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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

**MANDE MATHEWS**

I love this time of year and feel so grateful for the changing leaves that make up the beautiful fall landscape! My boys often say, "We know Mom, we know! We see the beautiful colors on the trees!" I guess I can't help but to point it out to them each time we ride in the car because it makes me feel like anything or anyone can change and conquer the world!

This time of year also reminds me of what I am thankful for in my life and in Junior League – and that is YOU! The uniqueness each of you bring to the League! The fall leaves serve as a wonderful visual analogy of each of you. Some leaves are yellow, some are orange, there are even red and brown ones. Each leaf is unique yet together they create the beautiful landscape for which I am in awe over. In Junior League, some of you share your gift of organization, some your creative thinking, others your "get the job done" attitude and still others your "devil's advocate" perspective. Like these trees, when we stand together and appreciate the varied gifts we each share, we can't help but make a strong impact on the landscape of our community. And, I am in awe at you for that collective gift!

Many of you know how much I value Shar McBee's book, *To Lead is to Serve*. It is such a simple read yet it shares a powerhouse of wisdom. If you haven't had the opportunity yet to read it, I highly recommend it. In fact, I would be happy to lend you my copy.

In the book, there is a chapter on appreciation. Shar shares a story about a volunteer who arrived in her office completely discouraged. Months earlier the volunteer had agreed to chair a fundraising dinner and now wished she had never accepted the position (we've all been there at some time in our

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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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volunteering life, I am sure). She was struggling to get support. Here is what Shar said... "if you are looking for support, your greatest support is gratitude." Shar further suggested a simple exercise to explain what she meant. First, make a list of five people you are grateful for. Then, call each one and express your appreciation.

When Shar and the volunteer finished this exercise, ten people had received their expression of gratitude. Nothing beyond that had changed. Yet, everything changed because the volunteer was no longer feeling unsupported. She was full of enthusiasm. She was able to remember why she accepted the position and this attitude made it possible for her to pass on her enthusiasm to others and gain the support she was seeking.

We all lead busy and stressful lives making volunteering difficult at times. I truly appreciate how each of you share your gifts with the League. I wish I could build a billboard that could be seen by the whole world so that I could let everyone know how much I appreciate YOU! So for today, here's my billboard and it's aimed at each of YOU! I am ever grateful for all of YOU...today...tomorrow...and always!

Sincerely,  
Mande Mathews, President



## OCTOBER

### Melissa Burks

Thank you for all of your hard work stepping up in the Community Impact Committee to chair Fit 4 Fun, and organizing everything with Boys and Girls Club!

## November General Membership Meeting

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:30 PM**

St. Peter the Apostle Episcopal Church  
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Great job to the Membership Committee for hosting the Family Fall Social at Musso Farms! Fun was had by all as we decorated pumpkins, ate great food, and hunted for pumpkins!





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## MEET THE FACES OF COMMUNITY IMPACT



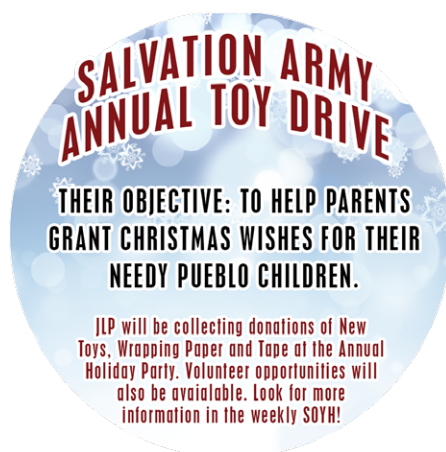
**KELLY MCLEAN**

Kelly moved to Pueblo as a freshman in high school. She attended College of Charleston in South Carolina, graduating with degrees in biology and French. After moving back to Pueblo, she fulfilled her desire to be more connected to her family and four younger siblings, three of which are adopted from China. She works in the emergency room at Parkview. She and her boyfriend recently became first time home owners. Kelly is applying to graduate schools in the healthcare industry, and is hoping to start school next year. This is her first active year in Junior League, but accomplished much during her provisional year. She participated in Leadership Pueblo, Touch a Truck, and Decorations Committee for Girl's Night Out. She looks forward to a great year with her fellow Community Impact chair Erica Watts.

**ERICA WATTS**



My name is Erica Watts, I am 30 yrs old and a Pueblo native. I have been in Pueblo most of my life and love the family environment that this town has to offer. I am married and have two dogs that are like my children. I am a fashion forward hairstylist with a passion for making people feel good about themselves! I work at Headlines salon as a manager and stylist and have been there for 3 years. I have been in Junior League for 4 years, every year I get more excited and look forward to the endeavors that the League has to offer! I have a big place in my heart for this community and want to give back in a positive way.



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## ACTIVE SPOTLIGHT

KRYSTE BROWN

Don't call her Granny, this glamorous cosmetologist is the "Glammy" to top all Grandmas. Kryste Brown enjoys spending time with her family any chance she gets. Her two granddaughters, Lennox (2) and Frankie (1), are the greatest joys in her life! She is also impatiently waiting for the arrival of grandbaby number 3 due in December. The grand-princesses enjoy shopping (of course!), swimming, and going to the zoo. Kryste was born and raised in Rocky Ford, but raised all 3 of her children (Brittini, Tayler, and Keaton) in Pueblo with her Husband of 22 years, Vinny.



"Pueblo is a great place to raise a family", Kryste stated about the Home of Heroes. When she isn't hanging out with family Kryste enjoys the beautiful Colorado mountains, water activities and working out. She currently works at Pure Spa and wellness and just got certified as a health and wellness coach.

As for her participation in the Junior League of Pueblo Kryste has been a member for 4 years and is currently on the Membership committee. For her, Junior League's biggest asset is the comradery of the group. "I didn't have any friends or people to hang out with. For me, it's about building strong women. I also got my Job through Jenny Smith, who is the best!" Kryste said about her initial joining of the League. In the future, Kryste would like to be in charge of the 'Girls Night Out' fashion show!

Kryste's personal mantra is, "Always be brilliant and shine like the sun", she uses her cosmetology skills to help make others more physically beautiful, but also by being a joyful, outgoing and happy ray of sunshine! Thank you Kryste for being the life of the party, the much needed smile on a rainy day and a part of the success of this group of strong women!

*Written by Brittany Jones*

## FUNDS REPORT

MELISSA HODGES



With the Holidays once again managing to sneak up on us, I know many of our members are scrambling trying to get family get-togethers, trips, and celebrations planned. "Scrambling" accurately describes my current state of preparation. But with one of our busiest League months behind us we can afford a little relaxation.

October was a hectic, full month for the Fundraising committee. We had two of our biggest fundraisers happening within weeks of each other. With any other group of women, it would have been a stretch to pull them both off. Luckily, we have the best bunch of hard working, capable ladies I have ever had the pleasure to work with. Not only were both events a success, but they were also a blast to put together! I want to send out a HUGE thank you to the chairs of Touch-A-Truck (Kelly McLean, Raylene Johnson, and Antoinette Ramos) and Monster Dash (Brittany Jones and Bri Wills) for tirelessly working to make both events such a massive triumph!

Now, it's time to shift our focus to another time of year that brings me warm fuzzies... Girls Night Out! Our theme this year will be "A Magical Masquerade" and I could not be more excited to get to work on this event. The wheels have already begun to spin on this fundraiser, so if you would like to help out with GNO, please contact myself or Tara Beck for more details. For now, please take time breath and to enjoy your loved ones and this wonderful Holiday Season!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

11/8 Betty Bullen	11/29 Janine Yaklich
11/11 Laura Heberly	11/30 Ronda Wantland
11/11 Claire Peoples	

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

JESSI ONES

### NEW MEMBERSHIP MODEL TRIAL TEAM UNDERWAY; COMPACTS ARE IN PLACE

Thanks to the League's three past presidents serving as Advisors and eight adventurous women willing to shape their League experience, Pueblo's New Membership Model Trial is well underway.



This past month, the NMM Advisors, Lindsay Pechek, Sandra Proud, and Nicole Stout, and myself, met with our assigned NMM Compact Members to complete one-on-one interviews and help shape members' Compacts. The Compact is a contract in which ladies individualized commitments to the League are outlined. The Compact replaces the required meeting and point-based system.

Created by the American Junior League International (AJLI) in hopes of retaining and attracting members by giving members "Voice and Choice" in their League experience, the Trial will include two Membership Roundtables. Members who want to learn more or give input are encouraged to attend Roundtables, scheduled for 6 p.m., Thursday, January 26, Brues Alehouse and Thursday, March 30, 6 p.m., Coors Patio. For more information, email [membership.jlp@gmail.com](mailto:membership.jlp@gmail.com)



### THANK YOU TO HOLIDAY FOR HEROES' FIRST SPONSORS TO SIGN ON

Sponsor money is rolling in as Provisionals work to fundraise money to host their much-anticipated Provisional Project, "Holiday for Heroes," slated for Thursday, Dec. 1, 5 to 8 p.m., at the Olde Towne Carriage House. Ladies have already received \$1,550 for the event and have another \$2,000-\$3,000 they are working to collect. Funds will help fund an evening where kids can enjoy holiday crafts and games while interacting with our community Heroes, including Pueblo Police Department, teachers, Pueblo Veteran's Council, SWAT Team, YMCA, and American Medical Rescue – to name a few.

Thank you Little Caesar's Pizza, Terry Grooms and Accelerated Wealth, Sprinbok Health Inc., US Bank, and Peterson & Fonda for being our first Holiday for Heroes sponsors to sign on.

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. The event is open to the public, with tickets costing \$20 per family, and is free to Pueblo's two local foster programs, which often place children because of a family member struggling with addiction. The 2016-17 Provisional Class hopes to help break the cycle of addiction in our community by providing kids positive interactions, education and resources, and lots of holiday cheer and mentoring from Pueblo's unsung heroes. All funds raised will go toward related programming.

To support our Provisionals and become a sponsor, contact Michelle Ribaud at [ribaud.michelle@gmail.com](mailto:ribaud.michelle@gmail.com). Be sure to Like and Share on Facebook.



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## MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS MADE THROUGH LADIES WHO SOCIAL SERIES

Thank you to our League members Tara Beck and Melissa Mihelich, of Soulga Yoga, for hosting our Ladies Who Lunge" event, one of many socials organized by the Membership Committee. Watch for details about our next event, including "Ladies Who Lunch and Learn" hosted by League Member and United Way CEO Andrea Aragon.

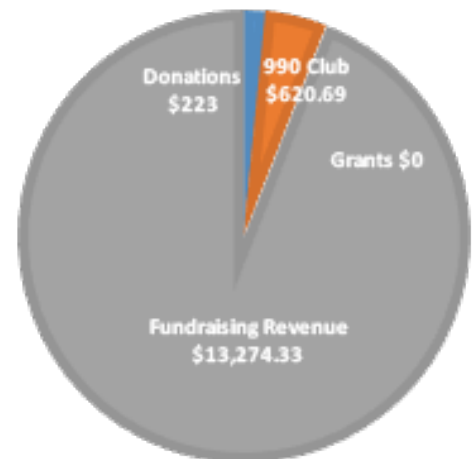


## MONSTER DASH!



## FUNDS RECEIVED YEAR TO DATE

■ Donations ■ 990 Club ■ Fundraising Revenue ■ Grants



## MONEY

**\$13,274.33**

SPENT ON OUR MISSION



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diaper packs, coupons, and Huggies Reward Points. By offering coupons to businesses, shoppers, and our members, there will be a greater incentive to purchase diapers. Let's face it, if they weren't so expensive, there wouldn't be such a great need!

Look forward to hearing more about the Diaper Drive at the next GMM!

Written by Kelly McLean, Community Impact

While Vickie Clark was here, I was able to talk to her about her personal passions. One of which was her belief behind The National Diaper Bank Network. Did you know that government assistance programs like food stamps do not cover diapers to assist the 5.3 million toddlers and babies in poverty? Direct diaper assistance is 100% supplied by private non-governmental institutions. In one day, a baby can go through 6-10 diapers! The lack of diapers not only hurts the child but perpetuates poverty. Working women, who do not have the sufficient supply of diapers, are unable to take their children to daycare and early childhood education. These women who could be otherwise working are forced to stay at home. By participating in early childhood education, children are three times more likely to participate in higher education.

By hosting diaper drives and donating diapers, the Junior League of Pueblo can make a lasting impact on children's health and basic needs, early childhood education, and allow parents to provide income for their children. The Community Impact Committee would like to enlist not only our member's help, but extend this opportunity to our wonderful community. We would like to reach out to businesses and have a competition of the most diapers donated. Along with our own efforts, we will make a substantial diaper donation.

Working within an already established program will help to ensure our drive is successful and goes directly to our community. The Catholic Charities of Pueblo has a diaper bank that benefits our city. Diaper banks accept a wide variety of donations, for example, opened leftover

1 in 3 U.S. moms report suffering from diaper need.



Children that participate in early childhood education are almost 3 times more likely to go on to higher education.



 = 1 day of 6-10 diapers

Diapers can cost \$70 - \$80 per month; babies need 6-10 diapers per day.

**\$70 - \$80**



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## SUSTAINER SPOTLIGHT

— EVA LOUISE KEACH —

This Spotlight is to introduce the fabulous Mrs. Eva Louise Keach. Eva was born in Kansas City and moved to Pueblo County when she was ten.

Eva comes from a wonderful family and has raised a daughter and son. Her daughter and grandson live here in Pueblo and her son lives in Evergreen with his wife and two children. Eva has a very special guardian angel watching over her now, as her husband Tom recently passed away.

After attending, what was then called University of Southern Colorado, and a very successful business lady mindset, Eva started her business, Executive Services, in 1983 and in 1994 and was named "Small Business of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce. After managing the call center for 23 years, she sold it about ten years ago, and is happy to say it is still going strong and is still located on Main Street.

Eva's start with the league comes from a friendly place. "I hate to sound shallow, but because of my friends. In the "old days" you had to be invited and voted in, so

I wanted to be with my friends."

Thirty Four years later, she is still proud to be a member of JL. With her longstanding commitment to the league, she served on so many committees she can't name them all, but after Eva was President, she was selected to be one of six past presidents to represent the Western United States, Mexico and Canada at the National Level for two years. Her biggest committee job was as Chairman of the Legs and Legacies Follies. Eva feels that making a difference in the community while making a difference in your personal life through all that you can learn in the League.

As for her years ahead, she hopes to continue to volunteer. For the league, she hopes it continues to grow and develop future leaders and volunteers. Eva was very impressed when we sustainers met with the current leaders. "You are a very dynamic group of women!"

As for some words to live by, Eva loves the quote, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

*Written by Bri Wills*



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## Honey Pumpkin Pie

1 (1lb) can pumpkin  
1 teaspoon pie spice  
1 teaspoon salt  
4 eggs beaten

1/2 cup milk  
1/2 cup light cream  
1 cup honey  
Unbaked pie shell

Blend pumpkin, spice and salt. Beat in remaining ingredients and pour into shell. Bake for 30 minutes at 400 degrees. Reduce heat to 375 degrees and bake 10 minutes longer, or until firm. Cool and serve with whipped cream.