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PRESIDENT'S LETTER MANDE MATHEWS

Theodore C. Sorensen, speechwriter to President John F. Kennedy, said a speaker is most effective when "speaking from the heart, to the heart directly, not too complicated, relatively brief sentences, and [with] words that are clear to everyone." Those who were fortunate enough to attend one (or more) of the many events the first week of our League



year between August 15th and 17th with Vicki Clark heard such a speaker. It is a gift to be able to command and orchestrate the English language to inspire others. Vicki Clark has this gift — she rallies her listeners to be their better selves. We came, we listened and we were inspired! To hear Vicki Clark speak is to be reminded that JLP's success resides in its continued and sustained belief and support of its Mission. The piece of the week that resonated with me the most was revisiting the Junior League mission, and reflecting on its meaning word-for-word. This discussion reminded me of why I wanted to join the league, and summarized my journey in the League perfectly. I wanted experiences where I could develop my potential (check!), lead other women in developing their potential (check!). I was so INSPIRED by Vicki!!



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

 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
Provide an environment that incorporates diversity in its membership
Create community awareness about the needs of young children

IMPORTANT DATES!

JLPHAPPENINGS

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Vicki also allowed me to see the vision and the league in a totally different perspective. I now believe that by focusing more on each of YOU it will allow us to take our league to the next level. She really put the essence of what The League is into perspective. We are "ONE" and should lift up EVERY woman within our League!

Vicki reminded us that Mary Harriman, the young, early 20th century New York City debutante who took a group of friends into the tenement houses of Hell's Kitchen to make a difference – she was a WILD woman. Mary Harriman threw caution to the wind, disregarded social norms and let her heart lead the way, giving rise to the Junior League movement. Vicki Clark reminded us that today it is the Junior League Mission statement that expresses the ideals initiated by Mary Harriman's actions: an organization dedicated to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities. It is the JLP Mission statement that embodies our organization's battle for change – by changing our lives we change our communities. And we must be inspired by the Mission not just the task at hand.

We are indeed a diverse group of women. Our membership is comprised of those who bring valuable professional experiences to our operational success, those that bring nurturing characteristics critical to our organizational longevity and growth, and those that encompass both. In the end, however, we all possess gifts that make our organization unique. We are an organization of all women, who are community leaders that chose to volunteer. No matter who, or what, brought us to Junior League of Pueblo, we must embrace our diversity and utilize our gifts at any "cost" to further our mission. **Together we can do anything!** I cherish you all and am excited to see you all grow as women and leaders this League year!

To say the least, it was a WILDLY successful week!! Thank you, Vicki Clark!

Sincerely, Mande Mathews, President



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 5:30 PM St. Peter the Apostle Episcopal Church 3939 W Pueblo Blvd. Pueblo, CO 81005 Child care will be available.

JLP PALS WANTED

If you would like to be a mentor to a Provisional, let Jessi One's know so she can match you with a provisional. The JL Pal program encourages an active member to take a provisional under their wing, make them feel comfortable, and be a familiar face! Weekly check-in's by phone call or meeting are required.

Mande Mathews

Kimberly Hinkle

Brooke Williams

Rebecca Diaz

Amber Hertneky

Committee Chairs

Lacy Desmond

COMMUNITY IMPACT Vacant

FUNDRAISING Melissa Hodges

Michelle Gallina

MEMBERSHIP Jessi Ones

Laura Heberly

Sommer Street

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

JESSI ONES

New Members Begin Early Planning to Host Christmas Event that is Designed to Support **Foster Kids and Support Drug Prevention Programs and Education for Youth.**

After years of fundraising money for the League, I am excited to find myself in a new role as the League's

New Membership Chair. While I love making the League money to support its awesome programs, my new position as mentor to our New Members is both rewarding and reenergizing.

The 2016-17 Provisional Class, which is the largest I've known in my five years with the League with 25 women, is talented, experienced, fast-moving, and wonderfully big-hearted. I am inspired by their personal stories and their genuine desire to develop themselves and a project that truly speaks to a need in our community.

Upon completion of their Provisional Training in July, the eager Class met an additional two times within a week to determine a relevant community project in time for the August Board Meeting. After many honest conversations and exchanges, many of which included personal stories, the Class decided to create a community impact/fundraising event that addressed drug abuse in our community and the need for education and awareness programs for our youth. With the elimination of Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E) in our schools, the Class also discussed the need to foster positive relationships between children and safety service personnel who could provide age-appropriate education and awareness in a fun and positive atmosphere. What resulted was the Class' creation of a holiday fair called "Holiday with Heroes," which will offer families an evening of holiday activities, crafts, games, photos with Santa, and more. Managing the different holiday activity stations will be safety service personnel and other community mentors who will provide information and resources to families. To ensure the event reaches children who are directly impacted by drug addiction in the community, the Class will partner with Bridges and other community foster programs and offer free admittance to their participating families. The general public will also be able to attend by purchasing a Family Pass for \$20, helping the Class to - in addition to creating a fun and educational event for families fundraise money to purchase Christmas gifts for foster children in our community.

Please help me support and retain these awesome women by connecting them to potential event partners and financial contributors, attending the event or helping to sell tickets, or by simply offering your words of encouragement. I promise you will feel equally energized as I have by this tenacious and talented Class.

Holiday for Heroes is slated for 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1. A confirmed location and more details will soon follow.







September: Kelly McLean

Thank you for all of your hard work over the summer to prepare for Touch a Truck! We know it will be a great event and are so excited to see what the TAT committee puts together!

FUNDS DEVELOPMENT

MICHELLE GALLINA

I hope everyone had a great summer.

Its hard to believe that a new league year is already upon us! Our goal this year is to increase the amount of grants we apply for and receive, grow the endowment fund, and increase our number of sponsors. Thank



you to everyone who donated to the 990 Club. These funds are a great start to growing the endowment. We will have an updated total of the funds raised to date at GMM.

We also have a new sponsorship package where our sponsors can choose how much they want to give to each event. This should help us raise more and our sponsors get more for their money. Be on the lookout for the new sponsorship package. Any help in getting sponsors from your workplace or personal network is much appreciated. If you have any suggestions on companies we should ask for sponsorships from, or organizations offering grants please email me at fundsdevelpoment.jlp@gmail.com.

FUNDS REPORT

MELISSA HODGES

Welcome to the 2016-2017 league year!

Summer has flown by and it's already time to begin work on this year's exciting fundraisers. I am thrilled to be in the position of fundraising chair and look



forward to working on all of the wonderful events and getting to know each of you ladies better.

The Junior League Cookbook committee is currently selling raffle tickets for our next drawing coming up on September 13th and again on October 8th at our annual Touch-A-Truck event. We need lots of help selling the remaining tickets to members and the community. Contact Sandra Proud to get yours as soon as possible!

Planning is in full swing for the 2016 Touch-A-Truck Fundraiser! This year's event will be held on October 8th at the State Fairgrounds. We still need vendors and sponsors, so if you know of a company or an individual who may want to be a part of the big day or would like to join the committee itself, please contact the event chair, Kelly McClean at (719) 568-4977 or kcmclean89@ gmail.com.

We are also gearing up for this year's Monster Dash 5K! Get your best costume ready for this fun-filled run on October 29th at DiSanti Farms. For more information on how you can help out with the event, please contact event chair Brittany Jones at bjones6987@gmail.com or Bri Wills at wills.bri@gmail.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 2/2 Emily Stewart
- 9/6 Jessica Weckx
- 9/9 Terry Grooms9/9 Gina Panepinto
 - 9 Gina Panepinto
- 9/16 Erica Watts



9/30 Linda Glover

9/23 Amanda McPherson

LEAGUE YEAR BEGINS WITH BACKYARD PARTY

The Summer Social on August 7 was attended by more than 30 League ladies and their family members who enjoyed a potluck, bounce house, backyard games, and time catching up after a busy summer.

Enjoy some of the photos from the day!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

AMBER HERTNECKY

Want to make a difference in your community and help the Junior League of Pueblo (JLP) continue to be a catalyst for change in the community?



Apply for a JLP Leadership position within the Board of Directors! Leadership positions offer you the opportunity for personal growth and development while making an important contribution to the Junior League and our community. Not only will you gain valuable leadership training within JLP, it will strengthen your skills in other organizations and train you to be an effective volunteer in the community. The goal of the Nominating committee is to match the League's leadership needs with individual members' strengths and to develop a leadership team that effectively guides the League toward fulfillment of its mission and strategic plan.

The self-submission form is the most important tool Nominating will use for slating. Members are encouraged to self-advocate by self-submitting. The self-submission form lets Nominating know you are interested in a particular position or positions. You can find the selfsubmission form on our members only side under the resources tab, or in the weekly Stay on your Heels (SOYH). The Nominating committee creates a slate to be voted on by the membership upon completion of the nominating process. In order to be considered, this leadership application packet and all self-submission and recommendation forms are due by October 14th, 2016. Please email the forms to: Amber Hertneky, Past President and Nominating Chair at pastpresident.jlp@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at 614-937-1206 or email. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and your commitment to the Junior League of Pueblo and our efforts to build a better community.













SOMMER SUNSHINE STREET

Sommer Street was born and raised in Eastern Colorado, she graduated High School from Springfield High. She moved to Pueblo to attend CSU-Pueblo (then USC) and graduated with her BSBA with an emphasis in marketing from Hasan School of Business. She and her husband Steve have two rambunctious and fun-loving boys – Steven, 5, and Logan, 1. She has lived in the Pueblo community for almost 20 years and is currently



the interim marketing and communications specialist at CSU-Pueblo.

Sommer joined the Junior League of Pueblo 11 years ago. She joined because she wanted to meet other ladies who were leaders in and doing great things in the Pueblo community. In her time in the league she has served in various roles. She has served as Girls Night Out chair, Kids in the Kitchen Chair, Communications Chair, Funds Chair, and as President Elect, President, and Past-President.

Sommer's passion for the Pueblo community comes from a sincere belief that the community has the most genuine people filled with the biggest hearts. The most fulfilling part of the league in Sommer's experience is knowing that JLP is making a difference in the lives of children in our community. As a true leader in the community, she is involved in many organizations; she serves as treasurer of the CSU-Pueblo Alumni board, Pueblo Child Advocacy Center Board, Women's Foundation CO Pueblo regional committee, and on the Sierra Vista PTO.

The board will benefit for Sommer's extensive experience this year as she serves as the Sustainer Representative of the board. Sommer's league goal for the upcoming year is to involve sustainers in the amazing things JLP is already doing, and create more fun events for sustainers to get together.

Written by Lacy Desmond

ACTIVE SPOTLIGHT

Rebecca Aguilar, a Pueblo Native, has been married to her husband Derrick 8 years and they have four children together: Vivian 6, Reyna 4, Victoria 2, and Derrick Jr. 5 months. She is a 1999 graduate of South High School, and earned her BS from CSU-Pueblo with a degree in Biology, and an associates degree in Chemistry.

Rebecca joined the league three years ago because she wanted to make a positive contribution to the community she loves. "I wanted to join an organization that focused on issues that were important to me. Being a mother, children are very dear to my heart and I felt JLP would help me to do just that and at the same time



strengthen the mothers of those children and other women in our community," she states. She also plans to be a life-long league member, and the League will certainly benefit from her passion for years to come! She would love the opportunity to be part of the board someday in the future, and she cherishes all of the friendships that she has made.



In her time in JLP, Rebecca has served on the Funds Committee, and learned a lot thanks to her fearless leader at the time Mande Mathews. She then served on the Community Impact committee and stepped up to co-chair Touch a Truck (pregnant with her fourth child no matter!). This year, Rebecca will be serving on the Membership Committee and is

excited to be part of the member experience.

Rebecca states that JLP has been fulfilling because she has been able to give back to her community. Rebecca and her husband love Pueblo, "We raise our children here, we own a business here, and we think it's important to be shining examples of Pueblo's capabilities despite all the negativity associated with Pueblo." She loves the familiarity of Pueblo, and that she can always see someone she knows, no matter where she goes.

As a busy mom of four, she still makes time to be an avid volunteer for JLP, she also volunteers at her daughter's school, and for her gymnastic team. Rebecca's favorite quote is "Attract what you expect, reflect on what you desire, become what you respect, mirror what you admire" (author unknown). We respect and admire you Rebecca!

Written by Lacy Desmond



SAVE-THE-DATE!

TOUCH A TRUCK October 8, 2016

MONSTER DASH October 29, 2016

Plenty of opportunities exist to get involved on planning committees. Check the calendar on the member site (digital cheetah) for committee meeting dates and times!

FEATURED ARTICLE MARY HARIMAN ENTERS THE WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

{Nine woman} form the class that Mary Harriman joins as 2015 inductees to the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, NY, the birthplace of the American Women's Rights Movement.

This is a great and timely honor for a remarkable woman whose life in public service started as an 18-year-old debutante



in New York City and ended, with her untimely death at 53, as one of the highest ranking women in the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Mary Harriman (listed under her married name Mary Harriman Rumsey in the NWHF induction) joins fellow Junior League members Eleanor Roosevelt and Sandra Day O'Connor, who were earlier inductees into the NWHF.

Mary Harriman's achievements have also been recognized by the National Women's History Museum.

The National Women's Hall of Fame is the nation's oldest membership organization dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the achievements of great American women. It was created in 1969 in Seneca Falls by a group of local women and men who believed that contributions of American women deserved a permanent home in the small village where the fight for women's rights began.

The 2015 Induction Ceremony was held October 2-4, 2015 in Seneca Falls.

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We had the honor of hearing a lot about Mary Hariman from Vicki Clark. This outstanding woman is the founder of the Junior League. **SPECIAL THANKS** to Julianna Rothbaum from Julianna Rothbaum Photography for providing the board with professional photos for the Pueblication and website.





JUNIOR LEAGUE OF PUEBLO

300 tickets will be sold at \$20 each or six tickets for \$100. Each ticket is eligible to win in all drawings, and therefore, will have three chances to be a winner. All winners will be notified on the day of the drawing and will not need to be present to win. Contact Sandra Proud via phone call or text 569-0936 to buy or pick-up your tickets to sell. She will deliver!

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Hot Spicy Cider

- 1 1/2 quarts Apple Cider
- 1 teaspoon whole cloves
- 1 teaspoon whole all apice

2 sticks cinnamon, about 3 inches long 2 tablespoons red hots (optional)

Combine cider, cloves, allspice and cinnamon sticks in large bowl or Pyrex dish. Microwave until warm (4-5 minutes). Let stand 15 minutes. Strain into cups or punch bowl.

12 half-cup servings