Second Annual JLD L.U.V.S. a Success!

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Grow: to increase in size, number or degree.

Message from the President

Dear Members,

Welcome to our 100th year! For a century, the Junior League of Denver has been an impactful, dynamic and innovative organization, training women to be engaged civic volunteers and leaders. We have so much to be proud of as we celebrate our history and our legacy. I’m humbled daily as I meet and learn from the women who paved the road before me. I’m excited about our future while watching our membership lead with expertise and an engaging spirit. I’m honored to serve as JLD President alongside our staff, Board of Directors, Foundation Board of Directors and each one of you during this milestone year.

Becky Schaub

A Century of Progress

We started with just 85 members in January 1918, when the population of Denver was approximately 250,000. By June 1919, the Denver League was accepted as the nation’s 21st Junior League. The JLD made its name early on by hosting the AJLA (Association of Junior Leagues of America) Annual Conference in May of 1924. To win the bid, the women of JLD proposed a rodeo as the entertainment during the conference for the women of AJLA. With that first national conference, our innovation, originality and Western heritage came together to set the JLD apart from other Leagues across the country. **This year, we have the honor to host the same group, now known as The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI), for the Annual Conference in May of 2019.** Although we are not hosting a rodeo this time, it’s sure to be a great way to showcase our rapidly growing city and our important work.

A Century of Growth

We kicked off our 100th Anniversary celebration with a ribbon cutting ceremony in August for our new Headquarters. After more than three decades on Yale, we officially opened the doors to our new building at 1140 Delaware Street in Golden Triangle, purchased in 2016. If you haven’t stopped by, please do so any time!

A Century of Community Service

We held our Second Annual JLD L.U.V.S. (Leaders United in Volunteer Service) day of service on September 22. More than 215 volunteers donated over 900 hours of service and we granted $10,000 to complete a variety of projects for 10 community partners we have worked with since JLD’s founding in 1918. It was an impactful and memorable day of service for all.

A Century of Celebration

We are celebrating all membership classes during our 100th year, and are pleased to announce we have a Provisional Class of 179 bright, inspired and motivated women! We also took the opportunity in early September to celebrate our phenomenal Sustainers by reviving the Sustainer Garden Party at Hudson Gardens. It was an evening to celebrate friendships and our commitment to JLD over the years.

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JLD Continues Membership Growth into 100th Year

The JLD began its 100th year with 179 new Provisional members and 70 Transfer members. The welcoming celebrations commenced with the Provisional Retreat on Sunday, August 12, in a day filled with education, networking and fun where each Provisional learned about the League, interacted with other Provisionals and got to know their new Provisional Advisors.

What makes the JLD a uniquely special group are its members who are dedicated and eager to make an impact on the Denver community. Welcome to all new members and Transfers!

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I encourage you to participate in JLD during this milestone anniversary year. It will be fun and memorable! GIVE your time (be sure to log it too!) to our goal of 100,000 hours of volunteer service, GROW through 100 training opportunities and GET CONNECTED by participating in the AJLI conference in May. My hope this year is for all of us to pause and reflect on our storied history, be proud of our current impact and look forward to another century of success.

Thank you for all you do for the JLD.

Sincerely,

Becky Schaub
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Molly Bloom, entrepreneur and author of Molly’s Game to keynote The Journey

Introducing The Journey 2019 Keynote Speaker

The JLD is pleased to announce American entrepreneur, Molly Bloom, as the keynote speaker for The Journey. In addition to being a Colorado native, Bloom is the bestselling author of Molly’s Game, which chronicles her journey from college student to building and operating the largest and most notorious private poker game in the world. Currently, Bloom is focused on building WeWork for female entrepreneurs, to create a community for women to nurture their ambitions and grow their businesses. Her story will bring an inspiring message to the event.

“The Journey is a celebration of JLD’s impact on the community and the dedicated women who make us so successful. The event supports our continued Mission of training women to meet their potential, and improving communities by focusing on childhood literacy in the Denver area,” says Kat Perkins, The Journey Co-Chair.

Tickets and tables for The Journey are currently available at JLD.org. The event will take place at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center on Friday, March 22, 2019.

Mile High Holiday Mart Preview

Don’t miss this year’s Mile High Holiday Mart, being held Friday, November 9 through Sunday, November 11, 2018 at Gates Field House on the University of Denver campus! Join in the fun by volunteering to work a shift or by attending the VIP Private Shopping or Sip ’n Shop events with family and friends.

Mile High Holiday Mart has been an annual tradition for the Denver community for nearly four decades, and this year’s event is sure to be our best yet. All proceeds from this unique boutique shopping experience support the League’s Mission to develop civic leaders and our current community focus to improve literacy rates and provide access to books for children.

For information on ticket pricing, hours and to learn more, visit JLD.org.
JLD L.U.V.S. Celebrates “A Century of Progress” Across Metro Denver

On Saturday, September 22, more than 215 JLD members gathered across the Denver metro community to donate their time to 10 nonprofit organizations at our Second Annual JLD L.U.V.S. (Leaders United in Volunteer Service) day of service. To celebrate the League’s 100th Anniversary, the event began with a welcome at the Pepsi Center before dispersing to project sites.

JLD L.U.V.S. projects included a Miles for Moms 5K race, a birthday party at Children’s Hospital Colorado where young patients were surprised with games, crafts and more than 100 donated books, repairing a wheelchair ramp, hosting a fall festival, preparing fall educational youth classes, and helping Girl Scouts Juniors earn their gardening patches and supporting their exploration of the natural world.

“L.U.V.S. is all about bringing everybody together for one purpose: to come out, have fun, volunteer and make some memories,” said Molly Nemer, L.U.V.S. Co-Chair.

Additionally, JLD volunteers prepared care kits for patients at Craig Hospital, cleaned and maintained project partner sites, organized 250 sack lunches for women and children at The Gathering Place and assembled care packages for women attending college.

“Volunteers allow us to do our work and expand our work,” said Sara Hazel, Director of Development for Girls Inc. of Metro Denver. “Being able to send these care packages to our girls in college is an amazing treat for them and being able to have volunteers to help keep our area safe and clean for our girls to enjoy is a really special thing.”
**Gov. Hickenlooper Declares Aug. 6, 2018 JLD Day**

At our Legislative Legacy Celebration in early August, Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper officially declared August 6, 2018 “Junior League of Denver Day.” Our Public Policy Council also honored Representative Jim Wilson with our 2018 Legislator of the Year award. More than 60 attendees, including League members, legislators and community partners, celebrated Representative Wilson’s tireless efforts over the years related to improving education in Colorado.

**100th Anniversary Sustainer Garden Party**

To celebrate the League’s 900 Sustainers and kick off the 100th Anniversary, the Sustainer Council hosted a garden party on September 5 at Hudson Gardens. The scenic location was the perfect spot to bring everyone together with its rich history serving the Denver community as an educational, cultural and artistic center.

Fun was had by all at this lovely affair, filled with beautiful scenery and delicious appetizers. Much to their delight, guests had the opportunity to try “Watermelon Punch,” a new drink recipe from the upcoming JLD cookbook, *Centennial Celebrations*, launching in 2019.

“The Garden Party showcased Sustainers of all ages, highlighting their long-term commitment and extraordinary history with our JLD,” said Beverly Morrato, Honorary Co-Chair.

Special thanks to those who worked hard to make this memorable event happen: Sustainer VP Lauren Eigner, former Sustainer VP Barb Goettelman and Honorary Co-Chairs Beverly Morrato, Seanna Mulligan and Karen Isaak Valdez.
JLD in History: First DIAD Promotes Hope Communities

The JLD introduced the Done in a Day program in May 1988 to partner with local organizations to promote community service projects with JLD members. Similar to L.U.V.S., the first DIAD was established as a way to give back where it was needed most throughout Denver. The event was created in connection with the 70th anniversary of JLD and supported a new playground located at the Booker T. Washington Apartments, one of the Hope Communities in the Five Points area of Denver.

JLD members organized this impressive event, raised funds and learned how to be amateur playground construction workers for this worthy cause. The project was successfully completed with the help of 50 volunteers consisting of JLD members and their families, and added support from major donors like King Soopers, Guiry’s, Kwai Paint and Safeway, Inc.

“The first DIAD was a fun opportunity to work together to accomplish something so meaningful on just a single day. We were proud that it would enhance the lives of many deserving families,” said Cathy Darnell, current Sustainer and former Membership VP.

Today, our Done in a Day program continues giving back to local communities through more than 125 projects each League year. All JLD members are welcome to sign up for any open DIAD shifts.

Help JLD Reach 100,000 Volunteer Hours

In honor of the 100th Anniversary, JLD has a goal of tracking 100,000 volunteer hours, and we need your help! Track your volunteer hours for both League and non-League activities on your phone or desktop. Members are encouraged to spend the first five minutes of every council and committee meeting logging hours and sharing volunteer work on social networks using the hashtag #JLD1ST5 to encourage others to also log their hours with JLD in the first five minutes of their meetings.

Easily log hours with the Cheetah or SeeingSpot apps on your mobile device, or online via the “Hours” section on our member homepage. If you do have the app or access to the member page, email your hours monthly directly to hours@jld.org and they will be tracked offline for you.

Not sure what to log? Relevant volunteer hours include all JLD meetings, events or time spent on JLD activities at home, community volunteer hours completed with your work, on your own time or at your child’s school. Questions? Email hours@jld.org.
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Junior League of Denver, Incorporated, founded in 1918, is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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