



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SPOKANE

Women building better communities®

League At A Glance

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President's Message

Welcome to the 2017-2018 League Year!

For more than 90 years, the Junior League of Spokane has been promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. In other words, we are an organization of women, making sustainable improvements in our community as a result of the civic leadership training and expertise we obtain through our experience in the Junior League.



Last May, shortly after accepting the President's gavel, I spoke with our Active & Sustaining Members about this year's theme: "Growing Our Future." My goal for this year is not only to grow as an organization but to grow as individuals. I asked the Active members to put some serious thought and consideration into volunteering for and accepting leadership roles within the League. I am grateful to the women in the League who have encouraged me to step outside of my comfort zone and accept leadership roles throughout my time in the JLS. I encourage all Active members to do the same and say "yes" when presented with the opportunity; you won't regret it.

I asked our Sustaining Members to help "Grow Our Future" by volunteering to lead mini trainings at this year's General Membership Meetings. To quote Vicki Clark, "The best thing a woman can do for another woman is to transfer knowledge." We are very fortunate to have this wealth of knowledge right at our fingertips. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to transfer your knowledge this year. We are excited to learn from you, gain some valuable skills and foster new relationships.

I am also very grateful that we are working together as a League to update our Strategic Plan. I presented the Organizational Goals of our Strategic Plan at the September GMM. I asked each...

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committee to work together to write strategies to meet these goals. These strategies are due to the Board by November 30th and each committee will then present their strategies at the January GMM. In addition to working together to write the Strategic Plan, we are... unifying the entire JLS around the organizational goals and making sure all members have a role in its development and implementation.

There is so much to be grateful for this year. It is a true honor to serve as the President of the Junior League of Spokane. I am grateful for this opportunity and for the support I've received this year. Thank you all for *choosing* to support the Junior League of Spokane through your dues payments, annual appeal donations, time and talents. We could not support our community, our mission or our membership without each and every one of you!

With gratitude,
Maria Cahill
President 2017-2018

Sustainer of the Year Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2017 Sustainer of the Year Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize a Sustaining Member of the Junior League of Spokane who demonstrates our mission through her community service and support of the Junior League of Spokane. The following criteria should be considered:

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Please submit your nomination forms to Michelle Grady and Catherine Brazil by Friday, November 10th. Send by mail to; Junior League of Spokane PO Box 4563, Spokane WA 99220 or by email to shangrady@aol.com or brazilc@uw.edu.

Touch A Truck

This year's Touch-A-Truck, in its 7th year, proved to be the most profitable and well-attended event to-date. The popular fundraiser and community event was held on Saturday, September 23rd, 2017, at Spokane Community College, **set a record high for income, taking In nearly \$12,000, and a record of over 2,200 attendees.** On top of that, 32 trucks participated, a new high for the event. Highlights included both old and new favorites, including: the Sheriff's department helicopter making an exciting landing during the event; Smokey Bear and his Department of National Resources crew; the Washington State Patrol drug dog Ginger & her handler, Trooper Elkins; and numerous other awesome trucks and vehicles that were explored by over a thousand kids!



Huge Thanks to our 2017 Participants!

- Department of Natural Resources (WA DNR)
- City of Spokane Solid Waste Collection Department
- FedEx Express
- Adams Tractor of Spokane
- Sunshine Disposal
- Hill's Automotive
- Divine's Corporation
- Inland Power & Light
- SCRAPS
- Spokane Transit Authority
- Spokane Flower Power Music
- INBC (Blood Mobile)
- Food Services of America
- Air Force
- Jerome Green
- AMR
- CAL Cars
- Jones Sprinklers, INC
- K&N Electric Motors
- Ken & Kathy Stout
- MovHer
- Robert & Marlene Krebs
- Spokane County Sheriff
- Spokane Cremation and Funeral Services
- Spokane Fire Department
- Spokane Police Department Community Outreach
- Washington State Patrol
- Soccer Tots
- Partners with Families & Children
- Meals on Wheels
- Spokane Public Library
- Hugs & Noses



And Our 2017 Touch-A-Truck Sponsors...

- Inland Power
- Spokane Pediatric Dentistry
- NW Building Components
- Divines Corporation
- Adam's Tractor
- INBC
- Sunshine Disposal
- Hill's Automotive
- Jones Sprinklers
- Kershaw's Inc
- Kids Newspaper
- Drew Heidergott DDS
- Spilker Precas
- Mandere Construction
- Lukins & Annis
- Pizza Rita



Red Hot Night

Red Hot Night 2018 will be held on Saturday, February 10th - Mark your calendars! We are looking forward to celebrating the impact JLS has in the community as well as providing entertainment, the very popular chef competition, silent auction and live auction with fabulous items. We also have some fun surprises in store...



The Red Hot Night committee really appreciates the support of the sustainers for attending and donating to the event! Thank you for advancing your legacy of meaningful service in Spokane and the Inland Northwest.

Tickets will be on sale soon - Please check the JLS Facebook page and the weekly eBlast for additional information. This year we are providing reserved seating so that you will have a reserved spot with your friends.

We hope to see you on February 10th. Laissez le bon temps rouler!

2018 Red Hot Night Committee

Recent Activity Regarding the Johnson Amendment in the U.S.



In its response to the Advisory Resolution on Junior Leagues Not Endorsing Specific Candidates, which was adopted at the 2017 AJLI Annual Conference, the AJLI Board pledged to keep you updated and to take appropriate action. In the July 18 All League Email, AJLI reported recent legislative activity on the Johnson Amendment. Specifically, the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Committee approved a rider that would prevent the IRS from taking action against churches that violate the prohibition against direct participation in partisan electioneering.

Support for preserving the Johnson Amendment has grown to 4,800 national and local nonprofits, including several individual Junior Leagues. Support for preserving the Amendment also includes one hundred religious denominations and organizations, more than 3,000 religious leaders, houses of worship, and foundations and 72 percent of American voters. After careful consideration, and out of respect for the strong sentiment voiced by delegates at Annual Conference about keeping partisan politics out of nonprofits, the AJLI Board has decided to sign the letter of support developed by the National Council of Nonprofits.

Visit the following link for the press release and the sign-on letter from the National Council of Nonprofits. The press release includes links to a complete list of all of the signees, as well as more detail about the most recent activities in Congress.

<https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/article/nonprofits-congress-dont-politicize-houses-of-worship>



Member News

Stephen & Megan Sennett welcomed their daughter, Kathryn Tighe Sennett on August 10, 2017, weighing 6 lbs. 7 oz., and 18.75 in. long. Kate's been keeping the new parents on their toes but they couldn't be happier to be a family of 3.



Congratulations to **Kelsey Parker** and **Emily Arneson** for their inclusion in the Inland Business Catalyst 20 Under 40 for 2017!



Holland Patterson welcomed a new baby.

Cora Verge got married AND she was also named "Chapter Member of the Year" for the Spokane County Chapter of Washington Women Lawyers.



Molly (Moffett) Winston got married to Sean on August 26, 2017 at Barrister Winery in Spokane, then went to Fiji for the honeymoon.



Emily Arneson is the recipient of the Washington State Bar Association's 2017 APEX Award for Outstanding Young Lawyer.

Sustainer, **Mary Kuney**, was recently sworn in as Spokane County Commissioner.



Lesley (Reckord) Gangelhoff got married over the Summer.

Member News (Cont.)

Membership Transformation

As a League, we are participating in AJLI's Membership Transformation Rollout. Our goal is to increase member engagement and satisfaction for all of our members by providing varied opportunities for members to connect with each other, making sure all members have a voice and a choice, and improving placement processes to optimally deploy and develop our members' talents.

This year, Active members will notice a substantially updated placement process and an affirmative commitment to the Mission and work of the League in the form of a Member Compact, which will be submitted with the Placement Interview. Sustaining Members will not notice much change in the Membership Renewal process for this year. All members will notice some additional social and training opportunities, including some fun trainings aimed at Sustainers. Please keep an eye out for these!

For questions regarding the Membership Transformation, please feel free to contact any member of the Board, your transformation team liaison, or Niki.

Membership Transformation Team

Leader: Niki Moore

Admin Liaison: Emelie Braxton

Community Liaison: Clariese Côté

Funding Liaison: Lisa Andrews

Membership Liaison: Ashley Manfred

Sustaining Liaison: Libby Cousins

At-large Members: Mary Lynn Boardman, Chrystal Ortega

Member Portal

In addition to the fabulous new website, we now have access to a new member portal which allows online access to the directory (with photos), important documents, and single sign-on to AJLI resources. An invitation to create a log-in was sent out by AJLI on August 30th with the subject line "Invitation to join our new Member Portal - JL.org".

If you have not yet created a login, I invite you to do so. Please don't hesitate to contact Niki Moore at membershipdirector@jispokane.org to ask for the invitation email to be resent or for other help with the portal.

Upcoming Events

- Nov 10, 2017 - Outstanding Sustainer Nominations Due
- Nov 21, 2017 - GMM at the Philanthropy Center
- Dec 8, 2017 - Holiday Luncheon at the Manito Country Club
- Feb 10, 2018 - Red Hot Night at the Spokane Convention Center
- Apr 14, 2018 - Book Fair at West Central Community Center

Board of Directors

President: Maria Cahill

President-elect: Ann Smith

Treasurer: Cora Whitney

Treasurer-Elect: Megan Sennett

Sustainer Co-Directors: Catherine Brazil and Michelle Grady

Administrative Director: Melissa King

Community Director: Emily Arneson

Membership Director: Niki Moore

Funding Director: Michelle Grover

Parliamentarian: Stephanie Krebs-Anderson

LDC Chair: Christa Clarke

Presidential Assistant: Kristin Orwig

Committee Chairs

Meetings and Arrangements: Emelie Braxton

Marketing and Communications: Amy Cox

Book Bank: Sarah Love

Book Fair: Clariese Coté

Red Hot Night Co-Chairs: Krista Caro and Ann Smith

Impact: Chrystal Ortega

Funding Resource Management/Marketplace: Melinda Bowman

Touch a Truck: Stephanie Krebs-Anderson



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SPOKANE
OUTSTANDING SUSTAINER APPLICATION FORM
Submission Deadline: Friday, November 10, 2017

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I would like to nominate the following woman for the Outstanding Sustainer Award.

Nominee Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Describe the Nominee's community involvement by listing bullet points which highlight a program/project in which they were actively involved:

Current involvement (please list by using bullet points):

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Past Involvement in the Junior League and Community (please list by using bullet points):

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Professional Involvement (please list by using bullet points):

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Please write a short paragraph describing how the nominee continues to support the Junior League of Spokane and its purpose.

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The JLS welcomes all women who value our mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations, and communities.

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