PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

There’s something enchanting about summer. The hustle and bustle of the school year is behind us, the pressures of exams and projects all but forgotten, and long days stretch out ahead, promising popsicles, pool parties, and late nights. It goes by in the blink of an eye, really, just a couple short months until it’s back to the grindstone of backpacks, uniforms, and practices. But until then, good books, sleepaway camp, and vacations beckon us like moths to the campfire (where we’re making s’mores).

Junior League is no different – the rush to finish strong in May is past, and our new team of leaders see the possibilities of a new League year stretch out far in front of them, filled with ideas, improvements, and newly energized teams. The past year’s successes were notable – in May, JLTW welcomed 67 new members to its ranks, awarded over $80,000 in grants (totaling over $225,000 in annual gifts and programming back to the community), and honored many important and deserving members and projects. So now, with those events as inspiration, a new budget, and deadlines far enough out to not be stressful, the League takes time for a restart, as everyone gears up for another amazing year of service, training, and improvement. Behind the scenes, planning meetings are ongoing, new committees start to get to know each other, and many decisions are being made that will eventually result in major impacts to JLTW and the community.

I hope you all enjoy this time of revival – whether in beach houses loud with cousins, or quiet mountain hikes, or simply ice cream in the backyard – it’s a precious, fleeting time that can’t be recaptured. I’m honored to serve as the newest leader of this organization and to have this season of reflection and planning to spend with the new leadership team. The needs of our community are never far from my thoughts – and I’m impressed daily with the foresight, intellect, time, and dedication that JLTW members continually deliver, even during the summer. As we look forward to the next season, in the not too distant future, you can expect exciting trainings and events, an enthusiastic new member class, and a membership ready to serve the community, and one another.

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SOCIETY EVOLVES IN THE CARE OF BRAVE AND THOUGHTFUL LEADERS

JLTW Sustaining Advisor, Linda Martens, has been awarded the first ever Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Charity League. As a Member of National Charity League for more than 50 years, Linda has served as a Ticktocker, Patroness and is currently a Sustainer and member of the NCL, Inc. Leadership Development Team. Linda is someone who inspires leadership, and touches each person she meets with her admirable vision and strength. She is a true gem and NCL, Inc. is a better organization because of her contributions. Linda was also a founding member of what is now Junior League of The Woodlands. Her legacy fills both organizations!

Congratulations Linda, we are so proud of all you have accomplished and grateful to have you in our League!
Everyone’s “White Haute” attire was out for Junior League of The Woodlands and Interfaith of The Woodlands’ 2017 Giving Goes Glam Fashion Show and Luncheon Friday, April 7th. The event, sponsored by CHI St. Luke’s Health, featured a welcome reception, an auction and raffle, a fashion show headlined by Neiman Marcus Houston, and luncheon.
The event was a huge success and everyone did #GIVEGlamorously! All proceeds from Giving Goes Glam benefit community programs at both Junior League of The Woodlands and Interfaith of The Woodlands.

A special thank-you to GGG event Co-Chairs, Catie Fuller (JLTW), Darcy Bass (JLTW), Amy Young (Interfaith) and Amy Torres (Interfaith), who worked tirelessly with their joint committee to plan the 2017 Giving Goes Glam event.
The Provisional class assisted Giving Gowns again this year, showing true dedication as they worked together to build confidence and self-esteem in high school girls, regardless of their financial circumstances.

The Provisional class put smiles on the faces of over 1400 girls as they realized they would get to go to their formal event looking and feeling their best dressed in new and like-new dresses and accessories.

On Boutique Day they surrounded young ladies in the Houston area as positive role models and showed them grace and love just for being them - no strings attached. They welcomed girls from all walks of life and celebrated them as they learned about what defines true beauty.

**THE PROVISIONALS COLLECTED**
- Over 32,000 items for swag bags
- Almost 1300 dresses
- Over 2000 accessories/shoes

In three days they volunteered over 900 hours and served as fairy godmothers to 1412 teenage girls.
On May 16, 2017, Junior League of The Woodlands, (JLTW) hosted its May Annual Dinner to recap the 2016-2017 League year, recognize JLTW members for their contributions, and present over $80,000 to selected community partners through Community Assistance Funds (CAF) and Emergency Relief Funds (ERF). CAF recipient Home Place of Texas provided entertainment for the evening. “Listening to our partner, Home Place of Texas Performing Arts, sing Lean On Me was a highlight of the night and perfect way to end our year. The community can lean on JLTW, knowing our members are here to help,” said Bobbi Jo Miller, 2016-2017 JLTW President.

Congratulations to the 2017 CAF and ERF awardees: Arrow Ministries, Montgomery County Food Bank, Memorial Hermann Foundation, Texas Children’s Hospital, Tamina Community Center, Aldine Family Hope Center, Angel Reach, Bridging for Tomorrow, CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County, Cy-Hope, Home Place of Texas, Humble Area Assistance Ministries, Interfaith South County Community Clinic, Love Fosters Hope, Montgomery County Youth Services, Pregnancy Assistance Center North and The Woodlands Children’s Museum.
In addition to monetary donations, each year JLTW supports the local community with over 40,000 volunteer hours valued at $1 million dollars. Highlights for the year include:

- Over $220,000 donated back to the community
- 4800 backpacks with food and over 10,000 snacks delivered to nine schools through H.A.P.P.Y.
- 1800 educators attended IMPACT with $5500 donated to 11 schools through Dollar$ for Districts
- 1100 books donated through Literacy Carnival to the Aldine community
- 650 children learned healthy eating habits from Kids in the Kitchen
- 120 volunteer shifts completed with 15 community partners through Done in a Day
- 48 lives saved through Healing Hearts blood drive and over 900 activity bags and holiday stockings delivered to three community hospitals
- New Beginnings ministered to 21 human trafficking victims ages 12-16
- REACH funded ten foster care beds, donated over 200 items to the CPS Rainbow Room and delivered 180 meals to at-risk youth
Lastly, three deserving League members were recognized for their individual contributions to the League, as they went above and beyond to serve throughout the year.

Congratulations Allison Tinker [Active of the Year], Alicia May [Sustainer of the Year], and Candice Burrows [Provisional of the Year]; your dedication and enthusiasm are truly an asset to the League!
THE LEAGUE’S EFFORTS PUT TO WORK AT CY-HOPE

I just wanted to say thank you again for the grant Cy-Hope received. I thought you might enjoy seeing a picture of our Mobile STEM Bus. Maybe one day you will actually see our bus on the road and know that you played a part in making our dream of bringing science and math directly to the underserved neighborhoods in our community come true. Thank you for including us in your annual dinner. It was wonderful to see how many organizations the Junior League of the Woodlands supports. Not only were we blessed by your monetary donation, we were blessed and encouraged to be a part of the bigger picture your group is painting. You are certainly making a difference and bringing hope to so many people in Northwest Houston. You should be very proud of the impact you are having and the hard work and dedication of every woman in your organization. We know you have a choice in who you give your money to and we are very humbled you chose Cy-Hope.

With a grateful heart,
Holly Calbat
Cy-Hope

HATS OFF TO READING

The League helped HOTR in the Event Center at The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion on Friday, June 9th. There were 1230 attendees who enjoyed everything from face-painting by The League, Wheel of Fortune, and Plinko, to creating bookmarks, a Book Walk, a coloring contest, and EACH CHILD GOT A FREE BOOK! It was amazing to watch as the children made their selections. Over 1,000 books were given away! Their goal of getting books into the hands of children was a huge success.