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Annual Report 2013 - 2014

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MISSION

The Junior League of Greater Winter Haven, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and to improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

FUTURE VISION

The Junior League of Greater Winter Haven, Inc. will be recognized as a civic leader that effectively impacts our community individually and collectively. With a pioneering spirit, the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven will work to meet the needs of our community through trained volunteers, education, funding and collaboration.

REACHING OUT

The Junior League of Greater Winter Haven, Inc. reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in, and commitment to volunteerism. No woman shall be excluded from membership because of race, religion, national origin, or disability.

FINANCE REPORT

As April 30th 2014:

Fundraiser Income: \$38,536.70
 Community Project Expenses: \$17,136.89

Checking Account: \$32,647.27
 Savings Account: \$53,132.83

Respectfully Submitted:
 Paula Orcutt, Finance Vice President



"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth" - Muhammad Ali



Recipe: Lakeside Chicken Salad

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| 3 Chicken Breasts | 1 Medium Avocado |
| 2 Tbs light mayonnaise | 2 Tbs lime juice |
| 2 Tbs green onions (chopped) | 2 Tbs cilantro |
| salt and pepper to taste | |

Boil chicken in water in stock pot until done. Let chicken cool and shred. Put shredded chicken in medium bowl. Cut & seed avocado & scoop out inside. Put avocado on top of chicken. Pour lime juice over avocado. Add mayo and mix. Add green onions & cilantro. Season with salt & pepper. Chill before serving. Serve on bed of lettuce or croissants.



PRESIDENT-ELECT REPORT

Dear Members and Friends,

We have had a year of exciting change. We have said goodbye to some longstanding projects and fundraisers and said hello to some new ones. With change, new challenges often emerge. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our membership. We were able to successfully climb those mountains crushing them into anthills!



In the fall, we launched our new Splash of Citrus Cookbook at the 6th Annual Merry Market. The cookbook committee and Merry Market Committee devoted vast amounts time and energy raising money for our wonderful projects. I am truly humbled by the dedication those generous ladies enthusiastically honored our League with.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to our Merry Market fundraiser. Instead we are going to turn our attention to the Splash of Citrus Cookbook and the Light up the Night 5K race. We want to faithfully give our full support to those two fundraisers. I am super excited about what we have in store for the cookbook and 5K next year!

Our project committees have been hard at work impacting our community positively, as well. Kids in the Kitchen has been a great success partnering with Girls Inc. And our partnership with Agape, for our mobile food bus, has finished the year strong, and will continue too. It is such a good feeling to know that we are helping those in need feed their families healthy meals.

Big thanks, to Amy our president, for leading us through a fantastic Junior League year. It was great to stand by her side and I am very excited about what is in store for the League next year!

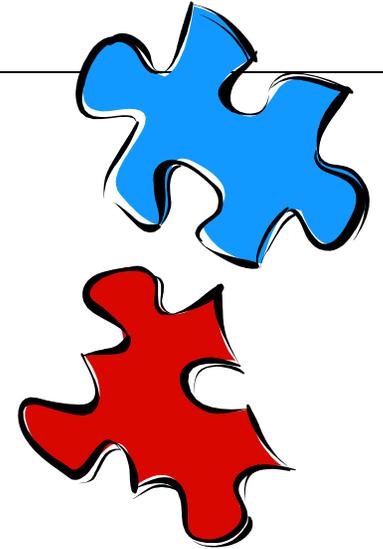


Jill Dunlop, President -Elect

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AJLI

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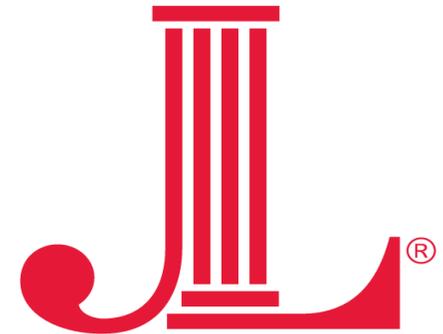


Our Vision

The Junior League: Women Around the World as Catalysts for Lasting Community Change.

Association Purpose

The purpose of the Association of Junior Leagues International Inc. is to add value to its Member Leagues in their fulfillment of The Junior League Mission.



CURRENT LEAGUE MEMBERS:

JaeLynn Akin, Katie Barris, Cindy Baxter, Jill Bentley, Jaime Bonifay, Anna Bostick, Blair Brooks, Katie Brooks, Melissa Burns, Brenda Crocker, Elizabeth Davis, Trula Donley, Jill Dunlop, Laura Frost, Erica Gill, Megan Gillis, Brandy Gray, Aleah Hearn, Christi Holby, Holly Hughes, Mary Beth Jackson, Jaleeann Johnston, Lauren Jones, Allison Lee, Dorian McGill, Amy McKee, Amy Miles, Jennifer Myers, Nicole Nikdel, Paula Orcutt, Courtney Pate, Renee Probyecky, April Porter, Adrienne Richardson, Nicole Roe, Jennifer Schaal, Martha Seney, Claire Simmons, Megan Smith, Julie Smith, Hannah Taylor, Peggy Threlkel, Laura Tomko, Amy Tucker, Mitsie Vargas, Jessica Walker, Lisa Weathersbee

1901

The Junior League is Founded

In 1901, Mary Harriman, a 19-year-old New York City debutante with a social conscience, forms the Junior League for the Promotion of Settlement Movements. Harriman mobilizes a group of 80 other young women, hence the name "Junior" League, to work to improve child health, nutrition and literacy among immigrants living on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Inspired by her friend Mary, Eleanor Roosevelt joins the Junior League of The City of New York in 1903, teaching calisthenics and dancing to young girls at the College Settlement House.

1907-1920

The Movement Expands

The second Junior League is formed in Boston, MA in 1907 and is soon followed by the founding of the Brooklyn, NY Junior League in 1910. In 1912, The Junior League of Montreal becomes the first League in Canada. Junior Leagues shift their focus from settlement house work to social, health and educational issues that affect the community at large. The Junior League of Brooklyn successfully petitions the Board of Education to provide free lunches in city schools. In 1914, the founders of the Junior League of St. Louis march for women's suffrage. During World War I, Junior Leagues play an active role, selling bonds and working in Army hospitals. The San Francisco Junior League forms a motor delivery service that serves as a model for the nationwide Red Cross Motor Corps.

1920s-1930s

In 1921, approximately thirty Junior Leagues create the Association of Junior Leagues of America (AJLA) to provide professional support to the Leagues. Dorothy Whitney Straight becomes the first AJLA President. During the 1920s, the Junior League of Chicago pioneers children's theater, an idea that is subsequently taken up by more than 100 Leagues across the country. Junior Leagues respond to the Great Depression by opening nutrition centers and milk stations. They operate baby clinics, day nurseries for working mothers, birth control clinics and training schools for nurses. Junior Leagues also establish volunteer bureaus to recruit, train and place much-needed volunteers in the community. Many Leagues create State Public Affairs Committees (SPACs) to influence public welfare policy. The Junior League of Mexico City joins the Association in 1930, further expanding the international nature of the organization. By this time more than 100 Leagues are in existence.

1940s

During World War II, Junior League members play a major role in the war effort by chairing hundreds of war-related organizations in virtually every city where Junior Leagues operate. Canadian and American League members serve overseas. Oveta Culp Hobby, a Houston League member, leads the Women's Army Corps. In 1940, the first Junior League cookbook, a compilation of recipes by The Junior League Augusta titled *Recipes from Southern Kitchens*, appears and begins a tradition of fundraising through cookbook publishing.



A Splash of Citrus Cookbook

Our newest fundraising venture is the creation of our very first cook book! A Splash of Citrus was released into the community in 2013. The league members and committee worked tirelessly on recipe editing, photo staging and layout designing to complete this book for printing. This cookbook will be an annual fundraiser for years to come as we are constantly developing our sales strategy. With only two fundraisers on the schedule for our 2014-2015 year, we will have many league members dedicated to cookbook sales. With all members on deck, we hope to sell 5,000 cookbooks in the years to come!



Fundraising Chairs and Co Chairs:

Merry Market—Jaime Bonifay & Elizabeth Whitehead
Breakfast with Santa – Provisionals & Hannah Taylor
Profit \$ 10,417.75

Light Up The Night—Blair Brooks and Brady Gray
Profit \$ 8,083.18

Cookbook Committee—Melissa Burns and Jaleeann Johnston
Cookbooks sold to date: 583



These groups spent many late nights planning the execution of these complex events. From the pipe and drape to Santa Claus and the porta-potties to the light towers, no stone was left unturned. We thank each member of these committees for the time they spent selflessly helping this league raise funds. Without their time and dedication with would not have raised the additional \$38,536.70 for the league during this 2013-2014 fundraising year.

The Junior League of Greater Winter Haven would like to thank our sponsors for all of their support this year. It is with their generous contributions that we are able to make such a positive impact in our community.



We would like to thank the members of the JLGWH and our sponsors throughout the community for supporting our 2013-2014 fundraisers, Merry Market, Splash of Citrus Cookbook and Light Up the Night. The money raised through these efforts directly impacts our projects and membership development.

6th Annual Merry Market

Merry Market is an exclusive 2-day shopping event with over 30 vendors set up at Nora Mayo Hall in downtown Winter Haven. The event is kicked off with Girls Night Out which includes gift bags, delicious appetizers, and drinks to accompany the shopping experience. We would like to thank the Merry Market Committee for organizing the vendor logistics and the volunteer support for this eventful weekend! The Cookbook committee organized the delicious appetizers for our shoppers to enjoy. Also, our provisionals and Hannah Taylor put together a fantastic Breakfast with Santa that included photos, treats and crafts. We received much praise from the parents and children. It is bittersweet to announce that we will no longer have Merry Market as a fundraiser. With 6 wonderful years behind us, we feel the league is ready for new fundraising opportunities!



2nd Annual Light Up The Night 5k

We ended the year with the 2nd annual Light up the Night Fundraiser which was a 5k and food truck event held in the park in Downtown Winter Haven. The night included a 5k race, tasty food trucks, live entertainment and race awards for age group winners, overall winners and best team spirit. The committee worked diligently with Mainstreet, the City of Winter Haven, Winter Haven Police Department, the Timing Company and other various groups to pull off this wonderful event. Coordinating a safe route, lining up the food trucks, advertising and obtaining necessary sponsors took a great deal of time and effort. Although, we may have fallen short our goal to beat 2013 race numbers, our committee worked diligently toward that goal. Next year, we feel a date change (due to Gasparilla) and increasing advertising efforts would help these issues.



1950s

By the 1950s, nearly 150 Junior Leagues are volunteering in remedial reading centers, diagnostic testing programs and programs for gifted and challenged children. Leagues collaborate in the development of educational television and are on the forefront of promoting quality programming for children. In 1952, the Mexico City League establishes the Comité Internacional Pro Ciegos, a comprehensive, international center for the blind. By the end of the decade, Junior Leagues are involved in over 300 arts projects and multiple partnerships in many cities to establish children's museums. The 1950s also marks the growth of regional Junior League cookbooks as a key fundraising tool, spearheaded by the Charleston League who aggressively and successfully markets its *Charleston Receipts* cookbooks to food editors and critics around the country.

1960s

In this period of great turbulence and social change, Junior Leagues rise to meet many challenges. As the decade progresses, nearly half the Leagues spearhead health and welfare projects, including alcohol programs, adoption services, clinics, convalescent care and hospital services, and many Junior Leagues begin to add environmental issues to their agendas. The Junior League of Toledo produces the educational film, *Fate of a River*, a report on the devastating effects of water pollution. Leagues also establish programs addressing the education, housing, social services and employment needs of urban residents. By now, more than 200 Leagues are part of the Association, which dedicates itself anew to building leadership skills and increasing membership diversity.



1970s

In 1971, the Association changes its name to the Association of Junior Leagues, Inc. (AJL). Throughout the 1970s, Leagues expand their participation in public affairs issues, especially in the areas of child health and juvenile justice. In 1973, almost 200 Leagues work with the National Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the U.S. Justice Department on a four-year program seeking to improve the criminal justice system. In Canada, the Canadian Federation is formed to promote public issues among the Canadian Leagues. In 1978, the first Junior League outside North America is established in London.

1980s - 211 Junior Leagues

During the 1980s, Junior Leagues in the U.S. gain recognition for advocacy efforts to improve the child welfare system. U.S. Leagues also help gain passage of the first federal legislation to address domestic violence. More than 100 Leagues develop the "Woman to Woman" campaign that actively and comprehensively tackles the impact of alcohol abuse on women. The Canadian Federation holds its first national conference focusing on violence against women and the negative impact of pornography. In 1981, Junior League of Phoenix member, Sandra Day O'Connor, becomes the first woman to be appointed a Supreme Court Justice of the United States. In 1988, the Association officially becomes the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI), better reflecting the international scope of the member Leagues. In 1989, the Association is presented with the prestigious U.S. President's Volunteer Action Award.

1990s - 294 Junior Leagues

In the early 1990s, 230 Leagues participate in a public awareness campaign to encourage early childhood immunization called "Don't Wait to Vaccinate." In 1998, Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker becomes the first Hispanic President of the Association. The Junior Leagues renew their dedication to the Junior League Mission. The Association's Board adopts goals to guide and position the Association for its second century. The goals stress the importance of the Association in helping Junior Leagues develop women for community leadership, achieve a shared, positive identity, and function as strong, viable and healthy organizations, consistent with The Junior League Mission.

2001-Present - The Junior League's Second Century

In 2001, Deborah Brittain, the Association's first African-American President, presides over The Junior League's centennial celebration. Maya Angelou, Nane Annan, and Gloria Steinem, among others, address the members at the Association's Annual Conference in New York City, site of the first Junior League. AJLI co-chairs the U.S. Steering Committee for the United Nations' International Year of the Volunteer (IYV) with the Points of Light Foundation. As part of IYV activities, President Vicente Fox recognizes the Junior League of Mexico City's members for their "high level of social leadership and human quality." In 2002, the Association launches the Junior League PR/Marketing Campaign, which includes a new brand logo and tagline. The Association's Board of Directors also launches its "Healthy League Initiative," a formal self-evaluation process designed to ensure that each League continues to achieve its full potential in its community by assessing its strengths and weaknesses. In 2006, more than 225 Junior Leagues participate in the launch of Junior Leagues' *Kids in the Kitchen*, an initiative to address the problems associated with childhood obesity and poor nutrition. The initiative is taken on long-term in 2007, with more than 255 Junior Leagues participating across four countries. In 2008, The Association of Junior Leagues International wins the Award of Excellence in the 2008 Associations Advance America Awards program, a national competition sponsored by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) and The Center for Leadership, Washington, D.C. for its *Kids in the Kitchen* program.



Grants 4 Greatness

We believe that motivated and inspired teachers know the needs of their students best. The Junior League of Greater Winter Haven awarded 25 grants up to \$250 to individuals who proposed innovative programs, participated in high-quality professional development experiences, had a need for resources, or presented an experience that profoundly affected their student achievement.

Congratulations to the following Educators and schools:

Fall 2013 Grant Recipients:

Jill Barr—Pinewood Elementary, Jessica Fredericks—Bethune Academy, Charissa Kesler—Union Academy, Jennifer Giles—Janie Howard Wilson Elementary, Deanna Brewer—Berkley Charter, Margaret Chaves—Union Academy, Robin Miller—Elbert Elementary, Luisa Meyer—Garden Grove Elementary, Molly Garrett—Janie Howard Wilson Elementary, Jane Gavin—Pinewood Elementary, Jennifer Spivey—Berkley Charter

Spring 2014 Grant Recipients:

Danielle Bilbrey—Chain of Lakes Elementary, Julie Sear—Grace Lutheran, Jessica Fredricks—Bethune Academy, Rachel Flores—Jewett School of the Arts, Barbara Murren—John Snively Elementary, Debby Pion—Bartow Elementary Academy, Claretta Simpson—Bethune Academy Magnet, Debbie Garbarech, Julie Sear & Martha Martinez—Grace Lutheran, Jessica Richardson—Berkley Charter, Erica Tatum—Berkley Charter, Sharon Francis—John Snively Elementary, Marissa Story—Janie Howard Wilson Elementary, Tanya Bowen—Sandhill Elementary

The Junior League of Greater Winter Haven had the privilege of presenting service learning grants to several area teachers this year. These grants were offered in addition to our existing Grants 4 Greatness program, and were made possible by a grant from State Farm. Service learning projects are those in which the students provide assistance to the community while meeting learning objectives.

Grants 4 Greatness continued to grow, with more applications than ever before. The decision-making process has become increasingly difficult as our program has grown—with so many deserving teachers and projects, we wish we could reward them all!

League members participated in three Done-in-a-Snap projects this year, helping other community organizations by providing volunteers for their projects. This year's projects were: Salvation Army Toy Shop; Toys for Tots; and Florida's Natural Charity Golf Classic.

At this writing, the winners of our community awards are still a secret to be announced at Spring Dinner. Two deserving high school seniors will receive \$1,000.00 toward their college expenses through our Silver Tassel program. Both students have made a significant impact in our community through leadership in volunteer activities. Additionally, we will award our Golden Gloves award to a community member who exemplifies the volunteer spirit in all that he or she does.

Amy Tucker
Community Vice President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

This year the members of the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven really lived up to our mission and focus of this incredible organization. The year kicked off in August and September as we held a socials for potential new members, followed by the first general membership meeting (GMM) in September where we were able to reunite with one another after the summer months. Our GMM's found a new home this year at the Bean and Grape Café, which provided a fun time to socialize with each other and host meetings where we discussed fundraisers, projects and more. During our monthly meetings, we focused on how to be a good leader and communicator, released the first copy of the most amazing cookbook ever – “A Splash of Citrus”, planned and brainstormed for fundraisers – Merry Market and Light Up the Night 5K, and rallied our League members as we geared up for three new or revised projects for our community—Junior League Mobile Bus, Kids in the Kitchen, and Manners Matters.

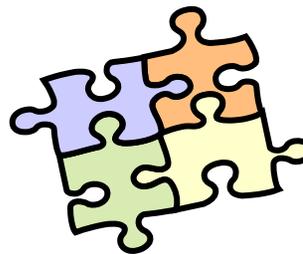
President: Jill Dunlop
Past President: Amy McKee
President Elect: Katie Barris
Membership VP: Jill Bentley
CRPD: Blair Brooks
Fund Development: Jamie Bonifay

Finance VP: Jennifer Schaal
Finance VP-Elect: April Porter
Communications VP: Holly Hughes
Community VP: Adrienne Richardson
Publicity Chair: Amy Miles
Provisional Class Chair: Hannah Taylor

Membership Advisors: Amy McKee, Amy Tucker, Nicole Roe, Paula Orcutt

In December, the above slate for the 2014-2015 Board and Membership Advisors was presented and then approved by our membership in January. We know that these members will be outstanding leaders for our League next year. We had a wonderful group of new Provisionals join the League this year and we look forward to their involvement and getting to know them for years to come. It has been a successful, challenging, but overall FUN year and we could not have done it without wonderful membership support from the entire League. From Sustainers, Advisory Actives, Active Members, and brand new Provisionals, every single lady helps to ensure that the JLGWH is an impactful organization striving to make a difference within our community. Thank you all for your hard work, your time, your talents, and your dedication to the JLGWH.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Holly Hughes, Membership Vice President



FAMOUS JL MEMBERS



Member	Positions & Community Service
Mary Harriman Rumsey	Founder of JL, National Resource Administration
Eleanor Roosevelt	First Lady; social reformer; humanitarian; author. US Delegate to the United Nations.
Oveta Culp Hobby	First Commander of Women's Army Corps; First US Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare
Sandra Day O'Connor	First Female US Supreme Court Justice
Barbara Bush	First Lady; literacy activist
Laura Bush	First Lady; literacy activist
Betty Ford	First Lady; substance abuse prevention activist
Nancy Reagan	First Lady; substance abuse prevention activist
Julia McWilliams Child	Chef; author of Mastering the Art of French Cooking
Eudor Welty	Author; Pulitzer prize for The Optimist's Daughter
Shirley Temple Black	Child actress; Delegate to the United Nations; US Ambassador
Katharine Hepburn	Actress; women's issues activist
Sarah Palfrey Cook Danzing	Tennis champion; two-time Wimbledon champion



Recipe: Sangria

1 bottle of dry red wine	3/4 cup of sugar
2 cups club soda	1.5 Tbs Grand Mariner
1 large orange	1 large lemon

In a pitcher combine wine, sugar, club soda & Grand Mariner in a pitcher and stir until the sugar is dissolved. Cut the orange & lemon in half & squeeze the juice from one orange half & one lemon half into the pitcher. Cut the remaining orange half & lemon half into thin slices & add to pitcher. Chill for a few hours to overnight. Serve over ice.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What a year we have had “Connecting our members to one another and our community . . . piece by piece.” I am so excited about everything we have accomplished this year. The women of the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven are absolutely fabulous and we can be so proud of the impact we have made in the greater Winter Haven area and beyond.

We started our year with Merry Market and Girls Night Out in November. We had an extremely successful fundraising event and we rolled out the red carpet to debut our Splash of

Citrus Cookbook. The Sustainers took part in their very own Sustainer Luncheon featuring items from the cookbook on Saturday during Merry Market. We also offered two sold-out seating's for Breakfast with Santa. All members of the League, including our new class of Provisionals were extremely involved in helping this amazing fundraiser come to life and connect with our community as well.

Thanks to our marvelous Kids in the Kitchen Committee, we were able to connect this year with Girls Inc., helping the girls make healthy and delicious snacks the 2nd Wednesday of every month. This program has been a huge success this year and touched many lives. We are confident that this program will continue to grow and thrive over the years to come.

The Junior League Mobile Food Bus was brand new this year and we were very excited to see how this project would blossom. Thanks to the JL Busy Committee for reaching out to Agape Food Bank of Lakeland, we were able to team up with them to provide a JL Mobile Food Bus in Eloise, Lake Wales, and the Inwood area. This amazing project has definitely helped us to connect to our community by providing them hygiene products, food for their households, along with JL love and support.

Another project we have undertaken this year is Manners Matters, where we go into local middle schools and work with them during their Manners Matters time. This time helps those students who might not have the chance, learn proper etiquette and professional manners which will come in handy as they continue their educational career.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

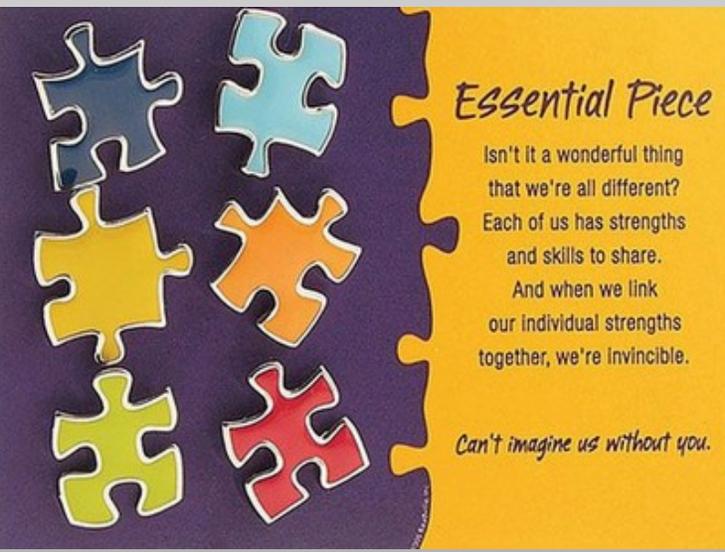
As I mentioned earlier, we debuted our Splash of Citrus Cookbook in November and the Cookbook Committee did a superb job bringing the cookbook to life. It is an absolutely gorgeous cookbook which everyone in the League can be extremely proud of. We still have many more to sell, so make sure you keep those sales going over the summer. Keep promoting the delicious recipes and beautiful cookbook that is a great gift for anyone, year round.

Our 2nd Annual Light Up the Night 5K and Food Truck Rally was held on February 21. The Committee did a great job creating a fun, exciting, and entertaining event for the entire family in downtown Winter Haven. Our hope is this event will continue to grow each year. We teamed up with Mainstreet Winter Haven this year to provide even more food trucks at the event.

What an incredible year this has been with the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven. I feel so blessed that I was able to serve as your President during the 2013-2014 year. I look forward to Jill Dunlop's leadership next year, as we "Grow Yourself, Grow the League!" Jill is incredibly gifted, talented and has tremendous passion for our League. I know you all will have a delightful time growing yourself under her leadership.

Thank you all for this opportunity to serve the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven. I have had an amazing Board this year and each of our members have been tremendous in our League's growth and success.

Blessings,
Amy McKee, President 2013-2014





This year has been very exciting for the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven. We launched two new projects, Kids in the Kitchen and the Mobile Food Truck. In addition, we continued to research and develop Manners Matters, our mentoring program, in conjunction with local middle schools. These three projects are the result of our members voting to focus on three issues that our community needs help with: Education, Health and Child Hunger.



Kids in the Kitchen was launched in early fall with the goal of taking what has been a very popular mini-project and expanding it to a more regular part of our community outreach. We partnered with Girls Inc. to provide an afterschool educational session to elementary school students one Wednesday a month. League members visited Girls Inc. and shared nutritional tips and healthy snack ideas with the girls. Each month we focused on a theme and introduced new foods that perhaps the girls have not seen before or don't have the chance to eat very often. Examples of the snacks include "Ants on a Log", trail mix, "Apple Smiles", fruit rainbows, healthy egg salad, home made hummus, and many more fun, yummy yet healthy snacks. Any leftover snack food was sent home with the girls to share the new snack and nutrition knowledge with their siblings. In addition to our monthly program with Girls Inc., the KIK committee participated in community events such as Polk County Family week and provided a healthy snack and activity for anyone interested in participating. In the coming months, we hope to identify other organizations that are interested in hosting Kids in the Kitchen workshops and also look for additional ways to introduce this project to the community.



The JLGWH Mobile Food Truck has been a very fun ride this year! We began in the fall with a lot of brainstorming on how to make this project a reality. After researching similar outreach organizations, we partnered with Agape Food Bank to successfully make our first Mobile Food Truck stop on March 15th at Guadalupe Catholic Church in Wahneta. Agape is a local food bank that accepts food donations and then resells the food by the pound to other organizations such as JLGWH who want to host a food giveaway. By partnering with Agape,

we have been able to leverage their connections to supply the food for our truck, and also identify target areas in our community that are most receptive to food giveaways. At our first mobile food truck stop we served over 150 families and over 200 families at the second stop. We have served over 19,000 pounds of food to the community and over 1,600 people. Their appreciation and smiles are priceless rewards for the time and funds devoted to this project.



Kids in the Kitchen has been a great project to tie in with our mobile food truck. We were able set a booth up at our first of the truck stops to educate, feed and entertain the children while the parents collect their food. Each mobile food truck stop takes a lot of support and volunteer hours from our league members. We were thrilled to have over 25 league members and 30 affiliated volunteers at each of our truck stops so far.

All of the project committees worked so hard this year and we are extremely grateful for the time and commitment that they gave. A special thank you to our committee chairs, Jill Bentley, Hannah Taylor and Paula Orcutt! We couldn't have had such a great year without your dedication and vision for what these projects could become.

**Respectfully Submitted,
April Porter, Community Research and Project Development**

2013-2014 Provisional Class

**Lisa Oakman-Carter, Allison Futch, Ashley Krieger,
Ashley Prince, Nicole Wynn,
Mary-Margaret Fisher, Claire Straughn,
Danielle Monroe, Erin Carden,
Amy Hayes and Kara Maschmeyer**

The provisional class really turned things up this year with meeting the new membership requirements for 2013-2014. They kicked things off with not just hosting breakfast with Santa at Merry Market, but helping to sell more tickets than the years past! They continued the year with volunteering at Kids in the Kitchen, Light up the Night, the Mobile Food Truck, selling Cookbooks, serving on the Teacher Mini Grants committee, LINKS and of course attending loads of meetings and socials! Together the provisional class gave OVER 160 hours of volunteer service! There is no doubt that this group of woman will continue to put the pieces together as active members of the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven.

**Hannah Taylor, Provisional Class Chair
Megan Gills, Provisional Class Co-Chair**

