

**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
ANN ARBOR**

Women building better communities

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Fall 2007

President's Letter - Welcome Back!

It's hard to believe summer is over, and it's time for JLAA to get into full swing! I am so inspired by all of you and how much you give to this organization and your community. Thank you for being the kind of people that can see beyond themselves. Thank you for going the extra mile for your committee, or your council. Thank you for giving the best that you have to give in your life – and sharing some of that with the JLAA. So many of you have been hard at work over the summer – your commitment is so very impressive!

As we embark on this exciting year of celebration – 25 years in the making – I personally hope that all of you learn something new about yourselves, this great organization, and each other. I hope that you can really be in the moment throughout this year, to experience it, and to be proud of your accomplishments. We are all on our own journey, but what we share is a commitment to our mission – to develop the potential of women, to promote volunteerism, and to improve our community. Here's to a great chapter in our journey – 2007- 2008!

- Heidi Nelson, President

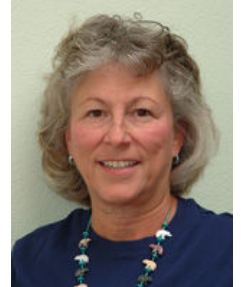


Happy 25th Anniversary JLAA!

The Junior League of Ann Arbor is celebrating 25 years of community service in Ann Arbor. Look for ways to help with the celebration all year long. A huge 25th Anniversary Celebration is being planned for April 2008. Stay tuned for more details to come. For ways to get involved please contact Shanna Ertell at shanna605@yahoo.com or Peg Talburtt at pegtalburtt@yahoo.com.

- Chrisine Lammers, Fund Development VP

**Michigan State Council
Training Event at Ann
Arbor Womens City Club
September 29, 2007
9am-3:30pm
Trainer: Jean Block**



This event is open to all Junior League members throughout Michigan. It is great fun to meet and network with members of other Junior Leagues around the state. The event is sponsored by your Michigan State Council, which is made up of current JL Presidents, Past Presidents, and Past Past Presidents. Lunch and training is FREE. Topics for the training will include communication within and outside of the League, fund development, and planning tools. The sessions will be interactive, hands-on and Jean brings a ton of enthusiasm to any meeting. If you haven't attended a meeting lead by Jean Block, you will not want to miss this event! If you have any questions, please contact Teena Dale, JL Birmingham at Dale1997@aol.com or 586-940-0044. **Please RSVP to Kim Lyon at koernerlyon@comcast.net by September 20th.**

Jean Block is a nonprofit consultant and trainer on fundraising, board development and social enterprise. She has served as an advisor to the Junior League in Albuquerque for several years and presented the national fund development training for AJLI for five years. She is the author of two nonprofit books: "Fast Fundraising Facts for Fame & Fortune," and "The ABCs of Building Better Boards." In 2006, she and a partner incorporated Social Enterprise Ventures, LLC to provide intense social enterprise/earned income training to nonprofits.



The **Strong Moms, Strong Girls (SMSG)** committee is excited to share several updates on this wonderful partnership with the University of Michigan Center for the Child and the Family (UCCF). As many of you know, the goal of the SMSG project aims to decrease the occurrence of relational aggression in girls grades 5 – 7. Relational aggression is the use of words or actions to exclude someone from a group, to harm someone's self esteem, or to threaten someone's connections to others.

Our goal for this year's committee is to get the word out into our communities, making the SMSG project something everyone is talking about.

Here is how we are going to do it - with a little help from you!

First... go to www.strongmomsstronggirls.org and check out our brand new website! It is packed full of detailed information on relational aggression and our upcoming "Figuring out Friendships" workshop dates. Community presentations about SMSG are due to launch in late Fall with teacher in-service opportunities starting in January of 2008. And don't forget to share our website with your friends and family.

Second... look for our fantastic "Figuring out Friendships" Workshop Ad that will be featured in the Fall Ann Arbor Rec & Ed Catalog (Page 20). Did you know that the catalog is distributed to 70,000 homes in the Ann Arbor Area? How about that for getting the word out!

Third... mark your calendar and bring your friends along. The UCCF will be holding a lecture series entitled "**Girl World: Understanding the Strengths and Strains of Pre-Teen and Teenage Girls**" on **Monday, October 15th 2007 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at U of M**. Registration is required; call - 764-9466. Attendance = 1 DIAD Hour.

Fourth... attend one of our SMSG book clubs and

then pass the book along to a non-league member. Let them know about our SMSG community project and how meaningful it is to be involved; who knows, maybe they'll get the JL Bug! This Fall we will be reading "**Girl Wars**" by Cheryl Dellasega, and the book club meeting will be held **Tuesday September 18th, 2007, 7 – 9 PM at the home of Leesa Tobin**. Attendance = 3 DIAD Hours

Fifth... do you like public speaking or wish you could become proficient at it? Then think about becoming one of our SMSG community presenters. We have the presentation ready for you - we just need your passion! Participation = *all your 2007 -2008 DIAD Hours!*

Finally, we would like to pass on some very exciting news. In August, SMSG received an **unsolicited grant from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation for \$2,258!** The most amazing part of that grant was that it was a gift specifically from **Carolyn McFarlane**, one of our incredible JL Members. With that grant we will be able to purchase the laptop computer and projector necessary for our community outreach efforts. A great big hug and thank you goes out to Carolyn from the entire SMSG Committee and UCCF Staff.

As always, if you have any questions or want to get involved, feel free to contact me or a SMSG committee member – we're looking forward to another great year!

- **Stacey Bodner, SMSG Committee Chair**



FUNdraising Update

Mark your calendars for another FUN fundraiser and social event for JLAA. Save the date of Friday, November 9, 2007 for "**Lady Luck: Cards for a Cause**" featuring Texas Hold Em and other games. The event will be held at Washtenaw Community College. Doors will open at 6:30 pm for registration, heavy appetizers, desserts, and a cash bar featuring wine, beer, and a signature drink. Gaming will begin at 7:30 pm. Raffles will be held throughout the night with exciting prizes. Dress code is casual. Look for more information on ticket prices and ticket sales in e-news and at the September GMM. For more information contact Bernadette Marten Teeley at bteeley@gmail.com or Laurie McClatchy at

Gift Wrap Contest

Sell Sally Foster gift wrap and accessories & win one of the following:

1st place: \$100 gift certificate to dinner at Main Street Ventures Restaurants (Chop House, Palio, Gratz, Real Seafood, Carsons)

2nd place: Massage at Bella Nina Day Spa

3rd place: Sally Foster basket of goodies

We need your participation to support our Sally Foster Fundraiser, and we have some great contest prizes for our top sellers. Please remember the league will not have the funds needed to continue our MISSION without every member supporting this fundraiser. Think of your family, friends and co-workers! 50% of every order will help JLAA continue our MISSION of helping women and children in our community.

Sally Foster has gift wrap for ALL occasions, home accessories and a variety of new gift items. To increase the potential of gift wrap orders this year we are starting the sale at the September 11th GMM and we are accepting **catalog orders through November 15th**, so please bring any catalog orders to the November 13th GMM. **Online orders may be placed through November 30th** to qualify for the contest which ends on November 30th. Please keep in mind Sally Foster orders take approximately 2-3 weeks to ship.

In addition, we need your help to facilitate as many ONLINE orders as possible. Please order ONLINE at: www.sallyfoster.com, account #0329223. All ONLINE orders over \$60 get FREE shipping directly to your home.

- Heidi Elder, Gift Wrap Chair



The Bountiful Arbor Cookbook Sale!

Get your copies of The Bountiful Arbor at the reduced price of \$50 per case of 10 cookbooks! A case of cookbooks helps fulfill your fundraising obligation and supports our MISSION. The Bountiful Arbor makes a great gift for family, friends, teachers & grandparents, and looks great wrapped in Sally Foster gift wrap!

- Heidi Elder, Cookbook Chair

Poinsettia Orders

We will have beautiful poinsettias once again from Turners Nursery. Here are the details:

- Member orders are due no later than Friday November 9th. Member pick up date is Saturday, December 1st.
- Business poinsettia orders can be delivered before Thanksgiving, by request, during the week of November 19th - 21st.
- Otherwise business orders will be delivered, free of charge, December 3rd and December 4th. DIAD hours will be available for those willing to help deliver business orders.

For more information, please contact Paula Rand at paula@idealimage.biz or 734-994-1511.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Offered through NEW Center

September

- 9/17 Excel Basics
- 9/18 Excel – Beyond the Basics

October

- 10/2 Communication Skills for Women
- 10/3 Outdated or Poorly written Governing Documents: What are the Risks and What Can You Do? *online*
- 10/16 Serving on a Nonprofit Board

November

- 11/7 Mind the Paper and the Vapor: Document Destruction & Your Nonprofit *online*
- 11/8 Building Your Board

Other Ongoing Online Trainings

- Creating Your Own Nonprofit
- Introduction to Nonprofit Management
- Marketing Your Nonprofit
- Wow! What a Great Event
- Grantwriting
- Foundations & Their Role in Philanthropy
- Board Bootcamp: A crash course in Effective Governance
- Cleanup Your Grant Seeking Office & Raise More Money

- Kelly Williams, Training Committee Chair

