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*JLD L.U.V.S. (Leaders United in Volunteer Service) debuts on September 23!  
The women behind the event (left to right): Liz Peetz, Julia Lazure, Shannon Batal*

# Grow:

*to increase in size, number, or degree.*



*President Laura Perry*

## Reflecting on the 2016–2017 Year and Looking to our Future

The work of the Junior League of Denver is tireless. During our 99-year history, the League has started more than 100 different programs, often taking on challenges in the Denver community no one else desired to in the areas of education, health, and children. Even as the role of women in society and the work place have historically changed, the JLD continues to take on impactful work and improve the landscape of the Denver community.

The League's **Read2Kids** and **Kids Connect** programs place books in the hands of children and provide an environment where families enjoy interactive activities that encourage reading together. I'm proud to say that this year, the JLD devoted about 6,000 community volunteer hours, served more than 3,800 meals, and distributed about 3,600 books to families in an effort to educate parents about the importance of reading to their children early, and to help improve literacy rates for school age children.

**On September 23, 2017, we will host our inaugural JLD L.U.V.S. event, a League-wide service day (Leaders United in Volunteer Service).** I encourage you to read more about L.U.V.S. in this issue of *ink*. This new community program is an impactful way to orchestrate meaningful change in the Denver community.

We are defined by the strength of our members, and are catalysts for lasting community change. J.M. Barrie wisely stated through his character Peter Pan, “the moment you doubt whether you can fly, you cease forever to be able to do it.” The Junior League of Denver will never doubt the power of its wings and we have so much to be proud of.

It has been an honor to serve as your President this year. It's an experience I will always value and cherish. Thank you for all you do to make our communities a better place to live.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Perry".

**Laura Perry**  
2016–2017  
JLD President  
[president@jld.org](mailto:president@jld.org)



*2016–2017 President Laura Perry,  
President-Elect Becky Schaub,  
2017–2018 President Kali Handford*

# 2017 JLD Legislator of the Year, Senator Beth Martinez Humenik

By: *Emily Thomsen, Public Policy Liaison*



*Public Policy Council members Chandra Jones, Melanie Lewis Dickerson, and Jenn Stickel at this year's Legislative Breakfast.*



*Senator Martinez Humenik at the 2017 Public Policy Legislative Breakfast.*

In celebration of the tireless efforts our advocates make for Colorado's women and children, our Public Policy Council awards an individual whose dedication to public service and outstanding commitment renders paramount. This award is a token of gratitude and recognition of the hard work and support the legislative community has demonstrated in the advancement of the League's mission.

The Junior League of Denver Public Policy Council is proud to honor **Senator Beth Martinez Humenik** (R-Thornton) as the 2017 Legislator of the Year. Sen. Martinez Humenik is in her first term representing the citizens of Senate District 24, including Adams County.

During her time in the Legislature, Sen. Martinez Humenik has been a champion for children, sponsoring several bills to promote educational opportunities and quality early childhood education. She previously chaired the Early Childhood and School Readiness Commission and was instrumental in passing House Bill 17-1106, continuing the state's Early Childhood Leadership Commission. This past February, Sen. Martinez Humenik hosted the Public Policy Council for a Legislative Breakfast, where members met with state senators and representatives to discuss the League's policy priorities.

"It was an honor and a privilege to partner with Senator Martinez Humenik this legislative season on a number of issues that directly impact Colorado's children and the education they receive," says **Jenn Stickel**, Public Policy Council VP. "As a council, we are proud to honor her, especially knowing that her passion for Colorado's children makes her a fierce advocate and voice for the League's mission in the Senate."

The JLD would like to congratulate and thank Senator Martinez Humenik for being our fearless champion for Colorado's women and children and for being a friend of the League. Questions? Email [publicpolicy@jld.org](mailto:publicpolicy@jld.org).

# Give:

*to present voluntarily and without expecting compensation.*

## 2017 Journey Reaches New Fundraising Heights

*By: Liz Kerr & Drew Elsey, Fundraising Liaisons*



*The Journey 2017 Steering Committee members celebrate at our fifth annual event.*

We have exciting news to share! The numbers are in, and we are proud to report that we raised more than \$75,000 at our fifth annual Journey event on Friday, March 3, making it one of our best years yet. Strong participation by all was key to the event's success. Congratulations to the Fundraising Council, The Journey Committee, and The Journey 2017 Co-Chairs **Ashley Foy** and **Mary Beth McErlane**!

This would not have been possible without the support we received from our incredible sponsors, all attendees, and those that donated to the event and participated in the silent auction from afar. We are in awe of the support we received from the silent and live auctions, as well as the paddle raise.

### **Down to the numbers:**

- **\$31,000:** Paddle raise and online donations
- **\$13,200:** Live auction donations
- **\$30,000:** Silent auction donations

Thank you for your support! Questions? Email [fundraising@jld.org](mailto:fundraising@jld.org).



## Springtime calls for a light, fruity cocktail!

Our Sparkling Sangria recipe from *Colorado Classique* is perfect for sipping in your backyard after a day of gardening. Enjoy!

*Colorado Classique* is available for only \$20 for members, and can be picked up at JLD HQ during business hours. Questions? Email [cookbooks@jld.org](mailto:cookbooks@jld.org).



# Announcing Your 2017–2018 JLD Board of Directors



## 2017–2018 JLD Board of Directors

Congratulations to the 2017–2018 JLD Board of Directors! Many thanks go out to our Nominating Committee, led by chair **Katy Arnold**, for assembling our next group of leaders. Questions? Email [nominating@jld.org](mailto:nominating@jld.org).

- **President: Kali Handford**
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- Sustainer Council Vice President-Elect: Lauren Eigner

## SPARKLING SANGRÍA

*Serves: 6-8 portions*

*Prep: less than 30 minutes*

Fill a large pitcher halfway with ice. Add wine, rum, soda, and lime and orange slices; stir. Pour mixture into glasses and garnish with strawberries, peaches, and baby Key limes.

- 1 750 ml bottle Pinot Grigio wine
- ¼ cup white rum
- 24 ounces diet lemon-lime soda
- 2 peaches, sliced
- 2 limes, sliced into ¼ inch thick rounds
- 1 orange, sliced into ¼ inch thick rounds
- 1 pint fresh strawberries, halved, or quartered if large
- 2 baby Key limes, sliced into rounds

## Please Complete a Sustainer Survey

*By: Molly Ostarch Weiss, Sustainer Vice President*

During the past year, the JLD completed a strategic planning process that will guide our organization to our 100th Anniversary and beyond. As part of this effort, the League is focusing on Sustainer members with the goal of continuing to enhance our League's capacity towards community impact and civic leadership.

Be on the lookout for a Sustainer-only survey that will be mailed out to every Sustaining member this summer. The purpose of the survey is to get meaningful, actionable feedback from as many Sustainers as possible about how, when, and where Sustainers want to participate in the League. The Sustainer Council will use this information to enhance current programs and offerings, and to create new engagement opportunities that are in line with Sustainer interests and needs.

The Sustainer Council invites you to share your thoughts, insights, and feedback. To join the conversation, please email [sustainers@jld.org](mailto:sustainers@jld.org).

# Get connected:

*join together to provide access and exchange.*

## 2016–2017 Community Impact and New L.U.V.S Program

By: Kelly Ann Schuberth, Community Liaison

*With the JLD's help, deserving Denver teens received free prom attire through Bella Boutique. We collected dresses and set up Done in a Days for the local nonprofit.*



The League had a highly successful year! With a new and exciting community project starting in the next year, the Junior League of Denver is sure to make an even bigger impact.

JLD L.U.V.S. is the new League-wide day of service and the newest permanent community placement. L.U.V.S. stands for Leaders United in Volunteer Service, and each year members will have the opportunity to volunteer in various projects, all focused around a different theme.

“The Community Program Research & Development Committee, led by **Shannon Batal** and **Liz Peetz**, utilized the work done by the Strategic Planning Committee and multiple years of Board leadership to research, create, formulate, and finalize this impressive project that passed with 100% Board approval in January of this year,” said Community Council VP Julia Lazure.

**The upcoming year’s project will be called “JLD L.U.V.S. Globeville and Elyria-Swansea,” and will launch on September 23.**

The JLD will be joining the Mayor’s office, United Way, Habitat for Humanity, and several other community-focused organizations that are already working to help Globeville and Elyria-Swansea with the resources it needs. Working together with existing and established organizations, the JLD has a huge opportunity to bring our well-trained volunteers to serve the community in a powerful way.

“We are very excited about the direction the Community Council is taking in all areas, including our newest initiative,” said Lazure. “We have had a very successful League year because of the work that our members have completed. Thank you to each of our members for their incredible work and dedication!”

The L.U.V.S. Committee is currently accepting applications for projects for the September 23 event. Questions Email [community@jld.org](mailto:community@jld.org).

# 2016-2017 Community Results

**Almost 6,000  
volunteer hours**

**About 1,400 JLD  
volunteers**

**Distributed  
about 3,600  
books**

**Served more  
than 3,800  
meals**

**Engaged more  
than 4,000  
adults**

**Served more  
than 2,500  
children**



*JLD volunteers lend a hand at a Done in a Day benefitting Food Bank of the Rockies in January.*



*In March, JLD members supported Dress for Success in its pursuit to empower women to achieve economic independence through professional attire.*



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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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