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2016 Gathers JLD Leadership and Supporters

Pictured left to right: Past President Bonnie Downing, Foundation President Beverly Morrato, Planned Giving Committee Chair Carleigh Elkus, Contract Fund Development Coordinator Cindy Grubenhoff, and Annual Campaign Committee Chair Kelsey Cochrane.

Grow:

to increase in size, number, or degree.



President Laura Perry

Message from the President

The Junior League of Denver (JLD) inspires women to become leaders through training and investment in the community in which we live.

In 1992, our members had the vision to create one of the first ever Junior League Foundations. The Foundation was created to assure the continued vitality of the JLD in its mission of promoting volunteerism, improving the potential of women, and contributing to our beloved community.

As a result of innovative thinking in 1992, the Foundation now provides a significant portion of the annual needs of the JLD's community, training and volunteer programs. By continuing to invest in the Foundation, we can ensure that the JLD will continue to develop women into trained volunteers for generations to come.

Members continue to be the fabric of our beloved Junior League. As we start the 2016–2017 League year, we continue to place members at the center of our work. The time, talent and treasure our members give make our organization unparalleled to any other in the Denver community. This year, we welcomed 231 women to our new Provisional Class. The new Provisional Class is a testament to the League's strong reputation in our community and we are thrilled to have each woman as part of our family.

It is truly an exciting time for the League. As our membership is giving, growing, and getting connected, we are settled in our new home on Delaware Street, starting the planning for our 100th Anniversary celebration, and continue to find new and innovative ways to invest in the development of our members. I look forward to continue working in concert with you this year to further our mission and have the most fulfilling year of our League journey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Perry'.

Laura Perry

2016–2017

Junior League of Denver President

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Foundation President Beverly Morrato,
President Laura Perry, and Mile High
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JLD Public Policy Council Championing Affordable Child Care

By: Emily Thomsen, Public Policy Liaison



JLD members discuss policy ideas with Colorado legislators and community partners.

JLD History:

The Colorado State Senate passed a resolution on January 25, 1993, commending the JLD for its 75 years of service. It was sponsored jointly by Senator Dorothy Wham and Representative Jeanne Adkins.

The JLD Public Policy Council hosted a community roundtable on September 7, 2016 to discuss a wide range of topics related to affordable child care and is excited to roll out ideas with partner organizations and lawmakers in the coming year. The goal of the roundtable was to uncover how best to serve our members and the community while examining the groundwork to support this important issue.

Jennifer Stickel, Public Policy VP said, “It is imperative to partner with the community on this paramount project that impacts our community and our League members alike. The roundtable provided not only the first steps in establishing a community coalition but also much needed discussion over the many facets this project will need to consider.”

In addition to the community roundtable, the Public Policy Council also hosted additional events to inform members about matters important to the community. On September 21, the League held “Count Me in Colorado,” a training regarding Colorado and this election cycle. It also hosted a candidate panel in October, which gave members the opportunity to meet the candidates in our local communities.

For many years, the Public Policy Council has supported policies to strengthen opportunities for women and children across the state. While focusing advocacy efforts on education, literacy and health care issues, the League has developed a robust circle of community partners who share the same goals.

Looking forward to the League’s legacy and to assist our community, the Public Policy Council is excited to embark on new policy work to address affordable childcare in Colorado. Given Colorado’s status as one of the most expensive states for childcare in the country, the League is committed to fostering opportunities for quality, affordable care. While there are no easy answers, Public Policy Council members are dedicated to continuing the dialog to further the issue—both at the State Capitol and in the Denver community. Questions? Email publicpolicy@jld.org.

Give:

*to present voluntarily and
without expecting compensation.*



*President Laura Perry, Foundation President Beverly Morrato
and Fundraising Vice President Becky Schaub*

Back to the Future: Investing in the JLD Foundation

At the August General Meeting, JLD Foundation President **Beverly Morrato** reflected on the Foundation's history and stated, "Our 'founding mothers' did a lot of work to set us on a path to secure the JLD's financial security. Reminding everyone of the importance of the work accomplished in years past, she challenged current members to support the Foundation so that it can continue to help the future of the League.

The Foundation's sole mission is to support JLD's mission and programs through distributions from Foundation assets. It ensures that the League can continue to develop women to become impactful civic leaders and skilled community volunteers today and in the future.

In the late 1980s, a far-sighted JLD board started saving excess fundraising income, and created a \$1 million endowment. In 1992, a special committee of Actives and Sustainers recommended the establishment of a supporting organization to be funded with the existing endowment. This was very new, and one of the first foundations in the nation associated with a Junior League.

In order to begin making distributions, the Foundation assets needed to reach \$6.6 million, a huge fundraising challenge. Yet, this goal was reached, and in 2008–2009 the JLD Foundation made its first distribution of \$216,905 to the JLD. Each year, the JLD Foundation distribution represents about 25% of the JLD's total operating budget.

The JLD Foundation Board of Directors is working on a five-year strategic plan to assure that the Foundation assets continue to grow to meet the growing and changing needs of the JLD.

JLD Foundation President **Beverly Morrato** will come to your council and/or committee meetings to talk about the JLD Foundation and answer questions. If you're interested, please email her at foundation@jld.org.

Community: 2,000 Free Books Distributed at Rocky Mountain Kids Fun Fest!



JLD members feature three of the most popular books at Rocky Mountain PBS Kids Fun Fest

On Saturday, September 10, children's music and lively conversations filled the air at the Rocky Mountain PBS Kids Fun Fest, as JLD Done in a Day volunteers distributed a total of 2,000 books and healthy snacks to kids.

Children received free books ranging from board books for infants; K–5 books like the 2016 One Book 4 Colorado book, *Giraffes Can't Dance*; to young adult literature with classics like *James and the Giant Peach*. A very special thank you goes out to Serve Colorado and Colorado State Library for donating One Book 4 Colorado books to our event!

Julia Lazure, Community Council Vice President, said, "Participating in the Rocky Mountain PBS Kids Fun Fest is an exciting way for the JLD to impact literacy directly, by donating 2,000 books to children. Because the children are able to choose the books they are interested in, we hope it passes on the love of reading to each child we interact with. This event also allows our committed volunteers the opportunity to connect directly with children, their families, and the community as a whole." JLD thanks all RMPBS JLD volunteers for their time, and for making a lasting impression on kids and parents. Your smiles and enthusiasm represent the JLD and the great things we do.

JLD Hosts Annual Major Donor Coffee on October 6

On October 6, the Junior League of Denver held its Annual Donor Recognition Coffee at Fundraising Vice President **Becky Schaub's** home in Denver. Major donors are currently defined as those that give \$500 or more to either the JLD or JLD Foundation during our fiscal year, June 1 through May 31. **Becky Schaub**, President **Laura Perry**, Foundation President **Beverly Morrato** and Planned Giving Committee Chair **Carleigh Elkus** spoke at the event, and honored all donors, with special thanks to the Helen Daly Peale Society members. More than 40 women gathered at the home, shared stories and renewed their commitment to the Junior League. Thank you to all those who attended and continue to give to the League!

Get connected:

join together to provide access and exchange.

Welcome to the 2016–17 JLD Provisional Class!



Welcome to your Provisional year, ladies!

On Sunday, September 11, 2016, JLD held its Provisional Retreat at the Tivoli Turnhalle on Auraria Campus in Denver. This year's class has 231 Provisionals—the largest class to date!

Provisionals were provided with a foundation of information regarding their first year in the League. The retreat included a history of the Junior League of Denver; reviewed Provisional requirements and community involvement; and hosted a meet-and-mingle with members of the Provisional Class.

Congratulations ladies, and welcome to your Provisional year!

September's Shining Star Award: Jenn Hier

Congratulations to **Jenn Hier**, who received September's Shining Star Award at the monthly General Meeting. Nominated by Journey Co-Chair **Mary Beth McErlane**, she said, "The League and The Journey Committee are so lucky to have Jenn! In addition to coming back and chairing the Raffle Committee for The Journey, Jenn has spent the last few months training League leaders to help us understand the tools available through Digital Cheetah. She is always willing to answer questions, offer advice, and help out with ANY problem. Thanks Jenn for all of your hard work!"



Congratulations to Jenn Hier!

Reimagining the Sustainer Experience

Sustainers make up the majority of the JLD membership with about 900 women in its group.

According to Sustainer Vice President **Molly Ostarch Weiss**, overall, Sustainers expressed admiration for and loyalty to the Junior League of Denver—consistently identifying the skills and friendships they have gained throughout their membership as key factors in their continued participation.

The Junior League of Denver is interested in knowing more about what Sustaining members would like from their continued association with the organization. Please send your thoughts, ideas and opinions to **Molly** at sustainers@jld.org.



Pick up copies of *Colore* and *Classique* now!

Colorado Colore and *Colorado Classique* have returned to the JLD's cookbook inventory just in time for the holidays! *Colorado Colore* has been out of stock for some time. Be one of the first to purchase this exclusive cookbook to give as gifts this season.

Colorado Colore is only \$19 for JLD members (retail price \$29.95). Contact [Angela Andrews](mailto:Angela.Andrews@jld.org), Publications Committee Chair, at cookbooks@jld.org to reserve your copies today!

JLD Member Prices

Colorado Cache: \$14
Crème de Colorado: \$16
Colorado Collage: \$18
Colorado Colore: \$19
Colorado Classique: \$19

From *Colorado Colore*: Avocado Lime Cream Dip The perfect appetizer for all fall gatherings!

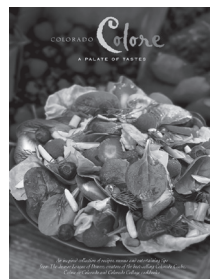
Ingredients:

- 2 medium avocados, coarsely chopped
- 4 scallions, chopped
- 1 teaspoon finely minced jalapeño chile
- 2 green chiles, seeded and finely chopped
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves
- Juice of 2 limes
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- Salt to taste

Combine the avocados, scallions, jalapeño chile, green chiles, cilantro, lime juice, olive oil and sour cream in a food processor. Pulse until smooth. Season with salt. Chill, covered, in the refrigerator.

To prevent the dip from discoloring, press a sheet of plastic wrap directly on the surface. The oxygen in the air turns the avocados brown, so the less air that comes in contact with the dip the greater the chances of no discoloration.

Makes (about) 2 cups.



Upcoming Fundraisers

2016 MILE HIGH HOLIDAY MART

Don't miss Denver's premier holiday shopping show!

Friday, November 11–Sunday, November 13

Gates Field House, University of Denver

VIP Private Shopping Event: Friday, November 11, 10–12, tickets \$40.

General event questions can be sent to holidaymart@jld.org.

THE JOURNEY 2017

Featuring Keynote Speaker Lisa Ling

Journalist [Lisa Ling](#) will be The Journey 2017's keynote speaker.

[Lisa](#) will talk about women in leadership and the powerful impact they have on the world and local communities. **Purchase your tickets by November 13 to receive the early bird discount!**

Friday, March 3, 2017

Hyatt Regency Denver Colorado Convention Center

General event questions can be sent to journey@jld.org.

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Mission

The 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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