

# LEAGUE AT A GLANCE

## JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SPOKANE

FALL 2022

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last spring, as I was preparing to accept the President's gavel, I felt a sense of excitement, nervousness, and preparedness. Having weathered two pandemic years as the JLS President-Elect, I carefully watched, listened, and took notes on what "coming out of COVID" could mean for our organization. Building off of AJLI's "Better Together" campaign, I knew the focus of the 2022-2023 League year needed to be on relationships within and between our members as well as the League's relationships within our community. The women of the JLS do some incredible work in our community, and so much of this work is fueled by the relationships we cultivate.

Attending the AJLI Annual Conference was one more sign of a return to normal. The theme of the conference this year – Lighting the Way Forward – was fitting for where we are as not just an Association of Junior Leagues all over the world, but for where we were as the Junior League of Spokane: ready to take our next steps forward.

While it is only mid-year, our members have already accomplished so many wonderful things! We participated in a summer Impact project to collect used books, place JLS stickers in them, and distribute them to Little Free Libraries around Spokane. There was a specific focus on distributing these books to libraries in communities served by our Book Fair in West Central and East Central Spokane, as well as to libraries on walking routes to elementary schools to ensure all children have access to books. Another exciting accomplishment was the inaugural Golf Outing Fundraiser in August, which raised over \$1500 and brought together a number of new faces to learn about and support the JLS. Finally, we held our first in-person Touch-a-Truck since 2019 at the Spokane Community College, where we had a turnout of over 1,000 adults and children and raised over \$8,000 to continue the valuable work of the JLS.

One of the most exciting things happening in our League this year is that we are conducting research on changing our focus area. Not only will it change the philanthropic focus for our League, but we are also training a new group of women to identify needs in our community and develop ways to address those needs. Additionally, we were fortunate to be gifted a membership to Priority Spokane to assist our Focus Area Research team in identifying a new focus area. Our 2021-2024 Strategic Plan identifies a goal to leverage our members' training and leadership development to develop League participation in a coalition of community partners with similar focus. As we work to accomplish this goal, I'm particularly pleased to see our League cultivate relationships with other organizations with common interests in serving the needs of our community.

More than any one thing by itself, I enjoy and look forward to more opportunities to gather with members and continue to rebuild the connections we lost during the last 2 years. There are so many wonderful stories of Junior League friendships and experiences. These stories have a magical way of building bridges between our past and future; between our League and our community; and between our members. Jackie Worobec, Sustainer Director, was president of the JLS in 2014-2015 during my first year as an Active member. We have brainstormed for several years on how to create the robust member experience that so many of our members, both Actives and Sustainers, crave. I hope you find value in the opportunities that have arisen.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in the JLS alongside so many inspiring women. I am thankful that as we look forward, it is with the women who make up the JLS that I get to take this journey of leadership, learning, and community. Together, our members light our way forward and I am excited to see where the journey takes us.

With gratitude,  
Ashley Manfred  
JLS President, 2022-2023



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### JESSICA GREGGS GREEN

Jessica Greggs Green was the 2021-2022 Active of the Year. Jessica was nominated for being an exemplary servant leader with the Junior League of Spokane and the community. In her 9 years of service, Jessica has served on the following committees: Touch-a-Truck, Impact, Book Fair, Book Bank, and Leadership and Development (including as Chair). This year, Jessica is double placed on the Membership and Focus Area Research committees.



Jessica has loved her time with the Junior League of Spokane, especially now that her children are older (ages 5 and 8). Jessica's favorite JLS memory is attending the SLBI Conference this summer in Orlando, Florida where she loved getting to know her five travel partners better.

Jessica is from Seattle and is a University of Washington graduate. Jessica has been married to her husband Jordan Green for 13 years and they have two kids, Jaden and Josephine. Jessica is a Washington sports fan, especially for Gonzaga basketball where Jessica's husband is a Gonzaga Women's Basketball Coach. Jessica loves to travel, spend time with family, volunteer, listen to audiobooks, spend time at Loon Lake, hang out with friends, cats, cooking (big foodie!), art, and wine tasting.

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## SUSTAINER SPOTLIGHT

### JACKIE WOROBEC

As the 2022-2023 Sustainer Director, Jackie Worobec is well suited for the role. Jackie joined the Seattle League in 1994 and transferred to Spokane in 2011 as a Sustainer. After Jackie was convinced to return to active status, she became the Funding Director, President-Elect, and President. In addition to these roles, Jackie served as Training Chair, Cookbook Chair, Treasurer Assistant, and hosted Northwest Exchange three times.



Throughout her years with the Junior League of Spokane, Jackie has learned something new in each placement, whether it was a new skill or something about herself. While hard to choose, Jackie's favorite memory is attending an AJLI Annual Conference where she was inspired by women working towards the same mission. If Jackie could give one piece of advice, she would tell you to allow yourself to experience a leadership role – you'll gain so much and never regret it!

Jackie is unofficially retired from over 20 years in the non-profit arena where her JLS skills were well utilized. Jackie served on several non-profit boards and was a United Way Loaned Executive. Jackie has been married to Bruce for 27 years and has a 4-year old yellow lab named MaiTai. You can find Jackie golfing, traveling, doing hot yoga, sipping wine with friends, and enjoying book club!

## 12TH ANNUAL TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended the 12th Annual and first in-person Touch-a-Truck since 2019! Fire trucks, ambulances, police cars, and the Idaho Big Potato were some of the exciting things attendees could explore. This successful event raised money to support the Junior League of Spokane and our mission to help improve childhood literacy in the Spokane community.



## 2022 SLBI CONFERENCE

In August 2022, six members from the Junior League of Spokane were able to attend the Small Leagues Big Impact (SLBI) Conference in Orlando, Florida. While there, they had the great fortune to learn from the SLBI leadership team about best practices in recruitment, member engagement, belonging, diversity, equity and inclusion, and fundraising. They also networked with leaders from other leagues and brought home several new ideas to help keep the JLS a premier training organization for women in the Greater Spokane community!



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: JESSICA GREGGS GREEN, BRIA NIELSEN, ELISABETH SIBULSKY, SORCHA COOMES, MELISSA CONDON, AND CAITY HARPER

## PUMPKIN SOUP

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter

6 green onions, chopped

1 medium to large onion, sliced

3 cups pumpkin purée

6 cups chicken broth

1/2 teaspoon salt

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

2 tablespoons butter

White pepper to taste

1 cup half-and-half

1 tablespoon butter

2 tablespoons lime juice, or to taste

Finely chopped parsley

Crème fraîche

Shelled pumpkin seeds (pepitas)

Melt 1/4 cup butter in a large saucepan. Add the onions. Sauté until the onions are golden brown and tender. Add the pumpkin purée, broth, and salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Strain the soup, discarding the solids. You may refrigerate the soup at this point. Return the soup to the saucepan and heat through.

Knead the flour and 2 tablespoons butter together. Add to the soup gradually, whisking constantly. Bring to a boil. Boil until thickened, whisking constantly. Season with white pepper. Stir in the half-and-half, 1 tablespoon butter, and the lime juice. Cook until heated through. Ladle into soup bowls. Garnish the soup with parsley, crème fraîche, and pumpkin seeds. (Toast the pumpkin seeds lightly for the best flavor.)

Serves 8

*This delicious recipe is from our 2007 cookbook, **Still Gold'n**. For more great recipes, please email [FRM@jlsokane.org](mailto:FRM@jlsokane.org) for a copy of your own!*

## Support the Junior League of Spokane!

Since 1924, the women in the Junior League of Spokane have worked for the betterment of the Spokane community. We see the issues. We create solutions. We change the community we live in for the better, all while developing leadership skills and training women who join the mission of the Junior League of Spokane.

The work we do is worthy of your support. Your investment not only empowers the Junior League of Spokane to develop civic leaders, but expands the capacity of our non-profit partners. Your donation allows us to continue to enhance the community in which we all live. Thank you in advance for your support.

Visit [www.JLSpokane.org](http://www.JLSpokane.org) to support the Junior League of Spokane today.

## SAVE THE DATE

# Holiday Luncheon

DECEMBER 3, 2022

SPOKANE CLUB

11am Social Hour; 12pm Lunch



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# 2022-2023 LEADERSHIP

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- ASHLEY MANFRED - PRESIDENT
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- MELISSA CONDON - ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR
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- ANN SMITH - LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CHAIR
- JACKIE WOROBEK - SUSTAINER DIRECTOR

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- WHITNEY BOWERMAN - TOUCH-A-TRUCK
- JAMIE BOYD - MEETINGS AND ARRANGEMENTS
- JULIE CORNELISON - BOOK BANK
- CAITY HARPER - FOCUS AREA RESEARCH; MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS
- HOLLI HIGGINS - MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS
- SARAMAE HUFF - IMPACT
- CLAIRE HURD - MEETINGS AND ARRANGEMENTS
- STEPHANIE KREBS-ANDERSON - PLACEMENT
- NIKI MOORE - LEAGUE PARTNERSHIPS
- ABBEY PARSONS - MEMBERSHIP RETENTION AND BELONGING
- ANN SMITH - LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- CASSIE STEIN - FUNDING RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
- STEPHANIE WATSON - LEAGUE PARTNERSHIPS
- NICOLE WILLIAMS - MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AND ENGAGEMENT



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