JLD Hosts Successful Annual Legislative Breakfast on February 14
Grow: to increase in size, number or degree.

Message from the President

I am often asked what my goal as President is, or about the legacy I want to leave after my year of service as President. My answer every time is the same. I am one of nearly 1,700 members, so there can be no “I,” “me,” or “my.” The League belongs to all of us. I volunteer at the pleasure of you, our member, who elected the JLD Board of Directors to act as fiduciary agents allocating resources and making governance decisions guided by our mission, to partner with our professional nonprofit staff, serve alongside our Foundation, civic, business, and community partners, and to keep members at the center of nearly everything we do. Our Board principles are simple: do a good job, move the mission forward, learn something new and have fun.

During this League year, we have pursued our mission by:

- Hosting formal and informal trainings, ranging from leadership to feng shui to General Meetings highlighting our Sustainers
- Completing capital improvements to JLD Headquarters focused on accessibility
- Improving our community with a high-impact day of service, Leaders United in Volunteer Service (L.U.V.S.)
- Engaging 1,557 kids and 2,820 adults in JLD community programs, serving 3,634 meals and distributing 2,344 children’s books
- Hosting legislators at our annual Legislative Breakfast at the State Capitol

These actions are possible because of the gracious financial support of the JLD Foundation, member dues, individual and business sponsors, community grants and the big lift from our League-wide fundraisers.

We have much work left to do this year. Our League was one of the first to adopt the reaching out statement for diversity and inclusion of The Association of Junior Leagues International Inc. (AJLI).

In the next few months, JLD will launch a special committee to look at what this means to us and how to better weave diversity and inclusion into the fabric of our organization. This will be as important a legacy as any.

So what will our next mark be? We will continue doing what we’ve done for nearly 100 years: give to our community, get connected to other women, and grow personally, professionally, and civically. I challenge you to find a way — big or small — to be a part of our collective impact because we each have an important role in furthering the mission of JLD.

In Gratitude,

Kali Handford, President
2017–2018 JLD Board of Directors
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How to Stay Involved with JLD as a Sustainer

By: Barb Goettelman, Sustainer VP

Hello Sustaining League members! We are excited for the 100th Anniversary and desire your involvement. If you know of ladies who wish to reconnect with the League, bring them on board. There is truly something for everyone. We are currently planning our May Emeritus Luncheon for our wonderful 80+ and Helen Daly Peale Society members. Details coming soon! Moreover, we’ll be kicking off the 100th Anniversary year with our Summer Garden Party. Wish to join or help with either of these events? Contact Sustainer VP Barb Goettelman at sustainers@jld.org or 303.667.3543 today.

Welcome JLD Transfers!

By: Jessica Eichenlaub, Transfer Committee Chair

The Transfer Committee is pleased to welcome 60 Transfers to JLD this year! Transfers complete requirements that introduce them to JLD and Denver, and meet regularly in small groups led by eight advisors throughout the Denver metro area. These women enrich JLD by bringing fresh ideas, sharing their talents and choosing to continue their League service in Denver. Welcome to all Transfers! We are glad you have joined JLD, and look forward to giving, growing and connecting with you this year.
Give: to present voluntarily and without expecting compensation.

Terrell Davis to Keynote JLD’s Sixth Annual Journey

By: Drew Elsey, Fundraising Liaison

As our sixth annual Journey approaches and we eagerly await this special evening, we remember what an impact this single event makes — not only for the League but also for the Denver community. Last year, JLD raised more than $75,000, and this year, we are confident we will raise even more!

The Journey is one of the League’s largest annual fundraisers, providing vital resources to enable JLD to uphold its goal to improve literacy rates and provide access to books for children through the third grade in the Denver metro area.

We are thrilled to have former Denver Broncos running back, Terrell Davis, as our keynote speaker this year. Davis will speak about how education propelled him to an incredible career that includes two Super Bowl wins and an induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Davis is more than a local football legend; he is a true testament to the power of education. He recognizes football isn’t just about physical toughness, but it’s also about mental strength. Now that he and his wife, Tamiko, are parents of three children, they are even more passionate about education.

Join us March 23 for an evening of empowerment, inspiration, and, of course, fun! Get your tickets at jld.org. Questions? Email journey@jld.org.

Chile Relleno Casserole, Colorado Cache page 257

Slice chiles lengthwise on one side. Remove seeds and drain. Slice Monterey Jack cheese into ¼-inch thick slices and place inside chiles. Placed stuffed chiles in an ungreased 3 quart baking dish. Mix eggs, milk, flour, salt and pepper well, and pour over chiles. Sprinkle top with grated Cheddar. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Yields 8 servings.

All JLD cookbooks are available for purchase and sold at every General Meeting or can be purchased year-round at JLD HQ during business hours (M-F from 9 am – 4 pm). JLD cookbooks make a fantastic gift for any occasion!

Questions? Email cookbooks@jld.org.
What is the Helen Daly Peale Society?

Created in 1999, the Helen Daly Peale Society honors and recognizes individuals who share our founding President Helen Daly Peale’s vision for the Junior League of Denver.

Members of the Helen Daly Peale Society have created planned gifts, such as a bequest, which benefits the JLD Foundation. We thank our Helen Daly Peale Society members for their continued support. Your legacy will forever be appreciated.

How to Join the Helen Daly Peale Society

We invite all friends and members of the JLD to join the Helen Daly Peale Society by simply letting us know that the JLD Foundation has been included in your estate plan. When it comes to expressions of support, there are many ways you may choose to make gifts, and planned gifts often benefit your family estate planning goals as well as the JLD Foundation. No matter what your individual circumstances, we are ready to assist in finding the best solution for you.

For information about the Helen Daly Peale Society, email HDPsociety@jld.org.
Public Policy Council Furthers League Mission Through Advocacy

By: Melanie Lewis Dickerson, Public Policy VP
Kate Cygan, Public Policy Liaison

Over the last century, individual Junior Leagues have been active educating the public on pressing issues and advocating for change, legislative or otherwise, on behalf of the communities they serve. JLD is proud of its history of public policy and advocacy. Beginning in the 1985–1986 League year, JLD began offering Public Policy as a placement opportunity in order to impact the root causes of the issues our programs address. In 1987, JLD was the very first League to hire a governmental affairs specialist.

As the needs of our communities have changed over the past 30 years, we recognize the need to evolve to encourage and cultivate change. While every part of the League advances our mission, one of the most direct points of influence is the Public Policy Council. The council works to influence and shape policy at the Colorado State Capitol, considering our mission, members and community partners. Additionally, the council empowers JLD members to engage in, and with, the legislative process. From sending an email or making a call to their lawmaker to testifying in committee, Public Policy Council members have an outlet to speak to decision makers about matters that help or hinder the mission of the Junior League of Denver.

JLD works closely with its government affairs specialist, Sara Odendahl, at Aponte & Busam. Sara is a former League member and Public Policy VP. She supports the work of the council in surfacing legislation most relevant to the focus of JLD. Public Policy Council members then review and debate legislation to determine the level of engagement the League will take on set issues. A few of the 2018 policy issues the League is monitoring are:

• Extension of the Child Care Contribution Tax Credit
• Promoting equity in early childhood education
• Funding for Early Childhood Councils
• Expanded access/funding for the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP)
• Early childhood education workforce issues
• Human trafficking education and prevention strategies
Public Policy Council takes great care to act in the best interest of JLD and the communities we serve, and not the individual interests or preferences of our members. The Public Policy Council considers, first and foremost, if legislation is directly relevant to the mission and focus of JLD and its potential impact on League community partners. After that, the council considers questions such as, “Does this legislation support (or harm) an underserved population?” and “Will advocacy for or against this legislation create high visibility (positive or negative) for JLD?” As tertiary criteria, the council asks questions like, “Where do key legislators stand?” and “What resources do we have available?”

The Public Policy Council also organizes and promotes events focusing on relationship building with legislators and staff. On February 14, JLD hosted an annual Legislative Breakfast at the Capitol. On March 16, the Public Policy Council will host a General Meeting at the Capitol. The council also names and celebrates a Legislator of the Year to reward and recognize the support the legislative community has in serving Colorado’s women and children.

For more information about the Public Policy Council, email publicpolicy@jld.org.

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