

LEAGUE AT A GLANCE

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SPOKANE

SPRING 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we close out the 2022-2023 League year, I could not be more proud and grateful to the JLS members who helped further our mission in advancing women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. Through our impact projects, fundraisers, and member events, we improved the lives of those in the Spokane community.

It is my privilege to highlight some of our incredible accomplishments this year:

- Adopted a new mission statement
- Impacted the community through over a dozen impact opportunities, with organizations including Jonah Project, 2nd Harvest, Little Free Libraries, and Spokanimal
- Sunsetted the book fair and distributed the supplies to local organizations that support literacy development
- Dispersed over \$2,300 in book grants to get books into the hands of children
- Approved a new focus area, condensing a multi-year process into just 10 months. Our focus is now to improve access to basic needs in order to alleviate sources of stress and increase resiliency for women, children, and families who have experienced adverse childhood experiences and/or trauma
- Reestablished our mentoring program to support members in pursuing connections and opportunities both in and out of the JLS
- Established a new way to give, initiating 7 active and 12 sustainer members into the 1924 Giving Circle
- Exceeded our annual fund goal by over \$1,500 - thank you to all who contributed!
- Established a successful new fundraiser in the Golf Outing, raising over \$1,500
- Increased membership by 10%
- Implemented a new member portal, creating easier access to events, member directory, and payments
- Joined and secured funding for ongoing membership in Priority Spokane, a partnership of local organizations focused on tackling Spokane's most pressing social issues
- Began work on adopting a land acknowledgment
- Attended AJLI's Annual Conference where a new diversity value standard for AJLI was adopted: We believe that creating and sustaining a diverse Membership is critical to our Mission. Living the value of Diversity means we are committed to centering equity, inclusion, and belonging in our individual, organizational, and community relationships.



As you can see, the women of the Junior League of Spokane were once again hard at work developing their skills as leaders, serving the community, and building lifelong relationships. As I reflect on my own experiences this year, I am inspired by our members and their collective commitment to the JLS, our work, and the Spokane community. A speaker at the Annual Conference compared Junior League to a rose: although beautiful, roses have thorns and sometimes cause us discomfort. Likewise, not every experience in Junior League is beautiful and perfect. The work may get thorny and uncomfortable, but there's always beauty and joy to be found if we look for it. It has been an honor to be part of and lead this group of impactful women, and I look forward to the exciting endeavors in the next year.

With gratitude,
Ashley Manfred
JLS President, 2022-2023

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

SAMANTHA COOK

Samantha Cook has been a member of the JLS since October 2022 and serves on the Partnerships Committee. For the 2023-2024 year, Samantha will serve as the Treasurer Elect. Samantha's favorite JLS memory is attending the Northwest Exchange where she got a great sense of the Junior League and the impactful work we are doing. Outside of the JLS, Samantha is an Operations Director of an Applied Behavior Analysis Clinic, is married with an almost-5 year old, a 3 year old, and a black lab. Samantha has been in the greater Spokane area since 2011 and enjoys crafting, reading, hanging in her yard with family, and hobby beekeeping.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

NICOLE O'CALLAGHAN

Nicole O'Callaghan joined JLS as part of the 2022 Fall New Member Class and currently serves on the Impact Committee. Next year, Nicole will be Chair Elect for Touch-A-Truck. Nicole's favorite JLS memory is volunteering at the Santa Breakfast - the experience pushed her out of her comfort zone and inspired her to find ways to get more involved in the community. Outside of JLS, Nicole is a stay-at-home mom to a 7 and 5 year old. She enjoys suspense and thriller novels and acrylic painting.



SUSTAINER SPOTLIGHT

BETSY WILKERSON

Betsy is a JLS Past-President and recipient of the 2022 Sustainer of the Year award. Betsy joined the Junior League of Spokane in 1989. During her time in the Junior League, Betsy led the inaugural ball for Mayor Jim West and focused on initiatives around empowering women and helping children. Betsy was appointed to the Spokane City Council in 2020, was re-elected in 2021, and named a 2023 Woman of Achievement award honoree for Government and Public Service by the YWCA! As a leader in Spokane, Betsy is often been recognized for her humility, intelligence, kindness, and ability to prioritize people above all else.



IMPACT PROJECTS

We started 2023 strong with 14 impact projects! Thank you to everyone who volunteered.



Lunar New Year



Miryam's House



Project Beauty Share



Family Promise



2nd Harvest



Book Bank Blowout

HUCKLEBERRY CRUMBLE

CRUMB TOPPING

1/2 cup sugar

1/3 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, cut into small pieces

HUCKLEBERRY FILLING

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, softened

3/4 cup sugar

1 egg

1 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup milk

2 cups fresh or frozen huckleberries

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

For the topping, combine the sugar, flour and cinnamon in a bowl and mix well. Cut the butter into the sugar mixture with a pastry blender until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

For the crumble, beat the butter and sugar in a mixing bowl with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add the egg and beat until smooth. Sift the flour, baking powder and salt together in another bowl. Add the flour mixture alternately with the milk to the butter mixture, beating well after each addition. Gently fold the huckleberries into the batter. Spread the batter in a greased 8x8-inch baking pan. Sprinkle evenly with the topping. Bake for 45 minutes. Cool slightly before serving.

Serves 8

This delicious recipe is from our 2007 cookbook, Still Gold'n. For more great recipes, please email 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 to support the Junior League of Spokane today.

SAVE THE DATE

Junior League of Spokane
Golf Outing

August 19, 2023
The Plains Golf Course



Stay tuned for more details!