

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF POUGHKEEPSIE

2018-2019 & 2019-2020



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY

DANIELLE STRAUCH, 2019-2020 PRESIDENT



As our Centennial JLP year concludes, it is safe to say that the League continues to be #100yearsinspired.

On September 7, 2019, the League hosted a Centennial Celebration at the Poughkeepsie Tennis Club and proudly honored our century long mission of developing the potential of women and improving our community through effective action and leadership of volunteers. An iconic display of League service by decade was presented for viewing by our members that memorialized a century worth of JLP impact on the Hudson Valley area.

In mid-September 2019, we welcomed Provisional Members at a festive cocktail party at Farmer and Chefs restaurant in Poughkeepsie.

Throughout the Summer 2019 and into early Winter 2020, we once again participated in community events such as National Night Out, where we donated hundreds of books to Poughkeepsie youth, and we hosted numerous 19ths at Night as social gatherings among our members.

As we reached March of 2020, the JLP pulled together to face COVID-19, a pandemic which put the world on "pause". With social distancing challenges and a "virtual" world transition, the JLP Board and Members not only conducted official League business but also gave back to the community by donating to a domestic violence shelter and Dutchess Outreach; and by awarding a grant to Unshattered, who in turn utilized our award to produce face masks during these unprecedented times.

As of May 20, 2020, the League raised \$1,275.00 during its Hudson Valley Gives event. This year's donations were unparalleled and will be utilized to support the League's mission in the year to come!

We cannot wait for our 2020-2021 year to start! The League once again looks to promote membership, our Girls Empowerment event, as well as our signature community events. We also anticipate celebrating our new Board and Active members *in person* in the months ahead.

The JLP continues to grow stronger and more significant in the Hudson Valley community by fostering partnerships and empowering women of all ages. Thank you to the 2019-2020 Board Members for their leadership this year as well as all of our Members for their continued support. We are excited for the 2020-2021 Board and League Members to continue the next 100 years of JLP service!

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 2019



BY CAROLINE
BLACKBURN,
CO-CHAIR



One hundred guests joined us on Saturday, September 7, 2019 for the Junior League of Poughkeepsie's Centennial Celebration. Hosted at the Poughkeepsie Tennis Club, the black-tie optional event included a program honoring past League presidents and a highlight video featuring interviews of League volunteers. Guests enjoyed cocktails while perusing archival materials, photographs, and an extensive display of "antique" newspapers; one for each decade the League has served Poughkeepsie. All the guests sang a collective "happy 100th birthday" to the Junior League of Poughkeepsie and celebrated with a one-of-a-kind cake from La Deliziosa bakery in Poughkeepsie.

The League has Centennial Committee member Holly Goff-Brucher to thank for the decor and florals, and Mr. Bill Husted (husband to Committee member Sarah Husted) produced the video. The event also featured a small but valuable silent auction.

Sustaining Member and past-President, Margaret Hirst Nelson, offered her Prince Edward Island beach house and a very happy party of 7 won that prize. Mr. and Mrs.

Strauch (parents of President Danielle Strauch) offered a quintessential autumn weekend in the Berkshires: one night at the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, a pass to the nearby Norman Rockwell Museum, and a weekend bag and gas pass. John Hardy Boutique offered a diamond bracelet valued at over \$900 dollars; past President Linda Fakhoury secured that auction item through a friend at John Hardy. The auction also included a series of gift certificates to local restaurants for "date nights for a year", which was offered by Danielle Strauch. Centennial co-chairs Alicia Favata and Caroline Blackburn and Committee members Holly Goff-Brucher, Mallory Maggiacomo, and Sarah Husted are proud to announce that the event netted over \$11,000 in ticket sales, sponsorship and ads. Now, let's hurry up and celebrate 125 years so we can do it all again!

PROVISIONAL COCKTAIL PARTY SEPTEMBER 2018

The Provisional Cocktail Party was held this past year on Thursday, September 20th at Craft302 Lounge. There were a number of prospective provisional members who attended in addition to active members. The venue provided an excellent spread of food for the crowd to enjoy, while they mingled and learned more about what the Junior League of Poughkeepsie is about. It was an enjoyable evening had by all.

BY SARAH HUSTED,
CHAIR



PROVISIONAL COCKTAIL PARTY SEPTEMBER 2019

On September 19, 2019, we had a wonderful evening bringing together Actives, Sustainers, and Prospective Provisionals to kick off the 2019-2020 JLP Year at our Recruitment Event, hosted by Provisional Chairwoman Linda Fakhoury at Farmers and Chefs Restaurant in Poughkeepsie. Prospective Provisionals had the opportunity to meet and greet with Active and Sustaining members, and learn more about the League. The evening was a wonderful success, members and friends enjoying some great camaraderie, and delicious food and drink, and highlighting many of the initiatives that the JLP has taken on to fulfill the League's mission and give back to the community! JLP was proud to introduce a rolling admissions process for the 2019-2020 JLP Year, and had six new members join the JLP!

BY LINDA FAKHOURY,
CHAIR



8TH ANNUAL DENIM AND DIAMONDS

NOVEMBER 2, 2018

Co-Chairs: Alicia Favata and Jacqueline Altwerger

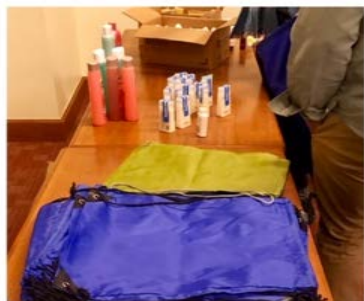


The Junior League of Poughkeepsie held its Eighth Annual Denim & Diamonds Gala on Friday, November 2, 2018 at Mill Creek Caterers honoring Women of the Year, Diana M. Cikatello, MD, Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrician with CareMount Medical, Julia Pagnoes Kammerer, Public Relations Supervisory at CareMount Medical, and Organization of the Year, The Silver Starlites.

This great even continued to build upon the success of prior years with funds being raised to support the Junior League of Poughkeepsie's programs and mission. Over 100 guests enjoyed live music and entertainment courtesy of Nellybombs, participated in a grand silent auction with multiple local items from the Hudson Valley, and bought raffle tickets for a chance to win a diamond jewelry set valued at \$650! Guests also relished in a dessert bar with delicious cupcakes and pastries donated by local bakeries.

Thank you to Digital Weddings Photography for the amazing pictures!

BY CAITLIN FRIEL AND
LAILA FAKHOURY,
CHAIRS



OPERATION HOLIDAY BOX 2018

Operation Holiday Box focused on supporting "Give Way To Freedom". "Give Way To Freedom" is a private operating foundation that creates and supports targeted, culturally relevant projects aimed at providing care and empowerment to survivors of human trafficking, as well as those vulnerable to trafficking. With the generous participation of the membership, we were able to donate roughly 10 boxes of supplies to benefit "Give Way to Freedom".

We then partnered with the organization at Marist College for a night of education and service, filling bags for future use. In total, we were able to put together close to 40 bags to be distributed to agencies likely to come into contact with potential victims of human trafficking!

19TH AT NIGHT GATHERINGS



PROVISIONAL FUNDRAISER 2018

On Tuesday, March 19, the JLP 2018-2019 Provisional Class (Melissa Clark, Carol Ann DeVito, Alison Funicelli, Heather Green-Kirk, Elisa Gwilliam and Liz Torres) hosted a fundraising paint night at the Hudson Valley Healing Center. The money raised during the paint night event helped to support the Provisional Class with their renovation project at the The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

In attendance were 28 painters, including JLP active members, family and friends. All who attended were treated to a 2 hour guided painting class, a variety of baked goods and snack, and wonderful raffle opportunities.

BY ALISON FUNICELLI



NATIONAL NIGHTS OUT 2018 & 2019

The Junior League of Poughkeepsie attended the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department's National Night Out in 2018 and in 2019 promoting literacy by giving away books donated by community members and Beekman Public Library.



HOLIDAY PARTIES

DECEMBER 2018 & 2019

BY MARGARET
HIRST NELSON,
2018 SUSTAINER
REPRESENTATIVE

2018 SUSTAINER REPS:
MARGARET HIRST
NELSON & CAROLYN
RYAN

2019 SUSTAINER REPS:
DIANE CICATELLO &
CAROLYNN FRANKEL



The 2018 Holiday Party was a great success with approximately 80 Sustainers, Actives and Provisionals in attendance. The Vassar Alumnae House was a festive setting with beautiful decorations created by our own Sallie Moore! Delicious hor d'ouerves were created by Twisted Soul and everyone renewed old friendships and built new ones.



GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT DAY

MARCH 2019

By Co-Chairs: Antoinette Jackson & Mallory Maggiacomo



The second annual Girls' Empowerment Conference was held on Saturday, February 23rd at the Cornell Boathouse at Marist College. We had twenty-six girls in grades 9-12 attend from all over the Hudson Valley including a local girl scout troop and members of the honor society from Poughkeepsie High School.

Our keynote speaker was Dr. Elizabeth Quinn, Associate Professor at Marist College who gave a very engaging presentation called, "How the Fearless and Fierce Manage Stress."

Our workshops throughout the day included Juliann Ross-Kleinmann, Technology Integration Specialist at Dutchess County BOCES who spoke about cyber bullying and Ozie Williams, Public Health Nutrition Coordinator at the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health spoke on nutrition and making healthy choices.

We were able to host a delicious lunch for the girls which was followed by Bridget Stillson, Undergraduate Admission Counselor at Marist College who gave a wonderful presentation on getting into college. At the end of the day, we had several Junior League members and members of the community run a session on different career paths. The girls participated in a "speed-dating" activity where they were able to go and speak to these women in several different professions such as law, medicine, teaching and fitness to name a few.

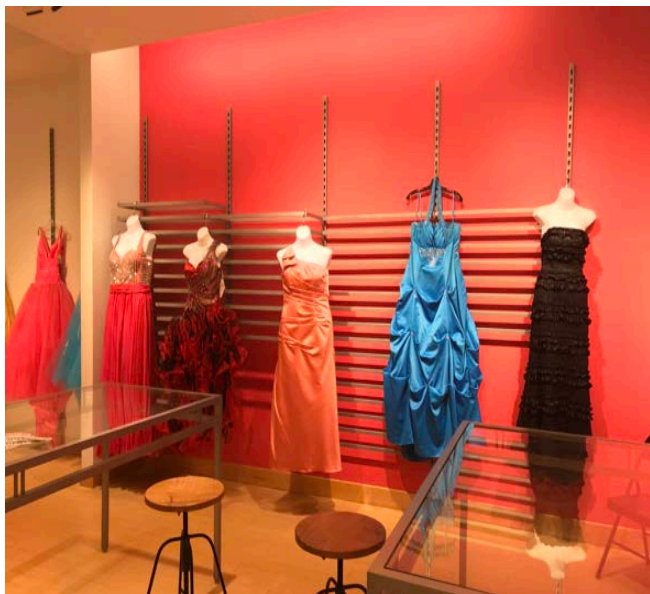
We were honored to have Herff Jones attend and raffle off a high school ring as well as raffle off several books by Eleanor Roosevelt called "You Learn by Living: Eleven Keys for a More Fulfilling Life."

Overall, we feel the day was a great success and received a lot of positive feedback from everyone involved. Thank you to the Girls' Empowerment Committee for their hard work and dedication to a great day!

6TH ANNUAL CINDERELLA'S CLOSET

APRIL 2019

Co-Chairs: Rianna Principe & Caitlin Friel



The Junior League of Poughkeepsie held its 6th annual Cinderella's Closet in a vacant retail space within the Poughkeepsie Galleria Mall on Sunday, April 7, 2019.

The League collected hundreds of dresses, shoes and accessories from our generous local donors. These contributions, along with the inventory left over from previous years, allowed us to provide free prom and special event apparel to over 100 young women. Hair and makeup was provided by Amber and her team from

Changes Salon and treats were donated by Sweets for Sami and over very own active member, Kim Helmeyer! State Farm was also in attendance, provided free insurance quotes. Thank you to the Committee, volunteer sand local partners for our most successful year yet.



CONGRATS TO OUR GRANT RECIPIENTS

2018-2019 Chair: Danielle Mitchell
2019-2020 Chair: Hope Jankunas Frederick

2019 JLP Community Grant Recipient: Matt Herring Foundation.

An organization dedicated to addressing the issue of addiction and provided support through education, advocacy, awareness and policy.



2020 JLP Community Grant Recipient: UNSHATTERED

Unshattered works with women in residential recovery programs to help them develop skills, find their strengths, and prepare for the future.



SUPER SATURDAYS

FEBRUARY 2019 & FEBRUARY 2020

2019 Chair: Board of Directors

2020 Chair: Deidre Dennis



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MOTHER'S DAY

FEBRUARY 2019 & FEBRUARY 2020

2019 Chairs: Christina Piracci & Meghan Lambert

2020 Chair: Linda Fakhoury

Every year the Junior League of Poughkeepsie hosts a Mother's Day Dinner for the mothers and their children from various domestic violence shelters in the area.



Happy Mother's Day

In 2020, due to COVID-19, we were unable to carry forward with this signature event. However, we partnered with the Grace Smith House and donated flowers and cupcakes for the mothers, to help spread some cheer, on behalf of the JLP. Hopefully next year we can continue giving to the community! Thanks to our community partner. Adams Fairacres Farms for always providing support.

2018-2019 JUNIOR LEAGUE OF POUGHKEEPSIE BOARD MEMBERS

President: Linda Fakhoury

President Elect: Danielle Strauch

Treasurer: Hope Jankunas Frederick

Recording/Corresponding Secretary: Jacqueline Altwerger

Nominating Placement Chair: Kim Helmeyer

Membership Council Chair: Amber Garcia

Community Council Chair: Erin O'Dea

Sustainer Reps: Carolyn Ryan and Margaret Hirst Nelson

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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF POUGHKEEPSIE

Organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. We reach out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

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BY THE NUMBERS

2019

100 YEARS
IN THE COMMUNITY



130 +
TRAINED VOLUNTEERS



\$3,000 +
AWARDED IN GRANTS
ANNUALLY



1,000 +
GOWNS DONATED

ANNUAL PROGRAMS

DENIM & DIAMONDS

Our annual Denim & Diamonds Gala honors two Women of the Year, and a local Organization of the Year.



OPERATION HOLIDAY BOX

Collected toiletries, clothing, food, bags, and gift cards for distribution to agencies that are likely to come in contact with potential victims of human trafficking.



MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

This event brings together women from several area shelters to celebrate their role as caretaker and women. These women are often victims of domestic violence and are in transition.

SUPER SATURDAY



Our annual training day boasts local speakers who educate our volunteers on how to be their best self

GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT DAY



A day of workshops giving local female students the opportunity to meet and interact with local professional women offering insight on how to become empowered woman



CINDERELLA'S CLOSET

This annual event helps high school students by providing more than 1000 prom dresses, in all sizes, at no cost!