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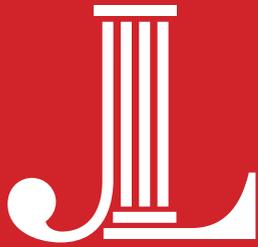
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our mission

The Junior League of Savannah is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.



message from Katie Kellogg

Editor

Welcome back to another League year, and if you're new, welcome to the Junior League of Savannah! This is my sixth active year in the League and my first year working with the Communications council. In the past, I have served on the Done in a Day committee, Ronald McDonald House Committee as a committee member and subsequently the chair and most recently the Fit Kids Fest chair. Needless to say, Communications council is a big change in my League experience.

We on the Communications council are excited to bring JLS many changes in our social media presence, website and even this newsletter. Just to name a few, JLS social media will see the addition of a hashtag that encompasses the theme of JLS going forward; the website will be overhauled and re-skinned; and with this publication we are striving to feature more members in *Coastal Columns*.

This year in particular, League members will be guided and encouraged to "Learn. Serve. Light the Way..." through various programs, events and projects being planned for the months ahead. As we enter the last few months of our 90th year, leaders in JLS will endeavor to remind our members of the meaning and purpose of being a Junior League of Savannah member. Members who are not currently in leadership will have the opportunity to make their voices heard through the straw ballot presented by Nominating, whether Members want to nominate themselves for a leadership position or nominate a fellow member, or both. Speaking from personal experience, getting involved with leadership was the best decision I made for my years in the League, as it has helped me to meet many more women I would not have normally met and has taught me new skills.

I am already looking forward to publishing the Spring issue of *Coastal Columns*, as being the Newsletter Editor has given me a front seat view of all of the goings-on in the League. Cheers to 90 years and to a brand-new League year!

Katie Kellogg



message from Lisa Muller **Incoming President**

The following was Lisa Muller's speech delivered at the 2015-2016 Annual Meeting.

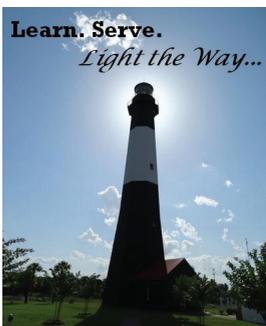
When I was a child, my mom, as I am certain many moms do, made sure to place the correct number of birthday candles on my birthday cake each year as we would celebrate. At some point, my father was a firefighter after all, this had to stop – probably when it became a fire hazard. I now place candles for my eight year old son, Jadon, and two year old daughter, Rosie. Now, on my cake for birthdays we only place three candles, however, one each for the past – present – and future. My son also knows not to tell anyone my correct age. I've taught him well that you do not ask a lady her age. He has been instructed to tell anyone that might not know this "rule" that I am "39 again."

One lady, or group of ladies, of which I am proud to be a part, celebrated a birthday this year that makes me happy we have been around so long...yes, I mean that we, the Junior League of Savannah, celebrated 90 years!! What an accomplishment!! We have been reaching out to those in our community and changing lives for over 90 years, now! As many of you know our mission states that we are "an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers." There are several very important points here that should be emphasized: **We learn** about our communities and how to best serve, **we then serve** others, and through this service **we stand out** as leaders in our community.

Mary Harriman who started the concept now known as Junior Leagues in 1901, was inspired to work in the settlement houses in New York and encouraged her debutante friends to work with her. Historical accounts of this beginning shared on the Association of Junior Leagues International, our parent organization, website state that these ladies soon realized they did not know how to help these immigrants. Even having trouble caring for the young children, they decided to be trained in what to do and then serve. We still do that today. This year alone our members could have learned or sharpened skills in how to paint, how to garden, how to organize a fundraiser, organize a political debate, create a budget, manage a meeting, follow parliamentary procedure, learned about the specific needs facing our community and how we might help, etc... all within our league. We are not afraid to learn, to fail sometimes, but to support each other to keep learning and striving towards more service to our community.

And serve we still do, as well. Our history highlights amazing accomplishments and work with awesome nonprofit organizations. When I was talking with Jadon one night about why his mommy missed tucking him in bed some nights or why I missed some of his ballgames because of Junior League meetings, I explained why mommy and my Junior League friends do the things we do – even all the meetings – for we need those to organize how we will serve. I told him about the little boy who lived not too far from us who had only eaten that day at school. Knowing he was going to bed that night hungry from not eating dinner was frustrating, but Jadon was more upset to hear that this little boy might not eat during the weekend. Jadon understood that the adults caring for this little boy couldn't make sure he had food, so he might go hungry until Monday. I explained that just a part of what we do with JLS was to make sure this little boy had food each weekend to eat. Jadon was happy we could help, but then asked, "What is his name, mommy?" I told him that I do not know, but that he and 95 other children at Garden City Elementary School would have food to eat because of what we do. The cool thing, we do it and don't need to know their names. We are simply committed to service to those in our community who do not have a voice. While young, weak, or hurting, their voice may be silenced... It is in this way that we, then, have the opportunity to lead.

As leaders in our community for those who need our help, we are sharing our strength... our gifts and talents... our light. We share our leadership and light in the way we work hard together to gather the items that ultimately allow us to raise approximately \$100 thousand each year through Thrift Sale and by organizing an selling our cookbooks to raise funds. We share our leadership and light in the way we have members who manage our membership groups and keep our records straight so that we can serve. We share our leadership and light in the way we communicate with each other to stay focused and unified in moving forward to accomplish even more. We illuminate the past and learn how to grow and build on our success. We aren't afraid to blaze new trails, either, as we strive to do more as leaders.



So are you hearing all the references to light? As we now close this exciting year and make plans to move forward, I am honored to continue to work along beside each of you as we learn together, serve together, and lead together as we light the way... Just as those candles on a birthday cake mark a special celebration, they give off light. We will work hard to continue striving towards accomplishing our mission as we light the way for those in our communities and for those members of the Junior League of Savannah who come after us in service. So join me as we Learn, Serve, and Light the way into the next ninety years for the Junior League of Savannah.

Lisa Muller

mark your calendars

Fall 2016 Events

Community Advisory Board Meeting	September 9, 2016	Noon	JLS Headquarters
General Membership Meeting (GMM)	September 12, 2016	6pm	The Brice
Membership Happy Hour	September 12, 2016	After GMM	Pacci (The Brice Lobby)
Girls' Night Out	September 16, 2016	6pm	Captain Woody's (Bluffton, SC)
DIAD Project (Girls Engineer It Day).....	September 17, 2016	1-5:30pm	Woodville-Tompkins Tech
Thrift Sale Set-up.....	October 2-7, 2016	Daily	Savannah Civic Center
Thrift Sale Preview Shopping	October 7, 2016	5:30pm	Savannah Civic Center
Thrift Sale	October 8, 2016	7:30am	Savannah Civic Center
Masquerade/Auction - GMM	October 15, 2016	6pm	The Brice
Golden Isles Project: Book Party (Halloween-Themed)..	October (TBA)	TBA	Brunswick-Glynn County Library
Charity Day Sale at Belk	November 5, 2016	6am	Belk
Morning Option for GMM.....	November 7, 2016	10am	TBA
Evening Option for GMM.....	November 7, 2016	6pm	The Brice
Community Advisory Board Meeting	December 2, 2016	Noon	JLS HQ
JLS Shopping Night - GMM.....	December 5, 2016	6pm	Belk



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Lisa Muller, President

Lisa has been a member of the Junior League since 2002, and has lived in Savannah since completing law school at The University of Georgia. Lisa has a B.S. in Public Relations from Georgia Southern University and a Master's Degree in Communications from Western New England University, as well. Lisa now teaches at Georgia Southern University after practicing law for several years in Savannah. Lisa is married to John D.R. Muller, Jr., and the two have one son, Jadon, and one daughter, Rosie. Lisa and John are also foster parents, giving Jadon and Rosie the opportunity to have foster "brothers and sisters" visit over the years.

Lisa has served in many placements within the JLS, including on Community Council, on the Strategic Planning Committee, on Finance Council, Thrift Sale Committee, as Auctions Solicitations Chair, as the Marketing Chair for Cookbook, a Provisional Advisor, and is very excited to serve on the Board of Directors as our President this year. She also works to encourage and remind League members that when we work together we can truly make a difference in the lives of others.



Melissa Jackson, President-elect

Melissa moved to the Savannah area in late 2009 and joined the league shortly thereafter in 2010. She hails from Jacksonville, FL and is an alumna of the University of Florida (Go Gators!!!). She has worked in higher education for many years and currently serves as the Campus Director of the University of Phoenix, Savannah location. Melissa is the proud mom of two sweet girls: Alaina and Isabella. Melissa has served in various positions within community council, including Done in a Day and Public Affairs. She is excited about the league year and looks forward to working with league members and continuing to make a difference in the communities we serve. In her spare time she enjoys reading, volunteering with other non-profit organizations, and spending time with her family.



Wendy Owens, Communications VP

Wendy was born and raised in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She attended James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia and Tulane Law School in New Orleans, Louisiana. She is the proud mother of her son, Wyatt, and several rescue dogs and cats. On the weekends, you can usually find her at a local beach making sandcastles with Wyatt. She is currently a solo practitioner at her own law firm and is licensed to practice law in Georgia, North Carolina and West Virginia. She is a Leadership Savannah graduate, Coastal Pet Rescue volunteer, 100 Women of Savannah member and has served as Board Chair and Interim Executive Director of Savannah/Chatham CASA. Within JLS, Wendy has served as Annual Fund Chair, Treasurer, Finance VP, Backpack Buddies Chair, and on Thrift Sale Committee. She is excited about her new role as Communications VP and Little Leaguers Co-Chair. "I have truly enjoyed all of my positions with the League. In each, I was able to work with knowledgeable and committed women whose goal was to give back to our community. I am inspired by so many women in our community that have through the years made so many changes for the betterment of our community."



Jennifer Grafton, Community VP

Jennifer is originally from Glennville, Georgia and lived there until graduating high school from Pine-wood Christian Academy. She attended Georgia Southern University earning a Master of Accounting degree, working in both public practice and private sector. She enjoys spending her summers and long weekends on the water boating, swimming, fishing and crabbing and her interests include entertaining & event planning, gardening, sewing, and birdwatching. Jennifer and her husband own FabCon, a commercial roofing and sheet-metal company, which has received Savannah’s woman owned business certification. She and her husband have three children (7th & 8th grades, and a college freshman) actively involved in sports, music and performing arts. Jennifer’s volunteerism and community service over the past 20 years includes Habitat for Humanity, Brunswick Junior Women’s Club, Girls on the Run, Savannah Children’s Choir, Georgia’s Special Olympics, 100 Women of Savannah, American Cancer Society, and Historic Savannah Foundation. She is a member of Bull Street Baptist Church where she is active in women’s ministry and volunteer in the nursery. Previous JLS placements include Masquerade Chair, Cookbook Chair, Sustainer Activities Chair, Provisional Advisor, and Done In A Day volunteer.



Maria Davis, Finance VP

Maria was born and raised in Savannah, and attended undergraduate and graduate school at Fordham University in New York City where she received a Bachelor’s degree in Accounting and a Master of Science in Taxation. Maria currently works at Wood Products International, Inc. Her previous JLS placements are Done in a Day Committee and Treasurer.



Jessica Thomas, Membership VP

Jessica Thomas was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky and attended Stetson University in DeLand, Florida where she received her Bachelor’s degree in Marketing and her Master’s in Business Administration. She joined the league in Spring 2011 after moving to Savannah from Carmel, California with her husband. Jessica works for Memorial Health as a corporate communications project manager and enjoys volunteering, cooking, and traveling in her spare time. She and her husband recently moved to Dutch Island with their two dogs, Bailey and Lucy. While in the League, Jessica has served as the Public Relations Chair, Communications Vice President, and Cookbook Chair. During this League year, she and her council hope to create engaging and meaningful meetings, training events, and social opportunities for all provisionals, members, and sustainers in Savannah, South Carolina, and the Golden Isles.



Jennifer McKenzie, Treasurer

Jennifer is originally from the Atlanta area and moved to Savannah after college. She attended Georgia Tech and studied biology and microbiology and later attended Georgia State University where she received her Master’s in Exercise Science. She has been a member of the Junior League of Savannah for over 9 years and her past placements include volunteering with Interfaith Hospitality Network, Done in a Day Projects, and serving on the Thrift Sale committee. In addition, she was the Thrift Sale Chair-Elect and Thrift Sale Chair and most recently was a Provisional Committee Advisor. Jennifer and her husband, Drew, have two sons. Jennifer is owner of Hyperformance Athletics and loves mentoring new coaches and helping people create positive forward momentum.



Virginia Tuten, Nominating Chair

Virginia (Ginny) joined JLS in 2005 and served on the Thrift Sale Committee from 2006 until acting as Thrift Sale Chair in 2012. She then served on Back Pack Buddies Committee and as a Provisional Advisor. She was on the Nominating Committee last year and was selected to be the chair for this current league year. Ginny has “loved seeing how the different areas of the league come together and support each other.”

Ginny graduated from Georgia Southern University in 1994 with a BBA in Accounting and worked as an accountant at Memorial Health until May of this year, when she decided to take some time off to enjoy being a mom to her sweet, loving, rambunctious 6 year old twins, Nicholas and Benjamin. Her husband Russell has become a fixture at the Thrift Sale, starting the year she was pregnant with her boys. Russell has unloaded and loaded many containers during his bod squad shifts. Along with her “amazing committee, I plan on putting together a phenomenal group of women to lead JLS in the future.”



Beth Longley, Strategic Planning Chair

Beth is originally from Atlanta. She attended Mercer Law School and currently works for the Social Security Administration. Some of her past JLS placements include volunteering with Interfaith Hospitality Network, Public Relations Chair, and Communications Vice President. Fun fact: If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be? "I went on a cruise with my family years ago, which included a day trip to Dubrovnik, Croatia. It was one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen. I would love to go back with my husband and children one day."



Katie Joyner, Sustaining Board Advisor

Katie was born and raised in Asheboro, NC. She attended undergraduate school at Salem College in Winston-Salem, NC and then moved to Savannah in 2001 to attend SCAD for graduate school and received her Master's degree in 2005. She and her "wonderful husband, Michael Joyner, have been married for 9 years and we have a beautiful daughter, Steele Anne who is 18 months old. Katie Joyner Photography has been around for over 12 years now and I love photographing families, babies and weddings. Owning my own business has always been a dream of mine and I am blessed to be living that dream as well as continuing to grow and enjoy my passion for photography." Her previous JLS placements include Newsletter Editor, Information Technology, Communications Vice President, Treasurer/Finance Vice President, and New Cookbook Chair. Katie's experience in co-chairing the development of "our new cookbook [On the Squares – Savannah Style] was a 2-year whirlwind that I was so excited and thankful to be a part of!"



Denise Cooper, Parliamentarian

Denise was born and raised in Savannah and attended Alfred Ely Beach High School in Savannah, Spelman College in Atlanta and Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, MI. She is currently the Assistant City Attorney of the City of Savannah. Her previous JLS placements include West Broad YMCA, Community Assistance Funds chair and Strategic Planning Chair and she "really enjoyed serving on community council. Community Service is a true life line for me. Giving back is the rent a pay for living." In addition to JLS, Denise is involved with several community service based organizations, serves on various community boards, and is very active in her church. She enjoys "the opportunities that allow me to work with the youth in the community."

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(the ticket pays for itself with purchase!).

Discounts on rarely-marked-down items will be available throughout the store.
Merchandise may be reserved during the week leading up to the Sale and picked up
and paid for *(at the discounted price)* after 9a.m. on the day of the Sale.

To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Audra Taylor at audra.taylor11@gmail.com.
Volunteers are also needed for the Charity Day Sale.

The Charity Day Sale will take place at Belk at Oglethorpe Mall, 7804 Abercorn Street #184, Savannah, Georgia 31406.

Exciting Changes for
JLS Social Media, Website & Communications

Wendy Owens, Communications VP

The 2016-2017 Communications Council is off to a fantastic start! Our goal this year is to unite our members, appreciate their volunteerism and recognize their leadership and successes. We are for the first time unveiling a League hashtag #wearejlsav, which is part of our new branding. Additionally, we are now entered into an array of social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and Pinterest. Start following us and learn more about the history of the League as well as current events. We are very proud and excited to reveal the re-skinning and overall update to our League website later this year. In the meantime, League members now have improved access to our website on their mobile devices via the app, Seeing Spot. Through our PR, we are working diligently to provide our community at large with a better understanding of who we are and what we do as a League. Be on the lookout for some fun and inspiring activities that we have planned for this League year. #wearejlsav

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COMMUNITY



Georgia Leagues United Assist **BATON ROUGE FLOOD VICTIMS**

The Junior League of Savannah recently partnered with other Leagues in Georgia as **"Georgia Leagues United"** to help Baton Rouge flood victims.

The Georgia Leagues involved sent a version of the following announcement to their members:

Our hearts go out to all those affected by the flooding in Louisiana. The Junior League of Savannah is proud to partner with the other leagues in Georgia to provide assistance by promoting an Amazon registry that has been created to directly ship needed items to the Junior League of Baton Rouge. The League members of JLBR will then distribute these items (such as diapers, baby formula, and other supplies) to members in their communities in need of assistance.

Georgia Leagues United is pleased to share that the following response was received: "In less than one week, you Georgia peaches helped to supply diapers to Lamar Dixon, River Center & OLOL Children's Hospital. The rest is in my SUV. It is completely packed (no room to breathe in there!) It will go out for distribution tomorrow! And UPS hasn't even shown up for today's delivery!"

JLS strives to come together and support those in urgent times of need and by working with other Georgia Leagues, the positive impact on the victims affected by the floods was much greater than if the JLS acted alone.

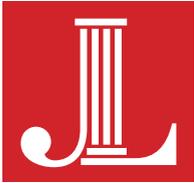
If you would like to help, visit the Georgia Junior Leagues' Amazon registry at: <http://a.co/8ODFGg4>. Items purchased will be shipped directly to the Junior League of Baton Rouge and will be distributed to flood victims by League members.

- 106,000 Louisiana residents have registered for emergency assistance after the record floods
- Rain fell at unprecedented rates of up to 2 to 3 inches per hour and exceeded nearly two feet in some areas
- The majority of the home owners did not have flood insurance because many of the areas flooded were not in a flood zone



Supplies provided in part by members of Junior League of Savannah and other Georgia Junior Leagues.

2016-2017 Community PROJECTS



Each year, JLS focuses its support on three community projects by committing financial support and hundreds of volunteer hours in an effort to fulfill our mission of improving the community through effective action and leadership. This year, the Community Focus Area Projects all align with our 2016-2017 stated focus of "K-12 Education Performance". The JLS 2016-2017 Community Focus Area Projects are: 1) America's Second Harvest Food Bank: Back Pack Buddies, 2) Build a Bridge Foundation of Georgia: DIVAs Program, and 3) FitKidsFest. Applications are available online and are due November 15, 2016 for the 2017-2018 JLS year. The requirements for Community Projects include the following: 1) applicant organization must be a 501(c)(3), 2) applicant organization must be committed to volunteerism, 3) funds must be used within the geographic boundaries of the JLS, 4) applicant must have in place a local Board of Directors and audited financial statement or budget, and 5) applications will not be accepted for the following fund uses: fund-raising drives, capital campaigns, individual requests, travel expenses, salaries, stipends, political activities, or religious purposes. *If you know of any local 501(c)(3) organizations that fit the above criteria, please feel free to have them contact Gennie Long, Community Outreach Chair, at gennie.long@gmail.com regarding the application process.*



America's Second Harvest Food Bank: Back Pack Buddies

Back Pack Buddies through America's Second Harvest of the Coastal Empire returns this year as a community project. Through the project, committee members will continue to help feed ninety-six students from Garden City Elementary School. Back Pack Buddies provides meals so that children in need will have food to eat over the weekends. This promotes the League mission of impacting K-12 student performance, as they truly need healthy meals to thrive at school. Currently, the committee is packing at JLS headquarters on Monday and Tuesday nights. Packing days may vary as the year progresses, and all League members are invited to help.

Build a Bridge Foundation of Georgia: DIVAs Program

The DIVAs Program through Build a Bridge Foundation of Georgia is a new community project for the 2016-2017 League year. The DIVAs Program promotes sustainable, high-quality, out-of-school time for girls in middle and high school, ages 12-17 years old, through advocacy, mentoring, and capacity building to enhance the welfare of Chatham County girls, youth, and their families. The DIVAs Program is an after-school and mentorship program. In partnership with the Junior League of Savannah volunteers, the DIVAs Program provides workshops focused on self-esteem, health/wellness, education, nutrition, community awareness, etiquette, and cultural awareness. The Program serves approximately 60 girls, both school and community based, who attend Title I middle and high schools in Chatham County. *The goals of the DIVAs Program include: 1) increasing the academic performance and preparation for post-secondary education of participating girls 2) increasing the rate of girls matriculating to the next grade level 3) increasing the level of cultural and STEM exposure to girls 4) increasing the number of girls who have knowledge of and demonstrate necessary academic preparation for college and 5) increasing the number of girls who have improved self-esteem.*



The DIVAs committee attending a training session this past summer.



This year's Fit Kids Fest committee during a recent planning meeting.

Fit Kids Fest

The Fit Kids Fest Committee has begun their work on the 5th Annual Fit Kids Fest. Traditionally, Fit Kids Fest has been designed as a free outdoor community event, focused on increasing awareness and prevention of childhood obesity by providing children and their parents with resources and tools to help them make more educated choices and live more active, healthy lifestyles. The committee invited community organizations to set up and run energetic, interactive booths that provided information on services that guided children and their parents towards a healthier lifestyle. This year marks the 5th anniversary of the event and will incorporate the Junior League of Savannah's new "K-12 Education Performance" focus. With that in mind, the committee is planning to expand the event to guide kids and their parents and caregivers to be "Fit in Mind & Body". The committee is planning for the event to take place on a Saturday in February of 2017.

2016-2017 Community PROJECTS *Updates*

Done in a Day Update

The goal of Done is a Day ("DIAD") is to assist community agencies with smaller projects that can be accomplished in one or two days and are aligned with the Junior League focus area of K-12 Education Performance. The most recent DIAD project was Girls Engineer It! Day presented by Savannah Coastal Empire Society of Women Engineers ("SWE") on September 17th. The event is held annually and its purpose is to inspire students to consider a career in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) area. Local Society of Women Engineer members and technologists come up with an activity that speaks to them and they teach middle and high school girls that activity. Through this event, members of SWE aim to teach girls that Science, Technology, Engineering and Math is not as difficult as they might think. JLS volunteers assisted with setup, registration and provided assistance with the various activity stations.

Deadlines to receive project applications have changed this year from past years.

The new deadline for **Winter Semester** (for projects in December, January and February) has passed, but will normally be September 15, 2016.

The deadline for **Spring Semester** (for projects in March, April and May) is December 15, 2016.

The deadline for **Fall Semester** (for projects in September, October and November) is April 15, 2017.

The DIAD project application can be found on the Junior League of Savannah website under "Community Impact and Applications" page.

Community Assistance Funds Update

Each spring Junior League of Savannah awards approximately \$3,000 in various size grants to local 501(c)(3) organizations to reflect an additional financial commitment to the community. Applications are currently available on the JLS website and are **due November 15, 2016** for the 2016-2017 grant cycle. The following criteria must be met for an applicant organization to be considered: 1) applicant must be a 501(c)(3) organization, 2) applicant must be committed to volunteerism, 3) funds must be used within the geographic boundaries of JLS, 4) applicant must have in place a local Board of Directors and audited financial statement or budget, 5) organizations currently receiving JLS funding are ineligible for CAFs, and 6) applications will not be accepted for the following fund uses: fund-raising drives, capital campaigns, individual requests, travel expenses, salaries, stipends, political activities, or religious purposes. Particular consideration will be given to applicants requesting CAFs that align with our 2016-2017 focus on "K-12 Education Performance". If you know of any local 501(c)(3) organizations that fit the above criteria, please feel free to have them contact **Gennie Long, Community Outreach Chair**, at gennie.long@gmail.com regarding the application process.

Public Affairs Update

The Public Affairs committee advocates on behalf of the League, informs and educates members about legislation that affects our focus area on both the local and state levels. The committee also encourages members' participation in all matters of legislative affairs related to League interests. The League actively participates as a member of the State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC), the non-partisan advocacy arm of the Junior Leagues of Georgia. SPAC's efforts fall into three focus areas: education, health, and aid and protection. SPAC monitors the state legislative process and advocates for legislation favorable to focus areas and projects of its' twelve member leagues. Georgia SPAC is composed of two delegates from each member league. This election year provides an exciting opportunity for the committee to provide voter education to get members ready for the November elections. The goal of Public Affairs committee for this year is to increase the committee's visibility within the League.



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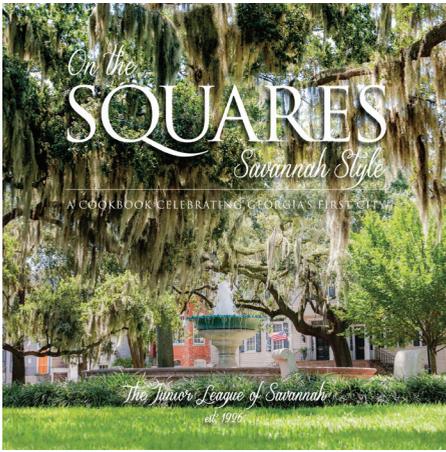


The Junior League of Savannah's first cookbook, *Savannah Style* was first printed in 1980. It has been placed in the *Southern Living* Hall of Fame. There are almost 200,000 copies in print today. The cover image is by Ray Ellis featuring a low country oyster roast.

The fourth and newest book, *On the Squares Savannah Style*, features 140 triple-tested recipes. All of the photography found in the book was done by Junior League of Savannah member Katie Joyner.

100% of cookbook and cookbook merchandise profits go to funding the Junior League of Savannah's community projects.

To order your cookbooks, email cookbook@jrleaguesav.org, or call (912) 790-0222. Visit the website www.jrleaguesav.org any time for additional information.



Sampling Recipes

from

ON THE SQUARES SAVANNAH STYLE

What is a League member to do when in need of delicious recipes? Reach for one of her Junior League of Savannah cookbooks, of course. Two recipes from the latest League cookbook, *On the Squares Savannah Style* were prepared for sampling. Cookbook Chair, Hannah Perry, and Cookbook Chair-Elect, Abby Foster, gathered in Abby's kitchen one recent Sunday afternoon to demonstrate the steps for making the scrumptious Southern Dill Pickle Deviled Eggs and delectable Rosemary-Infused Watermelon Lemonade.

Deviled eggs have been a constant at get-togethers for years, are easy and taste great, too. The recipe from *On the Squares* not only keeps it simple, it also instructs the preparer on how to prepare a close-to-perfect hard-boiled egg. Once the eggs are boiled, cooled and shelled, the process only gets easier. The finished product makes for a tasty appetizer or side dish for which utensils are not even needed. They photograph well, too.

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Near-perfect Hard Boiled Eggs

Instructions are provided in the cookbook along with the recipe.

The finished product that will look great on any table.

{Southern Dill Pickle Deviled Eggs}

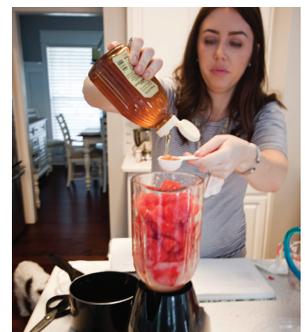


On the hot August day that Hannah and Abby sampled the recipes, watermelon lemonade sounded delightfully refreshing. This recipe calls for a lot of juicy watermelon and tart lemon juice, of course. Make the simple syrup ahead of time and the drink can be made while the guests watch! It also helps that the ingredients for this drink are pretty. Kids and grown-ups alike will ask for seconds of this tasty beverage.

Hannah Perry and Abby Foster enjoy the fruit of their labor.



When these timeless Junior League of Savannah cookbooks are nearby, there is no need to take the time to search and scroll through Pinterest. They also display well in a kitchen, dining room or even a coffee table, and especially *On the Squares Savannah Style*, in which the beautiful photographs were all done by the League's own Katie Joyner. All of the proceeds from the sales of the cookbooks go back into the Savannah community, so purchase your cookbooks today.



Eye-pleasing ingredients are blended together to create a very nice fruity drink.

Make Plans to Attend this Year's Masquerade!

On October 15, the Junior League of Savannah will hold its *Masquerade & Auction* event under the moonlight in the Secret Garden at The Brice Hotel.

Join us for *live music, fantastic food, and silent and live auctions* full of *items & experiences* that will keep you bidding.

{ MASQUERADE AUCTION SITE IS CURRENTLY OPEN }

Buy Masquerade Tickets - Register for the Auction - Donate

<https://jrleague16.auction-bid.org>

Each Masquerade Ticket purchased allows one FREE Admission to the 69th Annual JLS Thrift Sale Preview Shopping night (\$20 Value)

Proceeds for this fundraising event enable the League to continue to *serve our community*.

Junior League of Savannah
Masquerade Auction
Saturday, October 15, 2016
6 O'Clock in the Evening
The Brice - Savannah, Georgia



THRIFT SALE

Junior League of Savannah

The members of the
Junior League of Savannah
are celebrating the 69th year of being
BRIGHT IN THE COMMUNITY
with the League's biggest fundraiser,
The Junior League Thrift Sale.

Junior League of Savannah Thrift Sale has been *Bright in the Community for 69 Years!*

**The massive sale will be held at the Savannah Civic Center on Saturday, October 8
with Preview Shopping on Friday, October 7.**

JLS volunteers and the Thrift Sale committee have been hard at work with additional Prep-Activity shifts to help the one-day sale run smoothly. The Prep-Activity shifts also provide additional days for members to pick up Thrift items from sustaining members of JLS and even non-League members. Shoppers can expect to see a wide variety of goods sold this year as well as the addition of women's career wear. A set minimum amount of Thrift items are collected from over 200 active JLS members, and the sale

completely fills the floor of the arena in the Civic Center.

Make plans to attend Preview Shopping which is open to the public on Friday, October 7th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The inventory at the Preview Shopping event will cost double the price marked, but Preview shoppers get the first look and "dibs" on thrift that includes entire living room sets, canopy bed frames, lamps, rugs, mink coats, like-new children's clothes, tents, stoves, gently used toys, and much, much more. The proceeds from both days' sales (Friday's Preview Shopping and Saturday's main Thrift Sale day) go back to the community through the League's community projects and funding. Tickets priced at \$20 per person for admission to Preview Shopping will be pre-sold at the Civic Center and will also be available at the door for purchase. There are a limited number of tickets for sale, so Preview shoppers will need to buy tickets early!

The main Thrift Sale day will be on Saturday, October 8th at 7:30 a.m. Shoppers should plan to arrive early to purchase their tickets for admission to the sale (\$5 per person). League volunteers will be available throughout the sale to assist with any questions and with lifting and carrying items. Shoppers will not have any trouble finding League volunteers on the sale floor in their bright yellow and hot pink t-shirts. A note to shoppers: strollers and carts are not allowed, and the sale is cash only. For more detailed information, visit www.jrleaguesav.org to access the "Thrift Sale" page.



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MEMBER *Spotlights*



Brooke Eldridge

Brooke transferred to Junior League of Savannah in January 2015 from the Atlanta League and currently lives in Saint Simons Island. She is serving as Provisional Advisor for the Golden Isles Provisional Group, and is thrilled to have 19 provisionals this year! She held various positions in the Atlanta League and is excited to have this position to grow the Golden Isles group. She has been in League for a total of 9 years and loves giving back to the community and working with other women to make a difference. She works as the Director of Development and Marketing for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Georgia, which serves over 5,000 kids in their 9 Clubs in Glynn County and is the second largest Boys & Girls Club in Georgia behind Metro Atlanta. In March, Brooke is marrying her fiancé, Jim Parmelee.



Ashley Faubion

Ashley has been a member of the Junior League of Savannah since 2012 and is currently the SC Lowcountry Projects Chair. She is excited to work closer with the SC members and sustainers, and hopes to increase membership. Ashley's previous JLS experience includes involvement in the SC Lowcountry Projects committee and serving as a Provisional Advisor. Ashley grew up with her mother and grandmother actively involved in the Junior League in Florida, and she knew it would be a great way to meet women in a new city. "Joining the Junior League allowed me to create friendships with women who had similar goals and a passion for community service as me. I have found some of my closest friends through the League, who have been there through all of my big life moments." Ashley works at the Technical College of the Lowcountry as the Director of Admissions and her husband, Collier, works at Gulfstream Aerospace as a Sales Engineer. Ashley and Collier live in Bluffton, SC and are expecting their first child this October.

Junior League of Savannah Ad Hoc Committee **"Little Leaguers"**



Lisa Muller's future Little Leaguer, Jadon, helping to pack Thrift Sale donations which will help impact the community.

This year, we are excited to offer an opportunity for the children of League members to participate in community service activities through the newly formed, Little Leaguers. This ad hoc committee was formed over the summer and is co-chaired by Wendy Owens and Jennifer Grafton. The purpose of the committee is to provide an environment for children to learn more about our community as well as the rich history of the League providing volunteer service and assistance to our community. Additionally, the program aims to help them develop and appreciate giving back to our community through volunteer service. There will be fun activities scheduled throughout the year. If you are interested in learning more about the committee or if you would like to join please contact Wendy Owens at wowens@coastalempirelaw.com or Jennifer Grafton at atjelod@comcast.net.

Junior League of Savannah *Proudly Welcomes* 83 Provisionals



This year has started with a bang! with 83 women in the 2016-2017 provisional class. There are a total of 43 in Savannah, 19 in the Golden Isles, 8 in SC Lowcountry, and the remaining 13 in the Savannah outlying area (Pooler, Richmond Hill, Guyton, Hinesville, Midway, Register, Thunderbolt). The ages of this year's provisional class range from 22 – 64 and the average age is 30. The provisional committee hosted three recruitment sessions in Savannah, one in Hilton Head, one in Golden Isles as well as our first WebEx information session. They also used social media (Junior League of Savannah website, weekly e-blasts, Facebook and Instagram) to get the word out. 84 women attended these information sessions and 23 women were proposed (9 of which also attended information sessions). The size of this provisional class is certainly one to be proud of, and there are many exciting things to come this year.

Meet the Provisional Chair, Brooke Lozier

Brooke is originally from Northern Virginia and moved to Savannah in September 2011 and joined the Junior League in 2012 with the goal of meeting new people and establishing roots in her new community. She immediately met life-long friends and truly enjoyed being involved. "I couldn't imagine my life without the Junior League and wanted to do more, learn more and share more." She was appointed as the Chair of the Ronald McDonald House Committee of a new committee as a first year active and "had a lot to learn but welcomed the challenge and gained new friendships along the way." Upon further reflection of the JLS Mission which is focused on promoting voluntarism and improving communities, the League members are also developing the potential of women. She realized her first year, that she wanted to develop, train and lead like-minded women as the League is only as strong as the members it has. She is passionate about the League because she has "made connections and friendships that kept me invested so I wanted ensure that the new women who joined also made those connections to build a stronger League. I pleaded my case to be a Provisional Advisor to the Nominating Committee and received the privilege of being slated. The irony was that I wanted the opportunity to 'develop' and 'train' other women but instead through my journey I learned about myself; my strengths, my weaknesses and areas for improvement. I am so excited for this upcoming year and I hope to translate my enthusiasm into inspiration for both the Advisors and Provisionals. Together we will: Learn. Serve. Light the Way...."

Meet the Provisional Chair-Elect, Leslie Dunn

Leslie was born and raised in and around Savannah and graduated from St. Vincent's Academy in 2001 and Georgia Southern University in 2005 with a Bachelor's Degree in Justice Studies. She currently works with Chatham County Juvenile Court. She joined the Junior League of Savannah in 2009 after being inspired by the dedication of the members of the Junior League of Savannah and wanted to surround herself with women who wanted to give back to the women and children in Savannah and the surrounding areas. She found Thrift Sale to be her passion and after 4 years of working as a loyal and dedicated Thrift Sale committee member, she was slated for Thrift Sale Chair and enjoyed "every minute of my year at running The League's Largest Fundraiser!" She then chaired Community Program Development and was able to see what impact Thrift Sale has within the community and to see first-hand the legacy that IS the Junior League of Savannah. She has embarked on "my journey of welcoming the new women into The Junior League of Savannah. Last year, I served as a Provisional Advisor and this year I was lucky to be slated as Provisional Chair-Elect. We have a HUGE class of women coming into the League this year. I am excited to see where their Junior League journeys will take them and realize their passion within the League (even if it isn't Thrift Sale). I am confident The Junior League of Savannah will welcome the ladies of the 2016-2017 Provisional Class with open arms."

Meet the Provisional Advisors. Each group is named after a constellation.

Brooke Lozier (HHI ladies) | Monoceros – The Unicorn
Leslie Dunn | Pavo – The Peacock
Katie Kindred | Pegasus – Winged Horse
Sarah Jones | Sagittarius – The Archer

Becca Pierson | Pyxis – The Compass
Rebecca Strawn | Corona Borealis – The Northern Crown
Brooke Eldridge (GI ladies) Cancer – The Crab

SUSTAINER'S UPDATES

{ *Melanie Finnegan and Penny Rafferty, Sustainer Activities Co-Chairs* }

Sustaining members of the Junior League of Savannah continue to make a difference through JLS! Last spring, the Sustainers donated \$875 to the Savannah AMBUCS AmTryke program. Tanya Glaize was instrumental in raising funds for such a deserving organization.

The Sustainers' Welcome Back cocktail party was held at the home of Cari Phelps and provided a lovely evening of friendship and memories. The Sustainers are thankful for Cari generously opening her home to the group.

As a reminder, all Sustainers are invited to sign up for a special Thrift Sale shift on October 4, and may continue to donate thrift items.

On October 15, Sustainers will help pack Brown Bags for local seniors in need of groceries through America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia. Also, every second Tuesday of the month (Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13), Sustainers have a "Ladies Who Sip and See" event at Savannah Coffee Roasters from 6 until 8 pm. All are welcome to drop by to say "hello" to and catch up with the JLS Sustainers while enjoying a cup of coffee or chilled beverage.

Melanie Finnegan and Penny Rafferty, Sustainer Activities Co-Chairs, are "so excited to continue our work through JLS as sustaining members and hope to see all of our fellow Sustainers at our fall events."

Sustainers should look out for the monthly email newsletter, *The Beacon*, and electronic invitations for each event. As always, feel free to contact any of the following committee members for more information or with any questions: Melanie Finnegan, Penny Rafferty, Barbara Powers, Jackie Schott.



JLS sustainers (Mary Jo Halligan, top left) presented Savannah AMBUCS with a donation for AmTrykes

SUSTAINING MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: BARBARA POWERS



Barbara was born in New York City and joined the New York Junior League in 1971. After college she worked for the NYC Landmarks Commission and went to Graduate School at Columbia University in Historic Preservation and settled into a career in banking with Manufacturers Hanover Trust in Commercial Lending. While in the New York League she served on several committees including cataloging League archives and preparing informational pamphlets for adoptive parents. She married Kris Brenard in 1982 and they have two grown sons, Alexander and John. She subsequently transferred to the Junior League of Northern Westchester where she worked on the Thrift Shop committee and chaired the committee on Women and Alcoholism. She

left banking for a while when she and her family moved to Pittsburgh in 1989 and she then became a Sustainer while in The Junior League of Pittsburgh, a status she also held when she and her family moved to California in 1992 and she transferred to the Junior League of Pasadena. After going back to work in California, she earned a Master's in Education and she spent the last 13 years before retiring teaching 4th and 6th grade. Barbara and her husband moved to Savannah in 2010 to retire, but she keeps busy working part-time at a local book store, is a docent at the Green Meldrim House, volunteers at Christ Church Episcopal and is on the Board of Savannah Widows Society. She has also worked as a Volunteer Child Advocate for Savannah CASA. The JLS "has also provided me with some opportunities for fun and meaningful experiences. I volunteered for 2 years to help at a League sponsored water table at the Rock and Roll Marathon, I have attended several League functions as well as the Thrift Sale preview party. I look forward to working with the Sustainers committee to provide opportunities for ongoing interaction with League members and projects."

Training & Education

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU?

by Misty Thompson

I had a very busy summer, traveling almost every weekend. When I received an invitation to attend the Georgia Leagues United Conference in Atlanta, my first instinct was to decline, as I was really looking forward to a weekend at home. I was on the phone with my sister (a member of the Junior League of Jackson) explaining my conundrum. She fully supported my plan for a restful weekend, until I casually mentioned that the keynote speaker was to be Vicki Clark. As soon as her name rolled off my tongue, I was told to pack a bag and hit the road. No one, in her opinion, should miss an opportunity to see Vicki Clark. Now that I have met Vicki and had the privilege of hearing her speak, I completely agree.

Over the course of her presentation, Vicki talked about our community, our mission, our partnerships, but the topic that resonated the most with me was how we motivate our members. I have over 20 years of experience leading and motivating teams, so I was a little embarrassed to acknowledge that I had not really given much thought as to how we should motivate our JLS membership. Each of us joins the League for different reasons, but most, if not all, of us have the common interest of making a difference in our community. Isn't that enough to motivate each of us to give it our all?

I guess it would be enough if each of us defined "making a difference" the same way. As I learned from Vicki's presentation, there are **four primary motivators** – (1) **altruism** (the general good); (2) **achievement** (top performance); (3) **power** (impact/influencing others) and (4) **affiliation** (just being around others). Our placements – whether in-League or community-based – should provide our members with assignments and opportunities that excite and develop them. Understanding what motivates each member will help to ensure that each of us truly believes we are making a difference.



Left: Junior League of Savannah members pictured: Left to right, front row: Jessica Thomas, Brooke Lozier, Alex Washington; Left to right, back row: Lisa Muller, President, Patty Henke, Misty Thomson, Kristie Dye

Right: Vicki Clark presents at the Georgia Leagues United Conference in Atlanta.

It is also important to remember that what motivates a member today may be different than what motivates that same member next year. To continue to be successful as a League, we need to meet our members where they are. We need to appreciate and thank each member for what she gives to the League, as she is likely giving all she can.

By effectively motivating and encouraging members, JLS will benefit from improved performance, increased creativity and an enriched League experience.

Ongoing & Upcoming LEADERSHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES Available to All League Members

The Training and Education Committee is excited about this year's upcoming training for all League members. The committee is working very diligently on providing educational training opportunities in order to increase the effectiveness of our League members as volunteers both within the League and the community.

One of the goals for this year's Training and Education Committee is to educate our members on accessing the AJLI's Online Learning Webinars. These learning initiatives consist of self-paced courses, web workshops, webinars and on-demand recordings. With this new learning initiative, members will be able to access the tools and information needed to support their development as community and civic leaders at

their own pace. These are very useful tools that all League members have access too.

The Training and Education Committee conducted a survey during our September General Membership meeting of all members. The committee wants to gain the League's thoughts and opinions in regards to what type of training would be most beneficial to the League's members. The feedback from the survey is very important as JLS strives to make a difference in the community "through effective action and leadership of our trained volunteers."

Training is tentatively planned for either October or November. Stay tuned for more information about this year's upcoming training opportunities.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Summary of purpose of Strategic Planning

~ Beth Longley ~

The Strategic Planning Committee is beginning the task of writing Junior League of Savannah's 2017-2020 Strategic Plan. The committee members are currently in the process of receiving submissions of strategies and goals from each Committee and Council in order to determine the overall direction JLS will take over the next several years. Throughout the year we will update the Bylaws and Policies of JLS as needed.

Nominating Presents The Year of the Selfie



Do you know a lady who would be a remarkable leader? Nominate her for leadership!
Is that lady you? Nominate yourself!

The Nominating ballot for the 2017-2018 league year is waiting for you on the JLS website or you can follow the link in the weekly Eblast.

Straw ballot is available to JLS membership starting on September 13
Nominations close on November 8

Slate will be presented to membership at the January GMM and voted on at the March GMM

2015 - 2016 Annual Meeting



The Junior League of Savannah welcomed its 2015-2016 Provisional class as actives at the 2015-2016 Annual Meeting, held on May 2nd at the Plantation Club at the Landings on Skidaway Island.



A message from the outgoing President, **Jennifer Claiborne**

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." ~ Helen Keller

I would like to thank the Board of Directors, Leadership, and all the amazing ladies who are part of this League. I want to thank my wonderful husband and children for their continued support and encouragement; and for all the unconditional love and understanding they have given me this past year. I hope my children have seen the need to give back and how capable we all are.

At the beginning of year, someone asked me what my personal vision was for the year. I said our biggest opportunity will be through the action and leadership of our members to be an inspiration to the women and children in our community. I can't tell you how many times I have been stopped by people who just want to say

"thank you". Then to hear their personal story of how we made a difference is almost overwhelming. What each of you accomplished this year is truly amazing and builds upon the 89 years of hard League work.

I have also been asked what my favorite thing was about being President. My favorite thing this past year was seeing the puzzle pieces connect together to make the whole picture. We put to use our individual talents to make something bigger than each of us could alone. I have seen members take their passion and combine it with their strengths but at the same time be humble enough to learn something new. Working together is what makes us shine.

As we celebrated a milestone anniversary this year, we celebrated what we have accomplished as women working together. The Junior League woman is one of compassion, strength, and determination. We are a very passionate group of ladies! We have strengthened our community through our determination to embrace diverse perspectives, build partnerships, and inspire shared solutions. For 90 years, we have been a part of our community's history. Women have been able to grow into community leaders within this organization and then utilize those accomplishments to empower others. And we have lived up to our vision of being women around the world as catalysts for lasting community change.

I am forever grateful to each of you. Thank you for all the support you give the League and for everything you do and continue to do. It has been an honor to serve in this role and I am incredibly thankful to have had the opportunity. I was very honored to hand the gavel over to Lisa at the Annual Meeting. Her strength and compassion are truly inspiring. I am so excited to see her light the way this year!



2015-2016 Members of the Year

In-League Member of the Year: Margaret Walton (*2015-2016 Membership Engagement Chair*)

Community Volunteer of the Year: Katie Kellogg (*2015-2016 Fit Kids Fest Chair*)

Provisional of the Year: Vanessa Asterman (*led the 2015-2016 Provisionals in their sock drive - "Soley Socks"*)

Sustainer of the Year: DeAnne Mitchell (*2015-2016 Sustainer Advisor to Finance Council*)

< Pictured left to right: Vanessa Asterman, DeAnne Mitchell, Margaret Walton, and Katie Kellogg.

kids who care *scholarship* RECIPIENTS



Of the all of the outstanding students who applied, five candidates clearly stood out as exemplary members of their communities. The Junior League of Savannah congratulates **Alexis Stevens, Samuel Bignault, James Hazzard, Caylen Johnson** and **Patricia Knauff** on their achievements this year and wish them the very best as they begin college this fall.

(Yuntalay Gadson (far left), 2015-2016 Community Outreach Chair, poses with the five recipients of the Kids Who Care Scholarship at the Annual Meeting in May.)

alexis stevens

Alexis graduated from Savannah Arts Academy. Alexis has completed numerous hours of community service with various organizations. She has worked with Ronald McDonald House, Bryan County Health and Rehab Center, Georgia Power as an Earth Day volunteer and Savannah Arts Academy Skylarks. Alexis organized and spearheaded Teens for Jeans, a fundraiser in which she engaged her fellow classmates and collected over 2,000 pairs of jeans for Union Mission to be distributed throughout the community. Alexis is described a remarkable, hard-working and talented young lady who puts others before herself. Alexis plans to pursue a career in Nursing.

samuel bignault

Samuel graduated from Savannah Christian Preparatory School. Sam is very active in the community, dedicating his time to various organizations. He has volunteered with Chatham County Animal Control, Rock-n-Roll Marathon and Memorial Health University Medical Center, where he has logged over 250 hours. He cites his work with the Patient Transport department, where he is able to interact with patients being discharged from the hospital, as one of his most memorable community service projects. Sam founded a community service organization at his high school called Savannah Christian Service Club to encourage others to volunteer in the community. He described as a driven and unselfish person who is always willing to help others. Sam plans to pursue a career in Dentistry.

james hazzard

James graduated from Jenkins High School. James has completed over 200 hours of community service with various organizations in the Savannah area. He has volunteered with the First Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church Mission Ministry, National Honor Society Community Service Outreach with America's Second Harvest, Riverview Rehabilitation Center and Georgia Tech STEM program. James is very active with PRYME2, a self-help group that he co-founded along with this grandmother, which offers help and support for people affected by Multiple Sclerosis. He is described as smiling, mature and positive person who is dedicated to helping others. James plans to pursue a career in Engineering.

caylen johnson

Caylen graduated from Savannah Arts Academy. Caylen is very active in her community and volunteers with many non-profit organizations in the area. She has worked with America's Second Harvest Food Bank, Build A Bridge Foundation, Telfair Museums Teen Arts Council and Chatham County Youth Commission. While volunteering with the Ronald McDonald House, she organized a Wish List drive. She is constantly thinking of ways to get others involved in the work performed by the Ronald McDonald house. Caylen is described as someone who works tirelessly to find opportunities to give back to the community and fully embodies the spirit of giving back. Caylen plans to pursue a career in Medicine.

patricia knauff

Patricia graduated from Savannah Arts Academy. Patricia has completed over 4,000 hours of community service with various organizations. She has volunteered with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, Old Savannah City Mission and Savannah Homeless Mission. Patricia has worked with Hoofs 4 Healing helping to build a wheelchair ramp. She enjoys working with children and has volunteered with the Boys and Girls Club of America. Patricia is described as a very dedicated individual who gives 110% of herself to others with no intention of receiving anything in return. Patricia plans to pursue a career in Business.



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