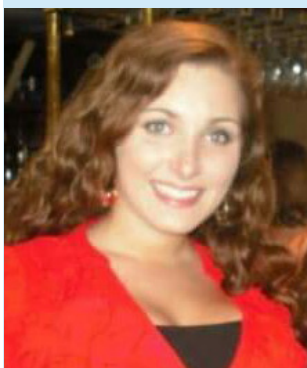
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COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

ERICA WATTS AND KELLY MCLEAN



We hope that everyone had a great holiday, and are excited to share what Erica and I have been working on. Bringing in the new year, we would like to discuss how we will address our new mission of "Basic Needs."



During the week of Christmas, our members helped with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. For those that haven't participated in this, it is an incredibly moving experience. There are thousands of toys donated, and you get to help families shop for their children. They leave with bags full of toys, coats, and mittens. While participating, you learn not

only about the person's children, but also their stories. I felt changed by the experience, and my Christmas was just a little sweeter knowing all the blessings my family and I shared. Thanks for all who participated by donating wrapping paper and toys for our community's children.

While training, Erica learned that other Leagues adopt "A Community," and focus their efforts towards the members that need it. Erica and Tammi Moe have met and extensively discussed with the Lucero Library, and would like to work with them both with literacy and with basic needs. Our plan is to have an after-school program that works with 6th grade boys. We want to work with local role models in our community and discuss lyrical poetry. This location has a community garden and it is in an area really in need with the potential of meaningful program expansion. We look forward to beginning this new adventure, and if you have thoughts Erica and I would love to discuss them.

FUNDS REPORT

MELISSA HODGES



With the Holidays once again Welcome to 2017! Per popular science fiction, by now we should be cruising around in our flying cars, riding on hoverboards (that don't spontaneously combust), routinely seeing the use of weaponized robotic suits, ordering around robot butlers who are secretly planning to overthrow us, and have fended off at least one attempted alien invasion.

Since none of those thrilling events/inventions have occurred yet, we are forced to find more realistic things to get excited about. I happen to have just the thing to fill that technology fueled apocalypse void. In just 3 short months, Junior League's grandest fundraiser will take place! **April 14th from 5 pm- 9 pm, a Magical Masquerade** of epic proportions will take place at the Pueblo Convention center.

Planning for this year's Girls Night Out has already begun and from what I can see, we are looking forward to the best event this League has seen! That may sound like a tall order, but with your help, we can achieve just that. You do not need to be a member of funds committee to participate on a committee for this event. To be a part of this phenomenal night of shopping, fashion, drinks, and more please contact myself, Tara Beck or Beth McCulloch. Our first committee meeting outside of a general membership meeting will take place on January 24th at 6 pm at my home, 389 W Palmer Lake Dr. in Pueblo West. All other meeting times and locations can be found on the calendar on digital cheetah. I look forward to working with you soon!"



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FUNDS DEVELOPMENT

MICHELLE GALLINA

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone. I hope everyone had a great 2016.

As we start the 2017 year many people are wondering why we need grants if our fundraisers are doing so well. Grants might not seem that important, but they help our league in many ways. They help us diversify our funding sources. The idea is to have several baskets of income and several grants in the works so that the loss of any one funding source will not be fatal. Grants also allow us to send more of our members to leadership trainings to better our community. Some may be wondering where would we find grants? According to April A. Northstrom a fundraising expert, "One of the biggest and most often overlooked factors in winning foundation funding is relationships. You need to build those first. After you have received support locally you can then move to regional and national funders. Databases are also wonderful resources to help small organizations find funders who support a specific type of organization or field of interest. However, don't forget to look at annual reports and newspaper articles. Who is giving to organizations that are similar to yours? Put any likeminded funder on your mailing list and start sending them materials about your organization (not too many) and the importance of your mission. Don't let your proposal application be the first time a foundation hears about your organization."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1/8	Melissa Hodges	1/20	Amber Hertneky
1/11	Lacy Desmond	1/20	Laura McGowan
1/14	Jennifer Welte	1/23	Melissa Burks
1/15	Brooke Stimac	1/24	Becca Aguilar

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ACTIVE SPOTLIGHT

BRITTANY JONES

Brittany Jones, a three-year veteran of the league, joined JLP to give back to her home town and community while being more involved with the youth in Pueblo.

As a Pueblo native, Brittany works as a dental hygienist in several offices around Pueblo and Pueblo West. Brittany is currently getting her Bachelor's degree at Pueblo Community College in Dental Hygiene. She has a strong passion for Pueblo and the good hearted people in such a small community.

Brittany has served on the communication committee, and has been the Monster Dash Chair, as well as worked on GNO as both the silent auction and décor coordinator.

She feels the most fulfilling part of the league has been "seeing the kid's excitement" at events and different programs the league participates in.

Brittany's favorite quote is "Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." - Dr. Seuss

Written by Christine Pittman




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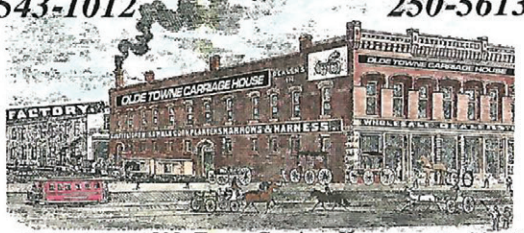
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Hungarian Goulash

2 lbs ground sirloin or round

1 medium onion, chopped

1 medium green pepper,
chopped

1 large can tomatoes (#2^{1/2})

1 large can mushroom pieces, drained

1 TBS Worcestershire sauce

Salt and Pepper to taste

1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

4 cups cooked elbo-roni

Brown beef in butter, add onions and green pepper, saute with mushrooms. Add tomatoes, simmer 1 hour. Season. Cook elbo-roni, add to mixture, place in casserole, cover with shredded cheese and bake at 350 degrees until cheese melts.