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# A Message from our President

What is community? Do we define it by the area we live in, is it cultural, or is it defined by the demographics of our city? The Junior League of Pasadena, Inc. strives to improve our community in significant ways, but so many times we limit our definition of community.

During the next year, our League will undergo a transformative process in which we will delve into two significant issues that present serious challenges to the greater Pasadena community: Youth Wellness and Mental Health & the Support and Development of Women. As we research these issue areas, we will provide education to our membership, train our volunteers, and complete direct service with organizations that are battling these issues in our community. By the end of this year, our membership will select one of these issues to tackle with the full support of the League behind it, and with every aspect of our organization aligned to ensure that we can make a positive impact in our community.

But have we asked the reflective question? What is our community? What about the Junior League of Pasadena's community? As we explore areas to improve our external community, I challenge our membership and partners to improve the community that the League represents. How can we improve our skills in the areas of listening, compassion and caring? How can we improve the lives of the women we volunteer with in the JLP?

Our theme for this year is "I Heart JLP," and it speaks to the needs of our organization. We support the needs of our membership. We build successful leaders, business women, and women of character who can carry this strength into the next chapter of their lives and the League's future. This momentum comes from the heart. The heart can lead our membership to be brave. To try new experiences, and volunteer to work with those in the greatest need. Our hearts can open our eyes to needs that we were not aware of, or to parts of our community that may scare us. Our hearts can open our minds to our potential, the potential of the woman sitting next to us at a meeting, and to the potential of our organization.

Our culture of compassion will effect greater change both internally, and for the greater community if we embrace each other and encourage our potential. I hope you will join me this year in using your heart in all of your Junior League activities, whether it be serving someone in need in our community, planning an event, opening your mind to a new issue, or supporting the women you volunteer with as a Junior League member. Let's have heart!



Photo courtesy of Nick Boswell

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristen Todd". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'K' and 'T'.

# Meet our 2014-2015 Board of Directors



**Robyn Grandy**  
President-Elect

"I'm looking forward to learning more about our possible issue areas and helping our members connect more with the League."



**Jennifer Allan Goldman**  
Finance Director

"I ♥ JLP because there is ALWAYS someone looking on the bright side of everything."



**Shannon Gleason**  
Marketing Director

"I ♥ JLP because of the lasting friendships I've made with amazing and admirable women."



**Jennifer Quintanilla**  
Program Development Director

"I ♥ JLP because it has provided me with a strong connection to my new community. The JLP has helped me foster a love for my new home!"



**Jenny Chavez**  
SPAC Senior

"I'm really excited about working with such a passionate, motivated, and brilliant group of women!"



**Kristen Todd**  
President

"I ♥ JLP because I have met the most amazing women who support each other through all of life's challenges and encourage me to grow!"



**Lauren Hooten**  
Community Director

"I'm looking forward to strengthening bonds with partners in Pasadena and supporting program development to define the future of the League."



**Dana Jones**  
Fundraising Director

"I am most looking forward to continuing the momentum of the new annual benefit luncheon and all of our fundraising efforts."



**Leah Mason**  
Membership Director

"I ♥ JLP because the League has provided me the opportunity to make significant impact in the community and an opportunity to make life-long friends."



**Kristen Noffke**  
Recorder

"I'm looking forward to seeing the progress and new programming related to our strategic initiatives."



**Barbara Baptie**  
Sustainer Director

"I'm looking forward to providing exciting and fun events for the Sustainers."



## Annual Meeting gathering to celebrate our members and our community

To close out the 2013-2014 League year, the Junior League of Pasadena held our Annual Meeting at Mijares Mexican restaurant in Pasadena on May 27th. Members and guests enjoyed classic Mexican cuisine and sipped margaritas as we celebrated our past, present, and future.

In the tradition of our Annual Meetings, we presented awards and celebrated accolades throughout the night. The first was the 'Rosebud' award, presented to two outstanding members of this year's provisional class: Kristin Kearney and Daryl Synowiec. Both Daryl and Kristen are glowing examples of what it means to be a committed member of the League in only their first year.

We were also honored to present the Volunteer Award for Excellence to one

truly dedicated League member and past President, Dana Jones. Dana's Junior League resume is impressive, dating back 16 years. Her love of the League is contagious, her commitment unparalleled, and we are proud to have worked with Dana and called her a friend for the past 16 years.

The meeting concluded with the traditional passing of the gavel from 2013-2014 President, Kristen Schwarz, to 2014-2015 President, Kristen Todd. Kristen Todd brought the audience to their feet through her inspirational words, speaking from the heart as she announced this year's theme - "I Heart JLP." To Kristen, and to all of us in the audience, the League is "a place that says 'yes' to our potential and supports us if and when life happens."

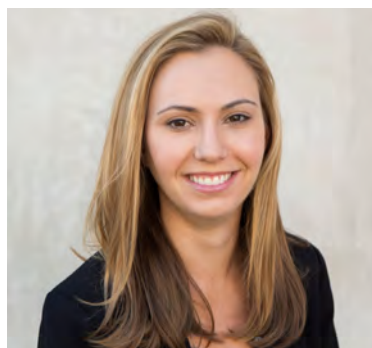
Thanks to these inspirational words, our dedication to our community, and the friends by our sides, it will be our love for the League that will guide us through the next few years of growth and change. Kristen challenged each of us to continue to build compassion and kindness in our hearts so when we move into our next chapter we can build from a supportive community of our own.

Kristen, thank you for your words of motivation and empowerment, giving us momentum for the year ahead.

I ♥  
JLP



Annual Meeting Attendees



Rosebud Award recipient Daryl Synowiec



Rosebud Award recipient Kristin Kearney



Volunteer of the Year Dana Jones and family

# Simply Speaking

our highly successful and enjoyable inaugural benefit luncheon



On April 12th, members, friends, and partners of the Junior League of Pasadena gathered for *Simply Speaking* - our inaugural benefit luncheon. The event featured a keynote presentation by organizer-extraordinaire Peter Walsh, an exciting silent auction, and a drawing for a \$5,000 shopping spree at



Mimi et Cie Jewelers. Congratulations to the winner of the Mimi et Cie shopping spree - League member Randi Abe.

A huge thank you goes out to all our event partners, silent auction donors, table favor donors, patrons, corporate sponsors, and all who attended. Our



success is a result of your support. We can't wait to see you at our second annual *Simply Speaking* in Spring 2015.

Please see pages 18-19 of this Insight magazine for a list of our *Simply Speaking* supporters.

## Nancy Reed Payne Achievement Award

The *Simply Speaking* benefit luncheon in April also included the presentation of the 'Nancy Reed Payne Achievement Award.' The recipient is recognized as someone who has made a significant difference to the League and the community because of her volunteer service. We were honored to present this year's award to Sustaining member, Lynda Patton.

Lynda is the 19th annual recipient since the creation of the Nancy Reed Payne Achievement award in 1995.

Lynda received the award because of her ongoing contributions to the League and her dedication to serving our community. She is known as someone who makes good decisions, jumps in when needed and is not afraid to take the lead.

She has been very involved with the JLP for many years and is currently very active in the League's Garden Club, of which she is a past President. She is also a former President of the Sustainer Board.

In the early 1990s, she was the manager of the successful JLP thrift shop, Clothesline. At the time, JLP members were not able to be employees of the shop, so Lynda had to resign as a member of the JLP. However, when the Clothesline closed, she came back and reinstated her membership!

Lynda spends time in the community outside of the Junior League with the Assistance League and the Pasadena Town Club. She loves to try new restaurants and her friends say she wants to be the first of her friends to go there first.

Thank you, Lynda, for your outstanding efforts. We are proud to have you as a member of our League.



Lynda is shown above with her loving family as she accepted the Nancy Reed Payne award at *Simply Speaking*.



## Kids in the Kitchen

hosted by our 2013-2014 Provisional class

In March, the Junior League of Pasadena's Provisional class hosted the 8th annual Kids in the Kitchen event, promoting healthy eating and daily activity for families in the Pasadena area. Madison Elementary School graciously hosted the event with over 200 people in attendance. Attendees participated in various activities, including seed planting, a farmer's market, and active games. All of the activities, games, and recipes were crafted so families could try them at home and use them in their own daily lives.

Kids in the Kitchen allows families to learn about the importance of health and wellness for the entire family in a fun and informative setting, close to home.



Inspired by the Junior League of Calgary's Junior Chefs program, the Association of Junior Leagues' Kids in the Kitchen initiative began in 2006 with the goal of engaging children in the preparation of healthy meals as a means to educate them and their parents regarding nutrition and healthy lifestyle choices. Junior Leagues in more than 200 locations provide lessons and demonstrations related to the preparation of healthy meals and snacks in partnership with community organizations, chefs and nutritionists. The Junior Leagues' Kids in the Kitchen is now in its 8th successful year.

For more information on the Kids in the Kitchen and other Junior League of Pasadena programs, visit [www.myjlp.com](http://www.myjlp.com).



# Issue Based Community Impact 'the issues' explained

## Potential issue areas:

**Support and  
Development of Women**

- and -

**Youth Wellness and  
Mental Health**

Community needs are ever changing, and the Junior League of Pasadena is looking to serve those needs in a relevant way. As part of our commitment to community involvement, we are investigating new areas where we may create lasting community change through our program model, Issue Based Community Impact (IBCI). With this model, we aim to create specific volunteer opportunities for our members which provide

them with a fulfilling experience while also changing the lives of those in the greater Pasadena area for specific and current needs.

Leading this endeavor is our Program Development and Support Committee. The committee has facilitated membership surveys, a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis, discussions with past and present community partners, investigated the effectiveness of community impact strategies and organized training opportunities for our members. A Community Research Ad Hoc Committee was also convened to talk one on one with community stakeholders about where needs arise in the community and how they think the League might most effectively help.

Following this well rounded investigative period, recommendations about

possible issue areas for IBCI were made by the committee to the Board. The needs of the community and interest areas of membership were discussed, and two areas were selected for further research and membership education.

These areas are "Support and Development of Women," and "Youth Wellness and Mental Health." In the upcoming League year additional collaboration with community representatives and JLP members will occur to review community needs, the League's capacity to serve them and educate our members on service and community programming in each area. Soon the Board and Membership will collaborate to select one issue area where our efforts will be focused for IBCI. If you have feedback about the future of the JLP's community impact area please feel free to let us know.

## Don't Miss Our Open House Events



*The Junior League of Pasadena*

invites you to an  
*open house*  
for prospective new members

August 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm - 4:00pm

August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2:00pm - 4:00pm

September 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm - 8:30pm

*at headquarters*

Invite your friends, co-workers, and neighbors! | email [JLPI@earthlink.net](mailto:JLPI@earthlink.net) for invitations to distribute

## The Strategic Plan our history is the key to our future

The Junior League of Pasadena is moving in a new direction thanks to our newly adopted 2014-2019 Strategic Plan. Our Strategic Plan Ad-Hoc committee developed this new plan to address recent changes in demographics within the League and to make the document user-friendly. Highlights from the new plan include a single-page format, four primary goals and a set of strategies aligned to the stated goals.

Committee members researched other organizations' strategic plans, conducted a budget review, organizational structure review, leadership surveys, membership surveys, gathered historical data on member involvement, and current community service requirements. Based on the committee's findings, the

following goals were developed:

- 1) Focus on membership recruitment, engagement and retention.
- 2) Develop a strong issue-based civic and community platform that aligns all areas of the League's work.
- 3) Improve the organizational structure of the JLP, by evaluating governance, fiscal practices and fundraising operations.
- 4) Create a branding initiative to improve external and internal understanding and recognition of the JLP brand.

Ad-hoc committee members included: Jenny Chavez, Joy Gemberling, Shannon Gleason, Jennifer Quintanilla, Kristen Todd (facilitator) with Ellen Driscoll (Sustaining Advisor) and Robyn Grandy & Lilit Grigoryan (Program Development & Support liaisons)

### Questions about the plan?

Join the League Training committee and members of the Strategic Plan committee for an in-depth look at the new plan

**September 25th  
6:30pm**

**JLP Headquarters**

## Meet Vickie Reinhardt our friend and support system



Meet our Office Manager, Vickie Reinhardt!

"Hello, Junior League!" This is the greeting we have heard for the last 16 years when calling in to the Junior League of Pasadena. On the other end of the phone is our outstanding Office Manager, Vickie Reinhardt. It is not a stretch to say that she is the glue that holds our beloved organization together. She runs

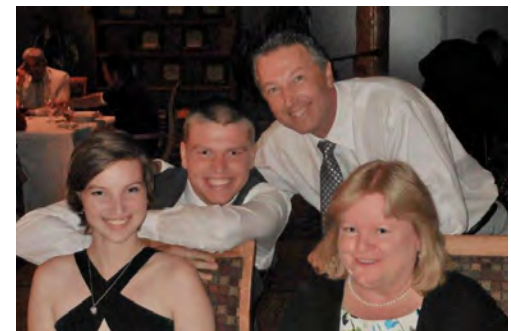
the office, assists committee chairs with countless requests, and prepares us for Board, Council and General Meetings. Her work is also essential to the sitting President. She is a fantastic resource for all our members regarding past projects and procedures - when in doubt, ask Vickie!

Vickie believes that working for the League has given her invaluable experience in leadership training which she uses in other areas of her life. She speaks fondly of her employment, stating, "I truly believe in what we do here, I love the JLP. It's my home away from home!" We feel fortunate to have her as our Office Manager. Next time you're in the area, please stop by to say hello to Vickie - she enjoys getting to know our members!

Outside the League, Vickie spends time with her husband Steve, daughter Shelby, and son Kyle.

Headquarters is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 2:30pm.

Vickie can be reached by phone at headquarters at 626.796.0244 or by email at [jlp@earthlink.net](mailto:jlp@earthlink.net).





# The Garden Club an incredible year in review



Our Garden Club kicked off the 2013-2014 year with a special tour of the Storrier Stearns Japanese Gardens. The tour was led by the owners of the property, Jim and Connie Haddad, and the manager, Deanie Nyman. Having owned the garden for many years, the Haddads have developed a wonderful commentary which took us through the 2-acre garden, around a small lake, and through an elegant teahouse. After the tour, we feasted on bento box lunches provided by Japon Bistro, graciously prepared by Garden Club members Monica

Zacharia and Linda Moore.

In November, the Garden Club gathered at Annandale Country Club for a seasonal floral demonstration by Susan Seidel, long time member of the League who is well known for her creative and seasonal floral designs. She showed us how to use seasonal items to create beautiful arrangements and centerpieces. Susan is a Floral Design Judge for the Garden Club of America, taking her around the country to judge flower shows of all sizes.

The Garden Club wrapped

up 2013 in true holiday style with a lovely party at the home of Eileen and William Zimmerman. The evening included an outstanding dinner buffet that was enjoyed by our Garden Club members and guests.

The Garden Club holds six events each year, perfect for the novice and expert gardener alike. We hope to see you at our next Garden Club event.



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Penny Gill

Carol Gordon

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Kristen Schwarz

Melinda Woodruff

Monica Zacharia

## ABOUT THE GARDEN CLUB

All Active, Sustaining and Provisional members of the Junior League of Pasadena are invited to join the Garden Club. We encourage you to participate!

We have six exciting and unique programs to share each year. Events are informal, fun and a great source of ideas for the novice and expert gardener alike.

# THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF PASADENA, INC.

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Liaison:  
Robyn Grandy

## IN MEMORIAM

With sadness, we mourn the loss of the following members and celebrate their lives and contributions to the Junior League of Pasadena.

**Carol Allen**  
Sustaining member

**Gertrude Brennan**  
Sustainer Emeritus

**Jeanette McCarty**  
Sustaining member

**Dorothy Ohlson**  
Sustaining member

**Gloria Rubardt**  
Sustaining member

**Barbara Travis**  
Sustainer Emeritus

**Kelly Watson**  
Sustaining member



## Sustaining Members our year in review

Last year was full of fabulous events where we connected with old friends and made new ones.

In early October, Sustaining, Active, and Provisional members gathered at the beautiful home of Sustaining member Cathy Woolway to listen to author Lian Dolan tell stories about her writing and her life.

Later that month we converged on the Junior League of Pasadena headquarters to celebrate its 30th Anniversary. We had a great time reminiscing about our time at "HQ" over the years.

In November, we started the holiday season with our traditional annual holiday shopping event at Jacob Maarse Florist - a long-standing League supporter.

We began 2014 with a private tour of the Natural History Museum and California Sci-

ence Center. After a breathtaking tour, we wrapped up the morning with lunch at the new USC University Club.

February included a combination girl's night out and Mardi Gras celebration at redwhite+bluezz jazz club in Pasadena. Members of the Provisional class and Sustaining members united in a one-of-a-kind gathering that we will forever cherish.

April brought us to the first Simply Speaking benefit luncheon with Peter Walsh returning to the League as keynote speaker. Another highlight of this special fundraiser was the presentation of the Nancy Reed Payne Achievement Award to our Sustainer of the Year, Lynda Patton. It certainly was a well-deserved award, presented with her family and friends looking on in delight.

May 3rd was our final event

of the year - a Kentucky Derby party at Santa Anita race track. Between beautiful hats, refreshments, big winners and camaraderie, it was a wonderful day we won't forget.

This past year flew by and the Sustaining Board is already busy putting together new events for the 2014-2015 year. Thank you all for your continued support of the Junior League of Pasadena!

## Welcome to our newest Sustaining members!

Carmelita Bouie  
Delia Camp  
Patricia Dolphin  
Kimm Fesenmaier  
Christy Westcott Granier  
Rosiris Paniagua  
Jean Pisano  
Jennifer Quan  
Sandy Roberts  
Masami Robson  
Julie Soma  
Nicole Weaver-Goller  
Catherine Welch  
Victoria Williams

# Thank you to our 2013-2014 Sustaining advisors



**Joan Favre**  
Art Education Committee Advisor

"It was inspiring to be a part of a committee that embraces these tours, the local art, and were willing to lead so many tours for our local public school students."



**Alison DeVreindt**  
Done in a Day Committee Advisor

"My favorite committees while in the League were Artsmart and Nominating and Placement."



**Deborah Yao**  
Early Readers Committee Advisor

"Deborah was an amazing resource regarding topics both in and out of the League."

- *Jennifer Quintanilla*  
Early Readers Committee Chair



**Lainie Rose Miller**  
Finance Committee Advisor

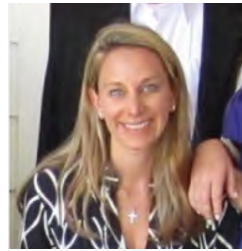
"Lainie provided training for us about personal finances, as well as insight into how the finance committee managed the much larger budget in the 1990s."

- *Jennifer Allan Goldman*,  
Treasurer, Finance Committee Chair



**Mary Falkenbury**  
House Committee Advisor

"It was exciting to advise this great group of women! Our goal was to make needed improvements, decorate for the Holidays, and hopefully make the house shine!"



**Debbie Merryman**  
League Events Committee Advisor

"I love the tradition of monthly meetings around Pasadena! League Events did such an amazing job creating the perfect atmosphere!"



**Laura Kelso**  
League Training Committee Advisor

"This was a small group of mighty volunteers with wonderful ideas. They were more than willing to jump right in. I was impressed with these intelligent, giving, creative, dynamite women."



**Jennifer Higginbotham**  
Nominating & Placement Committee Advisor

"Jennifer brought a practical perspective and an encouraging attitude in her support to the N&P committee."

- *Jessica Samuels*  
N&P Assistant Chair



**Barbara Maxwell**  
Program Development & Support Committee Advisor

"It was exciting to re-engage with the League. This was the perfect committee to get an understanding of what the League is doing now and where it is heading."



**Sherry Gray**  
Provisional Committee Advisor

"I loved this committee's fresh ideas, infectious energy, and unending dedication! It was an incredible honor to be a part of such a lovely group."



**Jasmin Coyne**  
Publicity & Technology Committee Advisor

"We would like to thank Jasmin for being our advisor and providing valuable insight into the past"

- *Randi Abe*  
Publicity and Technology Committee Co-Chair

## Celebrating 3 Years of Family Literacy



The Early Childhood Literacy Committee's 2013-2014 year was a resounding success! Junior League of Pasadena and Mothers' Club Family Learning Center celebrated our third year of collaboration on the Book Club. This Saturday morning family literacy program is a cornerstone of Mothers' Club's two-generation learning model and has served as a meaningful experience for the League. The goal of this program is to make reading fun and fos-

ter a love of books in pre-school aged children. The program models reading behavior and allows the English-learning parents to strengthen their literacy skills. Highlights from the Club include singing children's songs, reading an engaging and age-appropriate book, and completing a fun craft activity that ties into the book's theme.

In our ongoing commitment to the Early Readers' Book Club, the League

has provided over 60 trained volunteers for the monthly book clubs. Each book club served roughly 20 families, actively engaging mothers, fathers, children, and even older siblings in attendance. We received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the families, and our volunteers consistently rated the volunteer experience as one of their favorite League sponsored programs.

## My Masterpieces helping children discover art in our community



Last year marked the final year of the Junior League of Pasadena's partnership with the My Masterpieces program, coordinated by the Pasadena Educational Foundation and Pasadena Unified School District.

League members served as docents and led over 60 tours each year over the past three years. Tours are 90 minutes long, and are crafted to complement the arts education curriculum taught in the sec-

ond grade classroom. Tours begin on the steps of Pasadena City Hall and continue past tile murals, sculptures, and outdoor fountains before concluding at the Robinson Memorial.

As one teacher commented, "This program is essential to my students' self-esteem. They always feel successful and they always learn!"

In December, the Pasadena Educational Foundation hosted a holiday event at

League headquarters for docents, teachers, and members of the District Arts and Community Arts Teams. Rochelle Branch, the Cultural Affairs Manager for the City of Pasadena acknowledged all docents who have contributed their talents over the past few years and thanked the League for our support of this program.

We are proud to have made a difference in these students lives.

## Done in a Day it's amazing what we can do for our community in just one day



Volunteers gathered at the Downtown Women's Center in Los Angeles to sort clothing and home items for the Center's residents and daily visitors. The Center hosts nearly 200 visitors per day and serves over 100,000 meals each year.



The students at Longfellow Elementary learned about math and art through Monarch butterfly migration. To make this lesson a reality, members spent a morning painting a mural of monarch butterflies on the side of the school.



We spent a morning at Huntington gardens picking fruit with Food Forward. This local organization rescues fresh local produce that would otherwise go to waste, connecting this abundance with people in need.

## League Events celebrating League milestones and hosting informational meetings



We had a successful year of productive meetings, interesting venues, and unique events. The year started with our September General Membership Meeting, where special guests Sharon Thralls and Judy Plunkett shared stories about how the League acquired our Headquarters location on Madison Avenue.

October was a busy month, with a book-signing by award-winning author Lian Dolan, followed later in the month by our Headquarters 30th Anniversary



event. We gathered at Headquarters to share our own stories from the past 30 years in our house. The month wrapped up with our October GMM, where members learned more about our community partners Mothers' Club and My Masterpieces (PEF/PUSD).

We held neighborhood gatherings for the final meeting of 2013, where we took time to share our holiday joy by creating cards for our troops overseas.

At our first meeting of 2014, members



learned more about Issue Based Community Impact (IBCI) and the new issues we may adopt. February continued this theme with a panel of Pasadena non-profit organizations providing us with information about their causes.

April's Placement Fair gave members and incoming Committee Chairs a chance to meet and get to know each other. We closed out our League year at the Annual Meeting in May where we celebrated our members, our love of the community, and our love of the League.



## League Training developing the potential of women



The Junior League of Pasadena's training program was unveiled to great excitement and even greater participation last year with the League Training committee completely embracing our mission by creating thought provoking and educational training events for members and guests. The following is a highlight from some of our favorite training events:

### Congratulations on completing 4 or more trainings last year!

Anna Agadjanyan  
Tina Aluzzi  
Amy Belmont  
Carolyn Cota\*  
Joy Gemberling  
Robyn Grandy  
Christine Gunnell  
Jennifer Kennedy\*  
Samantha Williams

\*attended all trainings

October: *"Leveraging your JLP Experience"* was a dynamic panel discussion that taught our members how to maximize the benefit of the JLP in our personal, professional, and volunteer lives.

November: *"The Trendy Hostess"* featured tips from our favorite etiquette coach, Pam Hillings Tegtmeier, along with popular cocktail recipes. Participants were also treated to a holiday showcase with items from local vendors Lula Mae, Carmody & Co., Simmering Sugar, Salutations, Jacob Maarse Florists, and Lette Macarons.

January: *"How to be a JLP Leader"* featured a roundtable discussion led by current League leaders. They shared personal stories about their path to leadership and the lessons they've learned.

January: Members turned out in droves for *"Financial Planning for Women."*

Participants listened as Brent Mason discussed the unique challenges women face when planning their financial future.

February: The *"Cheese and Wine Pairing"* at Everson Royce was both fun and educational. Those in attendance learned how to pair complementary and contrasting flavors while mingling with other members and their guests.

March: The Spring *"Teambuilding"* training was hosted by our own Marah Lyvers. She led an active training session teaching participants how to create a strong team, be a good team leader, and be a good team member.

April: The *"Leadership Workshop"* was conducted by executive coach, Tom Shenk, husband of Sustainer Kit Shenk. He taught participants how to motivate, lead, and drive a team toward a goal.

In May, President-Elect Robyn Grandy attended the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI) annual conference in St. Louis. Junior League leaders from four countries gathered for three days of volunteer training, networking with member mentors, and peer to peer development.

Members attending the conference received training in a variety of topics that included corporate governance, fund development, volunteer appreciation, effective programming, and League/life balance. It provided an opportunity to develop the potential of each attendee in a high energy setting, as those in at-

**“I was honored to represent the Junior League of Pasadena and felt that our collective voice was heard”**

Robyn Grandy  
President-Elect  
Junior League of Pasadena

tendance were either entering leadership roles or are already deep into the leadership track in their local League.

A highlight of the conference was the corporate governance training and the exposure to Parliamentary Procedure. During the business meeting, a renowned expert was present and provided guidance during the business portion of the conference where delegates voted on several motions and advisory resolutions. Everyone walked away with valuable skills and knowledge about the proper procedures and protocols of discussion, calls to vote and meeting efficiency.



# AJLI Conference

Game On...leaping into action for the 21st Century and beyond



# What is the Community Advisory Board?

The Community Advisory Board for the Junior League of Pasadena is an esteemed group of local leaders who provide guidance to the League in a variety of areas. This year, the Board met to discuss revisions to our Strategic Plan and learn about the future of our community programs.

Please join us in thanking our Community Advisory Board members for their ongoing support.



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## SPAC Advocating to Improve the Lives of Women, Children, and Families in California



The Pasadena State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) delegates led a productive year last year that included continued advocacy, conferences, and co-hosting an Assembly town hall meeting.

Delegates attended three conferences, putting their advocacy work into action.

This year, SPAC supported 25 bills at the Federal and State levels in the areas of education, family support, health, and violence prevention. SPAC continues its advocacy for human trafficking and is a co-sponsor of AB2035 relating to sexually exploited and trafficked minors.



In November, the Junior League of Pasadena had the distinct honor of co-hosting a town hall meeting and statewide webinar with local Assemblymember Chris Holden. Those in attendance heard about district updates, legislative accomplishments, and key initiatives for the rest of the legislative session.

# Annual Fund: Thank You for Your Support

It is with great pleasure that we announce the success of our 2013-2014 annual fund! Our monetary goal was \$20,000 with member participation

goal of 100%. Thanks to your support, we exceeded our monetary goal and were closer than ever to reaching our participation goal.

Thank you to all who donated. Your donations make a world of difference in the community and in the League.

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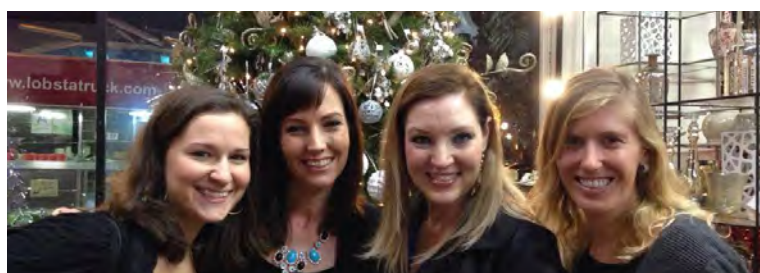
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## Jacob Maarse Holiday Shopping Event

In November, members of the Junior League of Pasadena and guests kicked off the holiday season with our annual shopping event at Jacob Maarse Florists - a longtime supporter of the League.

Those in attendance had the opportunity to purchase gifts, decor, and holiday arrangements from the shop - all in support of the League. Jacob Maarse Florists graciously donated 10% of all sales that evening back to the League in support of our community programs.

Thank you to members, guests, and donors for this holiday event, including: Jacob Maarse Florists, Monopole Wine, the Spot, Simmering Sugar, and Epic Wines.

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