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Mark your Calendars!

The 2013 Provisional Class project is complete.
To celebrate there will be a
Play Plaza Ribbon Cutting at the Riverwalk.

Date: Thursday, September 25, 2014

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: HARP Riverwalk Play Plaza Boulder Park

There will be free boat rides for the members and
their families.

General Membership Meeting

September 9, 2014

Location: Walking Stick Estates — Club House

Sponsor Needed

We are asking that every Junior League member in any
status to please let us know if you live in the Walking
Stick area, so that we can honestly give them a
resident name if and when they ask us.

Cookbook Committee Members Needed:

For those who are interested in becoming part of
the JL Cookbook Committee there will be an infor-
mation meeting on Monday, September 15, 2014 at
6pm at Rosario's on the Riverwalk. Please contact
Lindsay at lpechek@hotmail.com or 719.289.8892 if
you will be able to attend.



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Message from the President



Sandra Proud

Dear League members,

Well – the league year has started and so far it's gotten off to a great start. It was great to see our new meeting space filled with so many returning members and so many new Provisionals. I felt the meeting was very productive and there was a lot of interaction between all. I hope that you all could feel the excitement in the room, as I did. Just listening in on some of the conversations between committees planning for their upcoming events - it is evident that it is going to be a very busy and productive year.

Our first event Touch-a-Truck was a huge success. I hope this event will continue next year because I believe that it has great potential for growth. This was an excellent opportunity to partner with some new companies in the community and bring greater awareness to Junior League of Pueblo and all that we do for the community. I believe this event was very well tied to our mission and our vision. Volunteerism and empowering the children of Pueblo to reach their full potential. For example, it was not just an opportunity for them to see an ambulance or a police car but a chance to realize that they someday could be a Paramedic or a Police officer. The media coverage really was fantastic as well. Congrats to all the ladies who helped put this event together and for all those who volunteered their time.

The Provisional's have been busy brainstorming ideas for their Provisional project and thanks to Laura's training and guidance I'm very excited that they are thinking about an event that will take a different direction than Provisional classes in the past.

I think back to when I was a provisional to where I am now five years later. I've served on the Board and have attended ODI and Winter Leadership trainings and have had so many great experiences. I ask each of you to think about where you have been and where you want to go and take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way.

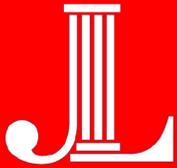
Sincerely,
Sandra Proud
President

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.



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Tracy Serena

Meet Tracy Serena our new Administrative Assistant. Although not born in Pueblo, I have been here since I was five, so it's home! I met my husband Chris when we attended USC (presently CSU-Pueblo). We have three children, Shelby, a freshman at CSU-P, Isabella and Isaiah are freshman at Centennial. Having twins, I never realized I would have the 3 freshman! We have two furry children, Butch is an Australian Sheppard and Zack is a Sheltie.

Chris coaches high school soccer and all three kids play(ed), so we spend a lot of our time on the fields. Prior to joining the administrative side of the Junior League of Pueblo I was the operations administrator for Health Access Pueblo and spent many years prior to that in human resources. I am excited to join Junior League and be part of such a great group of women leaders supporting our community.

-Spotlight by Trisha Pocius

September Birthdays



9/5	Kristi Alfonso	9/23
9/6	Jessica Weckx	Sandy Stein
9/7	Donna Souder	Kristen Spicola
9/9	Gina Panepinto	Amanda McPherson
9/16	Erica Watts	9/24 Sherry Nash



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Let your Light Shine Active Spotlight



Amanda McPherson

How do you fill your days? Working full time, chasing my boys and volunteering. Amanda works at Colorado East Bank and Trust as an Internal Audit Manager. Amanda has three boys, Clay, Jesse, & Trey and has been married for 12 years to Cody. She not only volunteers her time with Junior league, but Cub Scouts Pack 27, the Colorado Springs Institute of Internal Auditors Chapter, and with Junior Achievement.

How did hear about Junior League? At Girls Night Out a former member got her involved.

What is your current/past roles with Junior League? I have served on the Board as Treasurer for 3 years and currently on the Cookbook Committee and recently chaired the Touch a Truck Event (which was a huge success).

Where are you from? Lamar, Colorado.

How has Junior League enriched your life? I have found really great friends, Junior League has made me want to get more involved in my community and want to give back to the community.

Where is your favorite travel spot? This is a tough one. Either camping with my family or Dallas, Texas. In Dallas I like to go out with the girls, eat out at local places and check out the local businesses. That is what I enjoy to do in Dallas.

If you could interview one person (dead or alive) who would it be? That is tough call, my grandfather, he passed away years ago and I would like to know more about him and his life. He passed when I was 20 years old. There are many questions about his life that I would like to know more about and how he got to Granada, CO.

Motto or personal mantra? Live life to the fullest.

What did you want to be when growing up? I wanted an elementary teacher.

Do you think you would want to pursue this dream? No, I kind of get to be a teacher through volunteering with Junior Achievement.

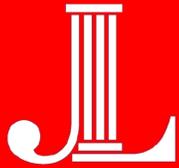
What do you foresee the future of Junior League? I would like to see the league grow in all aspects. Childhood obesity is a problem. It's a man's world we need to support and encourage each other as women.

Good as
Gold
Award



Congratulations
Amanda
McPherson!
For your hard
work organizing
the
Touch-a-Truck
event.

-Spotlight by Kimberly Hinkle



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Committee Chair Reports

Funds Development

Mande Mathews

Wow, the new Junior League year has started off with a big bang! The JL Cookbook Committee worked hard this summer planning and organizing Junior Leagues First Annual Touch-A-Truck event with the partnership of the Pueblo Convention Center and boy was it a huge hit!! The free event held on August 17, 2014 at the Pueblo Convention Center is an event the public is still raving about. We had 903 people of all ages walk through the gates that day making a large impact on the community, what Junior League stands for. We were very grateful to receive 300 books (roughly equal to \$1,000) from the Kiwanis to be donated that day. Children who visited the booth received a free book or they received a gift card to Barnes and Noble to pick a book of their choice. For our first year we were hoping to break even, but to a surprise we made a small dent towards our cookbook savings goal of \$583.07!! Thank you to the committee for all your hard work to put together such a smashing event in such a small amount of time and thank you to all those that came out to volunteer and support the amazing day!

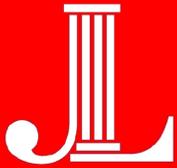
The Funds Committee is hard at work already as they plan Junior League's Second Annual Monster Dash 5k Race. The event will take place on Saturday, October 18, 2014, so mark your calendars now as we will need help to make the day a success! We will begin the morning with a free 50 yard dash for kids 7 and under, followed by a timed 5k for ages 7 and above. All kids under the age of 12 will get a free pumpkin. A t-shirt will be given out to all those that pre-register. Currently we are working hard and locking down our sponsors for the event. Please contact myself or Jenny Smith (chair) if you have someone in mind. I am so excited to be your Funds Chair this year as we are off to an amazing start! I couldn't be more proud of all you girls and your hard work and dedication to this League!

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. ~Elizabeth Andrew



Community Impact
Jessica Weckx

Junior League's Community Impact's first two events of the league year were huge successes thanks to the JLP members! A school supply drive for the Boys and Girls Club was this year's first DIAM—the Boys and Girls Club was overwhelmed by the amount of school supplies you donated! The kids were eager to help unload and take pictures with the items. Thanks for providing club kids with the necessary tools to get back to school! The Touch-A-Truck event that JLP co-sponsored doubled as a JLP cookbook fundraiser and a community impact event. The Pueblo Kiwanis club donated hundreds of truck themed books as well as Barnes and Noble gift cards for JLP to give to attendees of Touch-A-Truck! The Pueblo Library also partnered with JLP to have a literacy area that included books, puzzles, Legos, and a build-a-ramp area for children to play. A big thank you to all who helped make this event an amazing experience for Pueblo kids. As we look ahead, JLP will partner with the library to put on a series of literacy events in October. Confirmation of dates and details will be provided in September.



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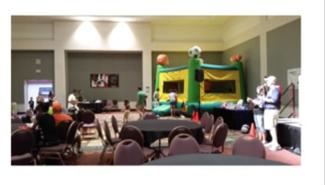
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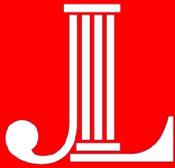
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Touch-a-Truck 2014



The Touch-a-Truck event was free to the community where the young and the young at heart could touch, climb, and learn about their favorite large vehicles.





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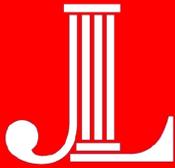
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Sirloin Goodie

3 pounds cubed sirloin steak	3/4 cup sherry
1/2 package onion soup mix	1 4-ounce can mushrooms
2 cans mushroom sauce	

Brown meat. Mix all of the above ingredients and place in Dutch oven. Cover and bake in a 350 degree oven for 2 hours or until tender. Serve over rice or noodles.

Serves 5-6

Jo Markis