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100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
ISSUE

CELEBRATING  
100 YEARS





# A message from the President



**Our  
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wouldn't  
have been  
possible  
without  
teamwork.**

*Becky Schaub,  
2018-2019 JLD President*

Dear Friends,

Happy Birthday, Junior League of Denver!!! 100 years old!

We came, we saw, we celebrated and we participated! We did a lot during our 100th year. Our members continue to be instrumental in giving, growing and getting connected as we have done for a century. A heartfelt thank you to each of you for participating in a way that was meaningful to you.

We gave back to the community by granting \$50,000 to eight deserving organizations, completed 166 Done in a Day events and raised more than \$475,000 through our fundraisers and Annual Campaign to not only support our current community programs, but also invest in the future of the JLD.

Additionally, we want to recognize what our members do for our community. We committed to tracking and donating 100,000 hours of volunteer service, and we exceeded that goal, logging 106,545 hours! CONGRATULATIONS to each of you for taking your volunteer training and putting it to use where it's most relevant. Give yourself thanks!

We grew our commitment to ourselves, our organization and our philanthropy by conducting 112 organized training opportunities, 158 public policy calls to action and welcoming 157 new Provisionals to Active status.

We continue to get connected in impactful ways through our membership, our community and our international organization, The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc., or AJLI. We bestowed 100 Acts of Appreciation upon our members, and showcased 100 years of history and service through our six-case display at DIA. We collected 100 member stories to both archive and share. We hosted the 97th Annual AJLI Conference. And finally, we reinstated 70 of our valued Sustainer members.

Our success this year wouldn't have been possible without teamwork. I couldn't have led this important year without the support of the phenomenal 2018-2019 JLD Board of Directors, the 100th Anniversary Committee and our amazing JLD Staff. As a mother

of two, I am a firm believer in "the village." It truly takes a village to be successful at any venture and the JLD is no exception. We are lucky our village is full of women willing to stand up, speak up, take a chance and step forward on behalf of the communities we serve.

As we transition to year 101, we have so much to look forward to! Our organization is thriving through membership, commitment and engagement. We see hard work coming to fruition, leadership terms coming to an end and new leadership rising to the occasion. Members are embracing our century of service and our ever-changing city and growing to meet the needs of the community. It's an exciting time to be a part of the JLD! There is so much in store this year under the leadership of Julia Lazure. She will introduce a new JLD Strategic Plan, elevate our commitment to diversity and inclusion and explore expanding our community focus area. I hope you are looking forward to celebrating 101 years with our third JLD L.U.V.S. day of service, 40th Annual Mile High Holiday Mart, The Journey, Kitchen Tour, Day at the Capitol and much more!

Thank you for trusting me with the responsibility of being your 100th Anniversary President. I dearly love this organization. Everything it does for our community, for voluntarism, for developing leaders, for sisterhood and for friendship. It's a privilege to be a member. I am truly honored to have spent the past four years serving on the Board of Directors. What will I do on the third Tuesday of every month from now on?!

Cheers to 100 years and opening up the next century of service. I appreciate all you do for the JLD. Thank you for celebrating with me!

With gratitude,

Becky Schaub  
2018-2019 JLD President

# 100 years by the numbers:

**165**

COMMUNITY  
PROJECTS

**45+**

PROJECTS STARTED  
BY THE JLD

**100s**

OF DIAD AND DIAM  
PARTNERSHIPS

MORE THAN  
**\$5.3MM**

IN COMMUNITY  
PROGRAMING

**\$2MM**

GRANTED THROUGH  
CAF AND CEF

## 2018–2019 MEMBERSHIP:

**1,729** TOTAL  
MEMBERS

**675** ACTIVE  
MEMBERS

**153** PROVISIONAL  
MEMBERS

**901** SUSTAINING  
MEMBERS

## 1918–1919 MEMBERSHIP:

**85** WOMEN

**50** HUSBANDS

**\$1** MEMBERSHIP FEE  
(UNTIL 1919 WHEN JLD WAS  
ACCEPTED INTO AJLA)

# League history:

## Provisional Classes through the years

Published in a 1968 issue of League Life (JLD newsletter before *ink*) is a comparison on the changing times of the JLD's Provisional members. The biggest differences between each decade were the growth of member numbers and the causes that they supported. The Provisionals of the 40s focused on specific welfare programs and the Provisionals of the 60s focused on Denver's past, present

and future. As the authors describe, while many things change over time, the intent of JLD Provisionals remains constant: "They are really the same ladies in different bodies, all doing their best to solve the community's problems that progress and change have created." What still remains true, even 50 years later, is our commitment to the Denver community.

## Provisional members

by year:

1945:	<b>15</b>
1948:	<b>25</b>
1968:	<b>29</b>
1978:	<b>65</b>
1988:	<b>200</b>
1998:	<b>200</b>
2008:	<b>156</b>
2018:	<b>153</b>



### CHANGING TIMES . . . ?

As this issue of League Life was taking shape, it occurred to us that it might be interesting to compare our provisional course with a couple of the courses given in the forties. There were 15 provisionals in 1945 and 25 in 1948. Both classes were introduced at a September tea. In 1968, 29 provisionals were introduced at a Provisional Luncheon now held annually in late March. Picture if you will the 1945 class, dressed predominately in black outfits, complete with hats, gloves, and open-toed shoes for their days of tours and lectures. We confess to a more colorful appearance by contrast, wearing hot pinks and greens with matching stockings, of course, and absolutely no thought or interest in hats and open-toed shoes!

Some of the ladies who were provisionals during the forties and who are now sustainers helped us gather this information and we extend our thanks. A highlight of their course was Mrs. Philip K. Alexander's course on parliamentary law. Her lectures were given throughout the six-week course. All sessions and lectures were held at Chappell House. Both classes recalled trips to the Colorado Industrial School for Girls and 1948's provisionals toured a variety of hospitals, housing projects, and schools or homes for the handicapped. Visits were made to Colorado General Hospital, Colorado Psychiatric Hospital, Platte Valley Homes Housing project, Evans School for the Hard of Hearing, Boettcher School for Crippled Children, Colorado State Home for Dependent Children, and Ridge Home and Training School for Mental Defectives. They spent many sessions studying industrial, health, educational and welfare conditions of the community. The courses culminated in tours to Gates Rubber Company, Denver General Hospital, Opportunity School, Holland Hall and Goodwill Industries.

It is readily evident that the emphasis was upon social welfare problems.

Our class shared these concerns in our visits in April 1968 to Craig Rehabilitation Center, Fort Logan Mental Health Center, Fletcher M. Miller Elementary School, Opportunity School, and KRMA. We also visited Denver's Urban Renewal Projects, Martin Marietta Company, the National Center for Atmospheric Research, the Third Eye Theatre, and had tours with individual social workers. We had lectures on Forward Metro Denver, NORAD, drug addiction and abuse, UFO sightings, city planning and beautification, pollution problems, and special education in Denver's public schools. We listened to panels on the cultural arts, labor-management relations, and the problems of human relations.

By comparing provisional training in the 40's and 60's, we became aware of the differences and similarities. In 1948, attention seems to have been focused on specific welfare programs in the community, whereas the 1968 course stressed Denver's past, present, and future in more general terms. It even included study of some national problems as they related to our community.

The issues of 1968 are different from those of 1948, but the provisionals are not. They are really the same ladies in different bodies, all doing their best to solve the community problems that progress and change have created. Twenty years from now, the computer age will be at full maturity and life will be more complex than ever. We shudder to think what problems may confront the 1988 provisional class, but we are confident of their will and ability to cope. The spirit of the league has been equal to the task in the past and we venture to guess that it always will be.

Lynda Collins  
Cindy Sweet



## Her member story: Christine Benero

Christine Benero, President and CEO of the Mile High United Way, joined the Junior League of Denver in 1989. During her Provisional year, she got involved with the Public Policy Council and appreciated the challenge of the “power of public policy debates on both sides and figuring out how to talk to people openly and freely about how I felt,” said Benero.

Over the years, she has held such prestigious positions as the President of the Junior League of Washington, Secretary of The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI) and President of AJLI. In her experience with the League, Benero has met many members who have made an impact on her personally, such as fellow Sustainer Arlene Hirschfeld; the Chair of the National Domestic Hotline, MariBen Ramsey; and friends Pam Newby and Ruth Rohs.

The League has also helped Benero develop skills that she has used in her work with the community, such as how to effectively facilitate meetings, and to harness the power of volunteers, leadership and networks.

Overall, Benero said her life and career has been changed by the Junior League, as it helped her understand “public policy and being the voice to people not at the table.”



## Her member story: Kay Johnson

Past President Kay Johnson joined the JLD in 1974 after being introduced to the League by her sister, Mary Poole, AJL President. She didn't hesitate to jump right in to making a difference.

After finishing her Provisional year, she joined the 1976 Spree fundraising community project, working under the chairman, Stephanie Allen (Stephie), a Past President who taught her the basics of project management and fundraising. Kay later went on to become the first chair of the “Christmas Mart” (now Mile High Holiday Mart), and became President in 1983, the year Yale Headquarters was purchased and renovated. That year Kay shared offices with Pat Duensing in a construction trailer.

Her favorite placement was Marketing Vice President, where she directed the marketing strategies for the League that year. She went on to develop a training module and traveled to Junior Leagues from Canada to Mexico teaching Marketing for Nonprofits based on the successful Holiday Mart fundraiser. Her placements provided experiences to help her develop skills such as fundraising, running meetings, and volunteer management as well as how to motivate people and even how to fire someone.

Throughout her Junior League career, Kay reflected that she cherishes the lifelong friends she made and the rich learning experiences she had.



## Her member story: Dana Rinderknecht

Dana Rinderknecht joined the JLD in 1997. Throughout her Active years (1998–2009), she worked on the Public Policy Council, Community Council, Nominating Committee, and held positions such as Transfer Advisor, Membership VP, President-Elect, 90th Anniversary President and JLD Foundation President.

Dana very much enjoyed being President because it enabled her to meet fellow members from all over the country. She also enjoyed her Transfer Advisor position because she loved talking with women and hearing their stories—stories that changed her life.

Dana has friends and connections all over the country thanks to the JLD, and the League has helped advance her career in the nonprofit world, where a large percentage of the women she meets have a connection to the League. She credits the League with preparing her to run meetings, negotiate and participate in conflict resolution, as well as giving her confidence.





# Her member story: Corry Doty

Corry Doty considers volunteering an important part of her life. “I am a CPA—very few women CPAs in 1968—and I used those skills in my volunteer positions,” shared Corry. In addition to her career in public accounting and then in hospital finance, Corry volunteered 20 hours a week with Alpha Phi and served on boards of the YWCA and the Colorado Heart Association, and later on the boards of several Denver nonprofit organizations.

“Someone told me I should be in the Junior League,” said Corry. She was interested in what Junior League was all about, so she borrowed a copy of the bylaws from former President Carol Tempest to learn more. She liked what she read, so she acquired the six required sponsor letters and joined the 1979 Provisional Class.

Corry was quickly put to work. “I was placed on the Finance Committee as (I think) the only CPA in the League. First assignment, with a couple of others: evaluate JLD fundraisers. The thrift shop was making about \$30,000 per year—and League members had the best discards in town!”

Determined to make more money for the League, Corry applied to be thrift shop chair and got it! (“Hardly anyone EVER wanted this position...but I didn’t know that!” said Corry). She immediately called on JLD friends who worked in merchandising. They revamped the displays and look of the shop. A call went out for donations to build inventory and the shop gained customers and revenue.

Corry recalls the day everything went wrong. “One evening I was out at dinner and got a call at the restaurant that the shop was on fire—an electrical fire. We shared a building with a Western Wear shop and *Colorado Cache* cookbooks. I didn’t know Cookbook Chair Sandy Morrison, but we held onto each other and just cried watching the fire. Virtually everything was ruined.”

Thanks to Corry’s leadership, the thrift shop reopened at a new location in just 115 days, boosting the store’s earnings to about \$60,000 that year, even missing four months of revenue. The following year, the thrift shop made \$80,000 or so, and on to \$100,000. The Second Time Shop (now closed), is just one of the ways Corry impacted the League. The Yale Headquarters was purchased by a team that included Marty Segelke. Corry was recruited to head up four committees to handle everything from the purchase to grand opening—and so they did! She was also Marketing VP and served on the 75th Anniversary Committee.

“I never turned down anything I was asked to do,” said Corry. “I did everything to the best of my ability—we all did.” Corry says her membership in the JLD changed her life. “The League gave me a purpose and ‘career’ once I had stopped working full time...it rounded out our life. My Junior League friends are among my closest and most treasured friends.”

In addition to introducing her to influential women, the League taught Corry relationship building and trust. “I was successful because I worked WITH women who had skills, knowledge and experience,” said Corry. “We must continue to be advocates for the JLD and always share the stories about the impact the JLD has had, including the list of significant, enduring organizations and causes we started or transformed.”





# Her member story: Jean Jones

Before Jean Jones joined the JLD, she was active with the League of Women Voters, and wanted to get even more involved in the community. Little did she know the League would connect her with women who would shape her career. Jean describes her Provisional year as “Very intense. I had young kids at the time and it was a lot.”

Jean’s connections in the League went beyond volunteering. Her volunteer work with Francey McDonald landed her a job at United Bank in Public Affairs. “It was my first job since being a teacher. This launched my career and I later went on to the Girl Scouts and while there, hired women I knew from the JLD,” said Jean.

Jean said her biggest takeaways from her Active years (including serving as 1979–1980 President) were the trainings and relationships she created. She also built a strong professional skill set in the League. “I used the training from JLD in my professional career. The JLD really prepared you, and most women didn’t do that at the time.”

Beyond training her for skills in her professional career, JLD taught Jean about effective work in the community. Junior League also continuously pushed Jean out of her comfort zone, for example, in her role as League Treasurer.

Even now, Jean finds value in League Sustainer events and nurturing the personal connections she made over the years. Jean, along with several JLD Past Presidents, has been recognized by the Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame and other organizations for her work in the community.



# Her member story: Faye Washington

“I worked for the original Frontier Airlines for many years until they went under in the 80s,” recalled Faye. “After I was laid off I decided to focus on volunteering. My husband, a cardiologist, introduced me to opportunities with the American Heart Association, launching my volunteer career. I went on to volunteer with other organizations as well.”

Faye has always placed great importance on community work because of her mother. “She taught me it was important to always give back. She taught me that there is always someone out there who is in a worse place and has greater needs than you,” said Faye.

After hearing about her community work, a friend of Faye’s invited her to get involved in JLD. “I joined mainly for more community volunteer engagement,” shared Faye. “I wasn’t working, my kids were a little older and I loved working in the community.”

Faye was an Active member for 10 years and worked on Fundraising for most of her time with the League, including a number of years on the Holiday Mart Committee. “Holiday Mart was a big fundraiser and we worked very hard to increase the funds raised each year. The related duties were a lot of work,” said Faye. “I learned a lot from that experience that I used in my other community commitments.”

In addition to her work on Fundraising, Faye was drawn to the League’s training opportunities. “I went to every training I could,” said Faye. “I just ate that up. I loved the training aspect of the League. I learned how to make a fundraising ask on behalf of the cause and those who the organization was helping and representing. It forever strengthened my community involvement.”

She loved the training aspect of the JLD so much, she went on to become a Facilitator Committee Co-Chair. Faye explained that her time on that committee was “completely new and unique, and I came out of it a trained facilitator.”

Faye has made lifelong friendships through the League. “When I joined I only knew two people, but everyone was very welcoming and open.” She is still very close with several women from the League. “These women have had a huge impact on my life and continue to be very close friends today,” said Faye.

When reflecting back on her time, Faye says, “The League was wonderful for me. I will never regret my time spent there. I learned so much and was trained to be a community volunteer leader through the League.”





# Highlights from the Community Council

## “Impactful Inspirational Innovative”

*How Community  
VP, Shannon Batal,  
described the League’s year*

During the JLD’s first 100 years of service, the organization has become known for identifying gaps within Denver’s community and creating innovative solutions to meet those needs. Community Council is a cornerstone of JLD, because it is comprised of committees that connect the League to the Denver community.

Shannon Batal, 2018–2019 Community VP, reflected on the 100th Anniversary, and one area she is most proud of is the conception of two new committees that will join Community Council, the Community Action Team and Collaborative Impact Granting. Shannon also shared that she is excited that JLD “continues innovating to further engage members and increase community impact.”



*100th Done in a Day of 2018–2019 year at Dress for Success Denver*

## Done in a Day events



*Mother’s Milk Bank 35th Anniversary Celebration*

It has been an important year for Done in a Day (DIAD) volunteer shifts. The committee expanded its reach by partnering with 10 new organizations, and increased shifts with existing partners, which opened the door for more volunteer opportunities. The League was also able to celebrate its 100th DIAD of the 2018–2019 year with a very special partner, Dress for Success. Since the partnership began in 2012, Dress for Success has come to count on the women of JLD to show up and provide extraordinary service during the shift.

The most memorable moment of the year for Robin Anderson, Done in a Day Chair, was on May 13, when Mother’s Milk Bank honored the JLD as a Partner Hero at the organization’s 35th Anniversary celebration for the League’s role to help the Bank get up and running in 1984. “More than 35 years ago, JLD gave a \$2,000 grant to a woman with a vision,” said Robin. “I was humbled to represent JLD as we were honored for helping the Mother’s Milk Bank to become a reality.”



# JLD grants \$50,000 to eight **deserving** organizations during 100th year.

JLD granted \$50,000 to eight wonderful organizations in May as a part of its commitment to grant up to \$100,000 in honor of its 100th Anniversary. Four nonprofits received \$20,000 in May 2018, and up to \$30,000 will be awarded in May 2020, bringing the total to \$100,000 to honor a century of service.

## **Congratulations to the eight organizations awarded JLD grants in 2018-2019:**

- Anchor Center for Blind Children: \$2,000
- Denver Public Library Friends Foundation: \$3,000
- Denver Santa Claus Shop: \$3,000
- Hope House of Colorado: \$5,000
- Scholars Unlimited: \$5,000
- Second Chance Center, Inc.: \$10,000
- The GrowHaus: \$17,000
- Write Our World: \$5,000



# JLD **proudly** hosts AJLI Annual Conference May 2–4, 2019

In early May, the JLD proudly hosted The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI) Annual Conference, including more than 550 Junior League delegates from the United States, Mexico, Canada and the United Kingdom.

The AJLI Site Committee welcomed hundreds of international delegates and put together an opening event at History Colorado, including welcome bags for delegates, organized fun outings at Denver restaurants and created a series of excursions to show off our beautiful city, including a downtown walking tour and a local brewery tour. In addition, our amazing volunteers staffed a hospitality table throughout the duration of the conference.

Thank you to Kate Cihon, AJLI Site Chair, her team and every volunteer and staff member that helped make the AJLI Annual Conference in Denver a success!





# Membership Council: year in review

For Chesney Johnson, 2018-2019 Membership VP, the 100th League year was exceptionally passionate, and one that she felt should be described as “Take Action Now.” Tasked with attracting, training and retaining a committed group of volunteers by valuing and providing opportunities to each member, Chesney explained that the most rewarding part of the year was “watching the path women in the League take and how they run with it!”

The League year began with the Provisional Retreat on August 12, where each Provisional learned about the League, interacted with other Provisionals and got to know their new Provisional Advisors. The day was one to be remembered and a chance for these new members to begin connecting with their peers and learn more about the JLD.

Throughout the year, the 100th Anniversary Provisional Class made a significant impact on the League and the Denver community. Together, they gave 8,030 hours to the community, completed 435 Done in a Day shifts and worked 142 Fund Development shifts.



*On Wednesday, September 5, JLD hosted its 100th Anniversary Sustainer Garden Party at Hudson Gardens. Sustainers were able to catch up with old friends and make new ones.*



“Take  
Action  
Now”

*Membership VP,  
Chesney Johnson,  
on the League’s year*

2018–2019  
*Provisional Retreat*

## JLD 2018–2019 award winners

Congratulations to this year’s award winners! The contributions of these outstanding members make a difference not only in the JLD, but in the Denver community.

**October 2018 Shining Star Award:** Ashley Keski

**December 2018 Shining Star Award:** Calley Wright

**May 2019 Shining Star Award:** Kate Cihon, 100th Anniversary Committee AJLI Site Manager

**Spirit of Service Award:** Cathy Darnell, Sustainer

**Outstanding Transfer Award:** Kristen Ditsch

**Outstanding Sustainer Award:** Jill Pedicord Peterson, Sustainer

**Sustainer Star Award:** Melly Kinnard, Sustainer

**Outstanding Volunteer Award:** Catherine Zaruba, Transfer Committee Chair

**Outstanding Committee:** Centennial Celebrations Committee

**President’s Cup:** Mary Beth McErlane, Centennial Celebrations Chair

**Outstanding Provisional:** Allison Carey

“Celebratory  
Tenacious  
Innovative”

*Fundraising VP,  
Alyssa Russo, on the  
League’s 100th Anniversary*





On April 30, the Colorado House passed the bill for Full-Day Kindergarten with a vote of 55-10. Starting this fall for the 2019-2020 school year, Colorado children will have access to full-day kindergarten at no cost. JLD is proud to have supported and testified on behalf of the bill.



Public Policy hosted its first ever Day at the Capitol on March 12, 2019, including the League's annual Legislative Breakfast, receiving a tribute on the Colorado House floor, General Meeting and much more.



Governor Hickenlooper declared August 6, 2018 "Junior League of Denver Day" at our 100th Anniversary Legislative Celebration.



The council recognized Representative Jim Wilson (pictured) as 2018 Legislator of the Year and Representative Kevin Priola as 2019 Legislator of the Year.

## Public Policy Council: year in review

### "Lasting Community Legacy"

Public Policy VP, Melanie Lewis Dickerson, describing her council's year

"Impactful for generations to come" is how Public Policy VP, Melanie Lewis Dickerson, describes the League's 100th year. Public Policy Council strives to teach JLD members about the different ways to advocate on behalf of their community. The council urges members to get involved on the issues they care about and that even small, individual actions can make a powerful difference. This year, the Public Policy Council supported 158 Calls to Action and reviewed 18 legislative bills, providing support on 10 bills.



The Journey 2019 paddle raise at the end of the evening raised an astonishing \$60,925, breaking the record from 2018.

## Fundraising Council: year in review

Fundraisers are a vital part of supporting the League's community programs that connect back to the League's Mission, and this League year was no exception. Some fundraisers, like Mile High Holiday Mart and JLD Cookbooks, have been thriving for more than four decades.

The Fundraising Council is constantly learning, evolving and growing, and for our 2018-2019 Fundraising VP, Alyssa Russo, it's "the constant exploration on how to elevate our events year after year," that is most memorable to her. "We worked hard to create lasting relationships with those we collaborated with for some amazing Partner Projects, as well as the corporate sponsors who help make our events possible," Alyssa said about this year's accomplishments. One of the biggest takeaways from the current League year is the rise in Major Donors that the group has seen with each fundraiser.



JLD volunteers take a break for a photo during a shift at our 2018 Mile High Holiday Mart.



# Training Council hosted 100 opportunities for learning in the 100th year

Training Council dove right into celebrating the 100th Anniversary by offering more than 100 formal training opportunities throughout the year, and keeping in theme, they also shared “100 Things Learned Throughout the League” to showcase individual member learning experiences.

It was a year of growth and thought leadership for the council, and one of the biggest changes was the re-alignment of the focus pillars into Personal, Professional and Philanthropic development.

Abigail Gilbertson, 2018–2019 Training VP, had nothing but fond memories from this past year, and well wishes for her successor. “I hope we’ve set the table to offer unique and dynamic trainings for our members, and to empower them to continue evolving Training Council to support our future needs as a League, in effort to fulfill our Mission of getting trained volunteers into the community in a variety of ways,” says Abby.



*JLD had many incredible General Meetings this year, but returning to the holiday tradition of having a lunch event at The Brown Palace on December 14 was certainly a highlight!*

“Strategic  
Thoughtful  
Celebratory”

*Training VP, Abigail  
Gilbertson, sharing three  
words that describe the year*



*Centennial Jubilee on May 22 was truly the capstone on a remarkable year, and included granting \$50K to local nonprofits, Provisional Graduation, awards and much more.*



# Welcome to the JLD Cookbook Club, *Centennial Celebrations!*

The wait is over! The long anticipated sixth cookbook in the Junior League of Denver's highly successful cookbook lineup is here. Honoring JLD's 100th Anniversary, *Centennial Celebrations* is filled with all the colorful flavors that Colorado has to offer. The book includes more than 200 thoughtfully selected and thoroughly tested recipes for every season and occasion. *Centennial Celebrations* is a journey of the senses featuring beautiful photography of fabulous gatherings at iconic Denver locations. The creative menus, recipes, and entertaining tips will inspire you to cook, connect, and celebrate...Colorado style!

It truly does take a village and Mary Beth McErlane, *Centennial Celebrations* Chair, says the "list is endless!" of people she'd like to thank who helped bring this masterpiece to life. The two years' worth of hard work will soon pay off, and for Mary Beth, "A lot of 'butter, sweat and tears' went into creating *Centennial Celebrations*!"

**Behind the Scenes of Celebrations: Q&A With Mary Beth McErlane**

**What was the most memorable/fun part of creating this cookbook?**

**MB:** The photo shoots were definitely my favorite part. So much went into creating these amazing scenes. We were cooking the food, staging the celebrations, carrying the props around crazy locations, and most of all having so much fun together doing it.

**What was challenging about it? What did you learn from the challenges?**

**MB:** I think the biggest challenge was not getting overwhelmed by the scope of what had to be done. With about 1,000 submitted recipes to sort, test and edit, eight chapters of copy and photographs to design and so many details to organize into one cohesive book, I learned a lot about project management and how to motivate a unique group of women, all with something different and amazing to contribute.

**What advice would you give to the next JLD Cookbook Committee?**

**MB:** Just enjoy the experience! It'll be hard. You'll laugh a lot. You'll probably cry a lot too. But, it will all be worth it in the end!



Mary Beth also shared how thankful she is for all who contributed to *Centennial Celebrations*, including:

The amazing *Centennial Celebrations* Committee

Our photographer, **Briana Marie**

**Nicole Cruse** from Grace & Gather Events and **Erin Hornstein** from Plum Sage Flowers, who designed all of the beautiful celebrations throughout the book

**Event Rents**, **Yonder House** and all of our in-kind donors

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**Becky Schaub**, **Cathy Hollis** and **Tracy and Darren Gibbons** who allowed us to photograph their beautiful homes

All of the Board members who trusted us with this project and every single person who showed us support along the way!

## JLD cookbooks *through the years*



1978



1987



1995



2002



2009

- JLD has raised close to **\$7 million in net proceeds** from the sales of its cookbooks
- JLD has sold more than **2.1 million books to-date**.
- *Colorado Cache* is **one of the best-selling Junior League cookbooks** from any League across the U.S.

# Thank you 100th Anniversary Committee

The Junior League of Denver gives its thanks to all the volunteers who made JLD's 100th Anniversary a success!

**Special thanks to the members of the 100th Anniversary Committee:**

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