

LEAGUE AT A GLANCE

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SPOKANE

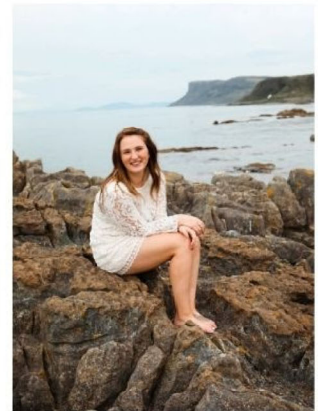
SPRING 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2023-2024 year has been busy and time has flown! It has been and continues to be an honor to have served as the President of this League. The women of our League have been busy this year making connections in the community, recruiting new members, and committing to their own personal development.

As I reflect on this wonderful year, here are some of the highlights:

- Inaugural International Find the Good Day
- Adopted a Land Acknowledgment and supported two indigenous businesses in town (Indigenous Eats and Sister Sky)
- Seven Habits of Highly Effective People Trainings
- Impact events with Breast Intentions, Tom's Turkey Drive, Foster Santa Breakfast, and Our Sister's Closet
- Service Learning Opportunity with WorkSource Spokane
- Rolled out the new Junior League brand and provided a Branding and Marketing training from AJLI
- Held seven Meet the JLS opportunities all over town
- Member social events like BINGO, a pool party, a WSU watch party, and a vision board night
- A successful (and rescheduled) second annual Golf Outing
- Seven fundraisers that exceeded Funding's budget
- Participated in recruitment opportunities at the Women Lead Conference and Women's Expo
- Sent 13 members to in-person conferences
- Increased membership by 10%
- Provided trainings with seven different trainers related to League improvement and our focus area
- Adopted new Onboarding Packet for New Members created by our President-Elect and Membership Director
- Sent out the first Sustainer Newsletter



In addition to being President this year, I welcomed my daughter in August. As she grows and I see the world through a new lens, the importance of the work the Junior League does for its women has increased. I hope one day that she pursues personal and professional development in a League in order to positively contribute to her community.

In 2024-2025, we enter our centennial year. It is humbling to be a member of an organization that has been creating a positive impact for our community for one hundred years. The women of the Junior League of Spokane continue to pursue our focus area of improving 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 (ACEs) and trauma. I look forward to how our League further educates itself and makes a positive impact working with those experiencing trauma and ACEs.

In gratitude,

Sorcha Coomes
JLS President, 2023-2024

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

KATIE MATHEWS

Katie Mathews has been in the Junior League of Spokane for five years. She has served on Funding Resource Management (FRM), Membership, Touch-a-Truck, and Research and Development (R&D) committees, and is excited to take on the role of Community Director starting next year! Some of her fondest memories are coming together with other actives and sustainers to celebrate the re-opening of Spokane's Red Wagon and meeting women from around the region when JLS hosted Northwest Exchange. Katie is a Clinical Social Worker. She enjoys spending time with her partner and dog, working out at FarmGirlFit, cross-stitching snarky patterns, and spending time outside.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

AMANDA HENDERSON

Amanda Henderson joined the Junior League of Lansing in 2020 and transferred to JLS in 2022. She is currently the MarCom Chair, and has also served on Touch-a-Truck and Member Recruitment. Amanda is looking forward to serving as Membership Director starting next year. Her favorite thing about JLS is being able to jump into projects, activities and events with such wonderful and fun women. Amanda works as the Social Work & Wellness Manager at Communities in Schools of Spokane County. She enjoys spending time outside and family time with her husband, daughter and dog.



SUSTAINER SPOTLIGHT

JEANNE AGER

Jeanne Ager has been a part of the Junior League of Spokane for 58 years. She was active for six years and served as President in the 1972-1973 League year. Jeanne has been a sustainer for 52 years. She served on the Community Research, Public Affairs, and Rummage Sale committees. Some of Jeanne's favorite JLS memories include dancing in the Junior League Follies Fundraiser and sneezing and coughing and laughing with Dottie Greer in the lumber section of the Annual Junior League Rummage Sale! She loves spending time with her family, including grand and great grandchildren. She is an avid Gonzaga women's basketball fan and enjoys participating in Spokane's many community activities, as well as mentoring non-profits with careful training and fundraising processes.



2023-2024 LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

The second half of the 2023-2024 League year has offered several opportunities for gatherings, conferences, and impact projects.



Holiday Celebration

During the holiday season, members gathered for the annual JLS Holiday Celebration, and several members volunteered at Embrace Washington's Foster Santa Breakfast.



Foster Santa Breakfast



Service Learning Opportunity at WorkSource

Members had the opportunity to participate in the first of two Service Learning Opportunities at WorkSource Spokane, and share information with new members about supporting community partners.



Sarah and Michaela



Northwest Exchange

Six members attended the Northwest Exchange conference in Tacoma.

MARGARITA CHEESECAKE

Crust

4 ounces salted pretzels (to make 1 cup crumbs)
1/3 cup sugar
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, melted

Filling

24 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 cup sour cream
3/4 cup sugar
2 tablespoons Grand Marnier or Triple Sec
1 tablespoon tequila
1 tablespoon grated lime zest
4 eggs
Lime slices

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!

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

For the crust, place the pretzels in a food processor and pulse until fine crumbs form. Add the sugar and melted butter and process until blended.

Press the mixture evenly over the bottom and 1 inch up the side of a 9-inch springform pan. Place on a baking sheet. Bake for 5-7 minutes or until golden brown; cool.

For the filling, reduce the oven temperature to 325 degrees. Beat the cream cheese in a large mixing bowl for 1 minute or until light and fluffy. Beat in the sour cream, sugar, Grand Marnier, tequila and lime zest until smooth. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Wrap the bottom and side of the springform pan with foil. Pour the filling into the cooled crust (it will come up higher than the crust). Place in a roasting pan; pour in enough hot water to come halfway up the side of the pan.

Bake on the center rack for 1 hour and 10 minutes or until the cheesecake is set and slightly firm to the touch. Remove to a wire rack and let cool completely. Chill, tightly covered, in the refrigerator for at least 4 hours before serving. Garnish with lime slices.

Serves 12

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:

May Celebration Meeting!

Tuesday, May 21st
6:00pm
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