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FROM THE EDITOR



To Our Esteemed Readers,

We did it again! After months of writing, editing and compiling, our dedicated committee members scoured the community for willing advertisers, reliable and interesting news sources, and moving images. Thanks to the support of the League, the second issue of *Cobblestones* has come to fruition.

Ashley Cashon, our Assistant Print Publications Chair, and I were part of the re-launch of the magazine last year, which originally debuted in 1929, and has come a very long way. This past year we exceeded our ad sales, increased our page count and added numerous stories and contributors, all while building a close relationship with our community partners. We have grown into the magazine that you see in front of you today; a product we hope displays our pride, blood, sweat and (happy) tears.

Thanks to the systems and relationships that the chairs before us so graciously established, the second issue of *Cobblestones* came together like clockwork. Similar to the League, we grew to adopt new processes to accommodate our readers. Just as the JLC undergoes the transition to a governance board and management team model by separating strategic objectives of the JLC from the daily tasks, we as a committee implemented digital platforms and systems, all while maintaining the overall theme and time-honored traditions of the Junior League.

Lastly, thank you - our readers. You who anxiously asked us when this year's edition of *Cobblestones* will hit your mailboxes, volunteered to write for us and edit our articles when we are at our wits end with work to do, photographed events you attended, and even volunteered some of your own businesses to be featured in our magazine. We continue to see constant improvements to our committee and cannot wait to see the changes and enhancements that are sure to come with each future edition of *Cobblestones*.

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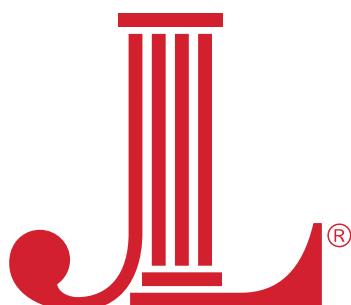
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MISSION



The Junior League of Charleston, Inc., 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. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The JLC reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origin who demonstrate an interest in and a commitment to voluntarism.

The JLC serves our tricounty community by collaborating with other nonprofit organizations to combat hunger and homelessness in and around Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester counties.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



We spend a fair amount of our lives making plans, often times to have them tossed out of the window when life happens to get in the way. But many times, those moments of confusion and frustration in our lives when things don't go as planned often bring about a much needed change.

In April of 2015, in my role as President Elect, I was fortunate enough to attend Association of Junior Leagues International's Conference as the delegate of the Junior League of Charleston. While at Annual Conference, I attended a leadership session with AJLI's incoming President, Carol Scott. Carol spoke about the growth of a leader and relating it to the evolution of a caterpillar to a butterfly, and the tough changes which occur along the way.

This year has brought tremendous change for the JLC, some visible and some not so visible. We had staffing transitions, tragic events saddening our community, Mother Nature's wrath on our state, improvements to existing fundraisers, and changes to our organization's structure. All of these changes and events were not in our plans for the year, but as trained volunteers, we were able to learn, adapt, and improve together; refocusing on the needs of all our members, our organization, and most importantly our community.

While this year has been one of many great changes for the League, there are many victories to celebrate along the way. Below are just a few:

- **Training Council hosted one of the most well-attended Area III Conferences in recent years; its programming is now a model for other Leagues looking to host statewide and area meetings in the future.**
- **Community Council team implemented a Junior League of Charleston Signature Project: *Kids in the Kitchen* Camp. The camp was held over the summer with Trident Technical College and our community projects.**
- **The League formed a new corporate partnership with the Grand Bohemian Charleston to highlight *Charleston Receipts* in its restaurant Elevé.**
- **Training Council organized a panel discussion in October, "Women Making a Different Toward Unity and Inclusion." We were fortunate enough to have Dorsey Fairbairn, organizer of the Unity Walk for Peace; Jenny Horne, SC State House Representatives; and Alana Simmons, founder of the "Hate Won't Win" Movement and the granddaughter Rev. Daniel Simmons on our panel.**
- **The Whale of a Sale extended the sale to a three day event and partnered with Palmetto Ford Lincoln to increase revenue for our mission through Lincoln's National Drive to Give program.**
- **Membership Council recruited the largest Provisional class to date!**
- **Our Membership took on the responsibility of looking at our future strategic growth by voting and approving the new a Governance Board and Management Team model, separating the strategic objectives of the organization from the day-to-day tasks.**

It is an exciting time to be a member of the JLC. The training which is made available to our members through our General Membership Meetings, Leadership Institute, Webinar Wednesdays, Leadership Launch, conferences, hands-on training and many other resources is invaluable to us for our own personal growth. And, these opportunities are only available to League members!

It has been an honor to serve the JLC as President this year. Thank you for the amazing service learning journey. It has been incredible, but then again, so are our members!

Best,

Dorothy Thaxton

JLC PRESIDENT 2015-2016

Q&A

WITH ELIZABETH BURWELL



AT HOME WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT ELIZABETH BURWELL

By Ashley Cashon

It takes a special kind of woman to sit on the Board of the Junior League of Charleston. This woman has been chosen by her peers to not only represent them as the embodiment of the overall brand to the community, but to lead our members in our fundraising efforts put in place for the good of Charleston.

I had the honor of sitting down with 2015-2016 President-Elect Elizabeth Burwell. We met in her home to speak more about her thoughts on the past, present and future of the Junior League of Charleston.

1 You have been in the Junior League of Charleston for 13 years. How has the Junior League changed since you were a Provisional?

Wow, has it been that long? I must have joined when I was 15! Really, the Junior League of Charleston is ever evolving as it must be in order to remain an interest in our rapidly growing and ever-changing community.

The demographics of our membership continue to look different year-over-year. As of now, we have more than 80% of our women working outside of the home. While I am unsure of the exact percentage, that number was significantly lower when I started in 2003. Additionally, we see women of varying races, religions and ethnic backgrounds joining our cause. Internally, the ways that we work to meet our members' needs has evolved because of this. We have also placed significant emphasis on our marketing campaign and brand management to ensure that our cause is well known in the greater Charleston community.

Perhaps one of the biggest transformations is the rollout that we are working on currently with the new governance structure. I believe this new structure will give our directors the capacity to think and act strategically, while doubling available opportunities for women who want to become involved in leadership. Both of these are a necessity to ensure the Junior League of Charleston remains relevant in our community.

2 You have worked in many different positions in your years with the Junior League of Charleston, both internal and external, ensuring we do remain relevant to Charleston. You served on multiple committees in a variety of leadership and committee roles in this time. Would you mind sharing with us one or two experiences that stick out to you as a favorite memory or event?

That's a tough one as there are many great memories and they are all very different.

One vivid memory I have is when I was a Provisional, I rode on Large Item Pickup (LIP) with an Active member that I made fast friends with. She and all of her Whale Committee girls were so much fun that I signed up for Whale as my first placement and stayed there for at least three years. It was a great experience.

Later, at a tough time in my life, I was what is now referred to as a Membership Services Advisor (MSA). I threw myself into that placement determined to have 100% completion in my group and know I made it fun. I was successful! It was my first experience as a formal mentor, and it gave me confidence that I could be a valuable asset in assisting others achieve completion of their placement.

My role as a co-chair of Night at the Races was what I consider my "stretch goal." It was the placement that challenged me the greatest by far, taught me the most and was one of the most rewarding.

Lastly, I would be careless if I didn't note the evening of my "ask" to be President-Elect. It was a surreal event — it's humbling and I was honored.

3 As the President-Elect, what kind of advice or words of wisdom do you have for the future Provisional classes of the Junior League of Charleston?

Your Junior League of Charleston experience, like life, will be what you make of it! Embrace all that there is to offer. If you choose to focus on what we do well and commit your time to helping us tackle our opportunities, then you will look back in 13 years and be amazed by what those experiences have taught you.

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For me, those lessons were integral in my acquiring the skills to become an executive in what is primarily a male-dominated industry.

If you have something to add, raise your hand. Get involved and own your experience!

Practically, I would encourage Provisionals to seek an in-league placement their first Active year. I believe it helps you to continue meeting new women, as well as allowing for additional time to familiarize yourself with the inner workings of the Junior League of Charleston.

4 You mentioned that in your time with the Junior League of Charleston you have acquired some skills that were essential to becoming an executive in a male-dominated industry. What skills have you developed or fine-tuned by being a part of the Junior League of Charleston?

The Junior League of Charleston has equipped me with the ability to run a meeting, problem solve, manage a large team and delegate tasks. Managing the component of human resources has been a huge lesson for me. It has been an experience to recognize that 13 women will all come at a problem with a slightly different approach. Most of the time, the best solution will be a combination of all variations.

5 You have two young children at home as well as a full time job at Wells Fargo as a commercial relationship manager. Many of us struggle with the balance of work, family and volunteering. How have you found the best way is to manage your time as such an influential member of the Junior League of Charleston?

This is the \$8 million question! Sometimes I balance it well and sometimes I feel like I drop all the balls. As my mother reminds me however, ‘most of them bounce.’ The trick has been determining which ones won’t bounce!

Do the most important things first. Complete the most difficult and time sensitive items next. Don’t be scared to determine that something someone else wants is really not that urgent or important. Just say so!

Delegate. I delegate well and often, remembering that the person you distributed the task to might not do it the way you would, but that is their opportunity to stretch their wings and often they will do it better.

As far as practical advice, I keep multiple calendars. I do as much community work during business hours as possible. And I say no when I need to.

6 How do you hope to leave your mark on the Junior League of Charleston?

My passion has always been and still is making sure the Junior League of Charleston has the seat at the table that it deserves. We are an amazing group of women with infinite potential, substantial financial resources, cutting edge ideas and wicked motivation to be a catalyst for change in our community.

To attain or retain that seat we need three basic things: engaged members, solid fundraising and positive, widespread brand recognition.

These three things are intertwined and all start with the Transformation Rollout that we approved in January. The division of duties between the Governing Board and Management Team allows more women to get involved by making time commitment more manageable. Allowing additional women to have a voice, to make a difference, to experience personal growth and to participate in our training translates into engaged members.

Engaged members paired with focused governing directors are more effective fundraising individuals. Healthy fundraising efforts lead to the ability to continue training our women, funding more projects and acquiring better resources which in turn results in what? You’ve got it—engaged members!

Lastly and obviously, brand development and recognition support all of the above! If our brand is well understood and widely liked, dynamic women will want to join our ranks. Corporate and individual donors alike will seek us out to support our mission. Our voice will command an audience in the community and allow us to make a difference in areas that our members are passionate about. Once again, if we achieve the above the end result is more engaged members.

I could really go on and on. I hope this demonstrates the incredible synergy that begins with this exciting transformation in 2016!

My overall goal is to just educate our members about the future, lead the Junior League of Charleston successfully through the transformation year and train my successors to carry on in that positive direction! ■

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WHALE OF



A SALE



"BEAR" BOTTOM PRICES FOR ANTIQUE TREASURES

By Heather Richie

We are all quick to agree a fundraiser does good things, but some of us, too, secretly love the idea of a little return. Whale of A Sale offers that "What's in it for me?" factor, as we learned this year when we took to the event with a unique lens. What if the fundraiser was in fact *Antiques Roadshow*, the popular public broadcasting series that travels from city to city providing a valuation of antiques carted in by the show's viewers who wait in line for hours. Often times they are just sent home. A few fortunate guests are offered on-air time with an appraiser, and then only a scant few items prove valuable. While no official appraisers are brought to the sale, they are in the midst.

Whale of A Sale presents no less a scavenger's challenge than *Antiques Roadshow*, but for member Lindsay Hujak, owner of a booth in Summerville's Antiques & Artisans Village called Sweet Tea Refinishing & Southern Vintages, research and luck yields a small fortune at each year's sale. She gets so excited she can't even sleep the night before. In 2014, Hujak bought a first edition Paddington bear made in Europe. She knew a lot of people collected Paddington and that the movie was to be released, so she thought she'd take a chance. The bear was 30" tall and wearing yellow rubber boots as well as his original tags. "There were a lot of teddy bears there," says Hujak, and she passed over Mrs. Mole because she was not as cute as Paddington. Each doll turned out to be worth \$300. Hujak paid \$12 for Paddington. She purchases a Sponsor Splash ticket in addition to that, and Sponsor Splash seems to be the

event to attend if you want to snag a deal. Participants pay twice what the general public pays at Whale of A Sale, but get to comb over the loot before everyone else.

Paddington was sitting on the corner of the stage at Omar Shrine Temple where the event is held each year. The stage is a holding spot for items Whale supervisors suspect might be valuable. I unpacked a bunch of teddy bears during my Whale shift this year, but it was the Depression glass donated by provisional Alexander Nash that made it centerstage. Complete sets like the one Nash donated to Whale of A Sale sell for \$150. She donated multiple sets that represent a fraction of her complete collection.

The glass was mass produced beginning in the early 1920s until the end of WWII, or as some sources suggest, the early 1950s. Noteworthy companies and manufacturers included Anchor Hocking, Federal, Hazel-Atlas, Hocking, Indiana, Jeannette, Lancaster, McBeth-Evans, and L.E. Smith, but it was given away in Quaker Oats boxes. It was sold at five and dime stores. So how could it be collectable? It is pretty, but Depression glass isn't about quality as much as the stories the glassware carries. Nash's mother has been collecting it for years, and started her collection with the pieces Nash's grandmother acquired during the Great Depression because that is what she could afford. American-manufactured glassware during this period falls into two categories, Depression and Elegant. Green is the most

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collectible Depression glass color, but amber, yellow, and pink are equally eye-catching. Both known patterns and generic Depression glass were produced, those known patterns being the ones collectors recognize while the generic glass shares the manufacturing traits of the era, but has unknown origins. Collectors have identified 92 Depression patterns. A few pattern names like Cherry Blossom are self-identifying, but most are not. And, the glass is not stamped with the manufacturer's seal. Reproduction pieces were made as early as the 1970s. Knowing your Depression glass requires homework.

Nash's family is from Montana, closer to where the Dust Bowl took its toll. It is worth speculation as to whether Paddington's donor was generous like Nash or did not know what she had, and we don't know the fate of the plain Mrs. Mole. We do know that good stewards got each of these items to the stage, and this year Hujak took a similar gamble on some Beatrix Potter figurines. She says the original ones have gold on the bottom, and these were in their new packaging. She paid \$10 per figurine. Her research valued them at \$40-60 each. That's what you call a Whale of A Sale. ■



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WINE + FOOD

Charleston has long been known as a culinary destination and this year's Charleston Wine + Food Festival did not disappoint. Foodies from around the country descended upon Charleston the first weekend in March to toast bubbly, roast oysters and indulge in all varieties of cuisine.

The five-day festival, in its 11th year, included over 100 events and more than 250 local and guest chefs. The opportunities to satisfy your inner gastronome were plentiful and it's never too early to start planning for 2017. Take some notes from our book about this year's hot festival tickets!

■ **LIFE OF THE PARTY: ALL THINGS ENTERTAINING WITH TARA GUÉRARD**

NEXT YEAR, JUMP ON THE RARE OPPORTUNITIES, CREATED BY THE FESTIVAL, TO GATHER TIPS FROM CHARLESTON'S OWN PERSONALITIES. This year, Tara Guérard, a most beloved and celebrated event designer played host to neighbors and out-of-towners alike at the garden party-themed event, hosted in Circa 1886's Courtyard. Perfect day to pick up tips for entertaining, etiquette and awe-inspiring tablescapes.

■ **FRIED CHICKEN FOR THE SOUTHERN SOUL**

This event was new to the 2016 lineup, but hit a soft spot for every good Southerner. The golden crisp of deliciously prepared fried chicken took center stage and plate to highlight a down home favorite. Add to that bubbles by Veuve Clicquot and the stunning Cannon Green as a backdrop and the soul, and stomach, are happy!

■ **NORTH + SOUTH + EAST + WEST: LE TOUR DE FEMMES**

Back for a second year, this was the most expensive of the festival's offerings, but those in the know say the experience was priceless. Charleston Grill's Michelle Weaver led a force of female culinary talent, including Nicole Krasinski (State Bird Provisions), Suzanne Cupps (Untitled), Melissa Perello (Octavia),

Mashama Bailey (The Grey), and Kim Floresca (One) for this black tie nosh in a private Charleston residence.

■ **DIVINE RHAPSODY** - Also new in 2016, this event brought together incredible chef talent (Frank Lee + John Besh) with incredible musical talent (Leyla McCalla + Charleton Singleton) on the stage at the historic Circular Congregational Church. The ultimate jam session has never been so tasty!

■ **SIGNATURE DINNERS** - A staple of the Charleston Wine + Food experience, the signature dinners featured a local chef paired with a guest chef and winemaker (or brewer). These are usually quick to sell out, but offered a great opportunity to experience your local favorites with added flair.

Remember for next year, whether it's your first festival or you are an epicurean regular, the Culinary Village in Marion Square is the heart and soul of this taste bud-focused frenzy. The all-day ticket offers tastings, live music, book signings and all the sipping and savoring excitement you can handle. As a nod to the locals that make Charleston Wine + Food fantastic, Sunday is locals day, featuring a reduced ticket price. ■

Stay tuned as the year goes on for the ramp up to next year's Festival, scheduled March 1-5, 2017. Visit www.charlestonwineandfood.com for the full line up. Even better, relish in the fact that you have a full year to taste test and scout your favorite chefs. It's never been more delicious to be a Charlestonian!

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By Rachelle Bartlett-Lancaster with Heather Richie



For sale

At the Junior League of Charleston's office on Folly Road, Anne Meadors (left) and Rosie Grimball hold up items that the league's Products Committee will be selling at a booth at the S.C.

Ports Authority Passenger Terminal on Concord and Market streets downtown Friday through Sunday as part of the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition.

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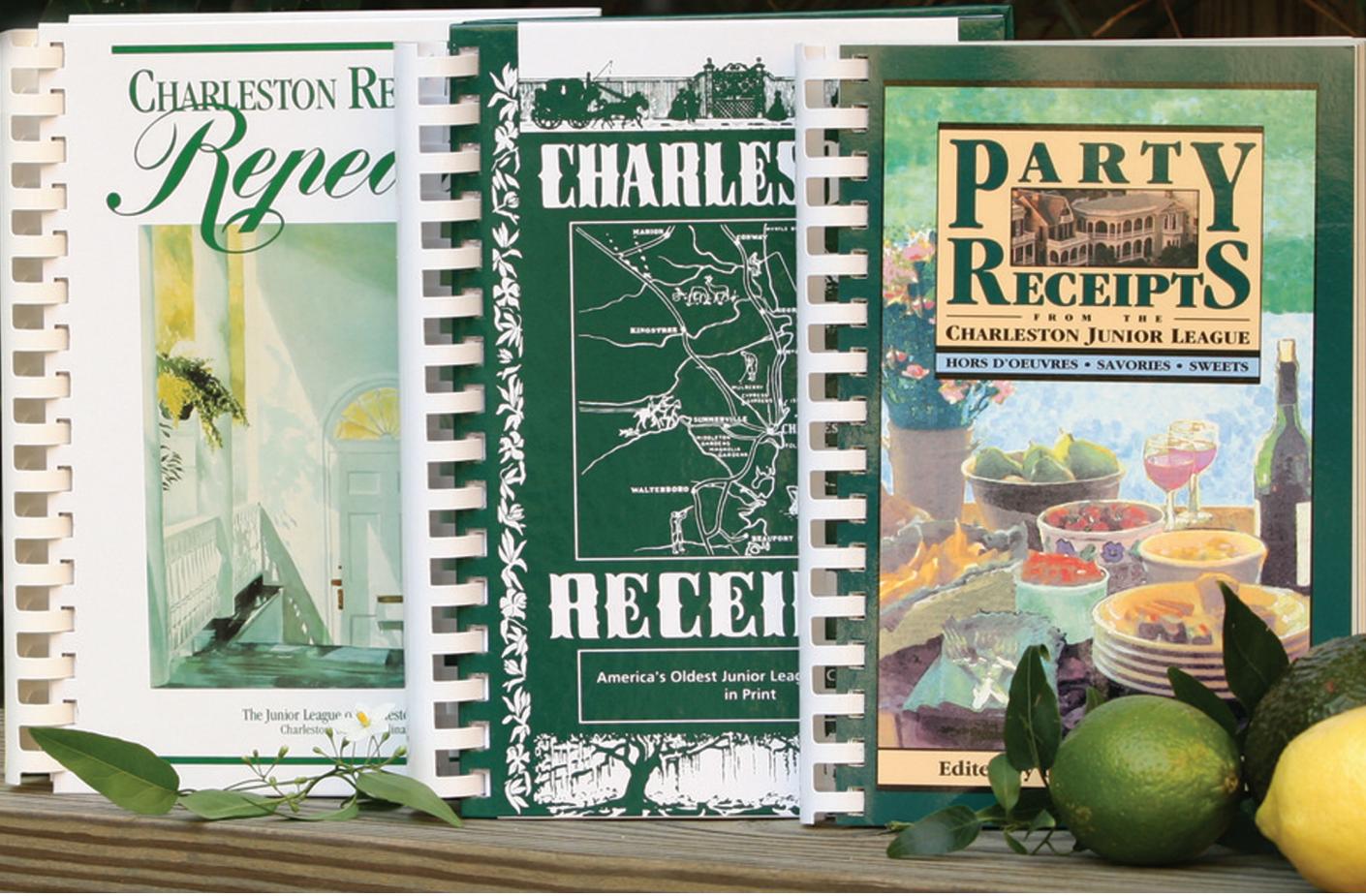
Charleston Receipts has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Gourmet*, and *Food & Wine*. 2015's Charleston Wine + Food festival showcased the book by hosting award-winning chefs with making modern adaptations of the book's classic recipes. But we mustn't call them recipes. The book contains "receipts" that are multi-generational adaptations of the highly flavorful Gullah creations as passed through the hands of Charleston's late 19th century and early 20th century upper class.

What one thing has elevated the Charleston Junior League's *Charleston Receipts* into the celebrated, loved, respected, and cherished Lowcountry culinary world? The book has become a time-honored tradition passed down through the generations or purchased and given as that special gift to the newly married or the young person just starting to embark on their independent journey in life. My own copy, now yellowing, was signed by ten different couples who thought the book special enough to leave me that reminder of who had bestowed it upon me. Once the pages of this treasure are turned, the culinary heirlooms jump off the page in celebration of local delicacies, historical and often humorous family tales, and what is now becoming the lost art of dialect. The Gullah language was infused purposely throughout

to try and preserve the language. On the fifth page is an insert written by Ms. Virginia Mixson Geraty, instructor of Gullah at the College of Charleston who realized that even at the time of publication, "Gullah [was] in danger of language death."

Although we all know of *Charleston Receipts*, its predecessor, *Charleston Recipes*, was published in 1949 by a group of active members as a fundraiser for the League. Unable to keep up with the demand of its success and continue with their other Junior League projects, the active members called upon its Sustainers who took over the fundraiser. A new book with more receipts, artwork, and poetry was compiled by the Sustainers and this is the book known today as *Charleston Receipts*.

First published November 1, 1950, *Charleston Receipts* is the oldest Junior League cookbook still in print. The pages within contain a variety of recipes from regional treasures like Black Magic with "Gravies", "Marsh Hens and Cooter Soup" to "Mrs. Alston Pringle's Mock Terrapin Soup", with Mrs. Pringle's reputation as a masterful cook so well regarded it is spoken of in a near holy tone. Pringle seemed to know fat equals flavor, as quoted from a cook who worked in her home, "When she puts in de buttah, ah turns ma back." Editors Mary Vereen



Huguenin, Anne Montague Stoney, and their Junior League committee not only compiled a total of 750 recipes for this masterpiece in one month, but they also cooked every recipe in the span of two months to make sure it worked. Vereen Coen, Huguenin's daughter, laughs when she remembers her Papa said, "We're going to be guineas pigs." This same practice of recipe testing is held as the standard by publishers today, which know that a home cook is putting trust in the recipe writer, trusting that her family's dinner will be a success.

After four months of compiling and organizing, they decided on a printing 2,000 copies. "Mama said to Papa, 'Tom, Harry says there's just no way we can ever sell 2,000 cookbooks,'" recalls Coen. "They sold out in four days." The perennial application of the cookbook's recipes and their adaptability are perhaps best for attributing the book's continued survival. After all, think of the number of community cookbooks that simply vanish into the ether. There is something special about this book. It preserves Gullah culture as well as French Huguenot culture, a combination that might hold the lion's share of responsibility for its preservation.

In any case, contemporary Charleston society is glad to have it. So much so that The Grand Bohemian hotel's fourth floor restaurant, Élevé, now presents the newest chapter in the life of *Charleston Receipts*. Élevé has partnered with the Charleston Junior League this year to offer *Charleston Receipts* a living, thriving, permanent test kitchen. Using the cookbook as inspiration, the culinary team at Élevé blends coastal Gullah

flavors with modern American cuisine. Élevé's menus offer the full *Charleston Receipts* titles, such as "Mrs. Legare Walker Jr.'s Huckleberry Muffins." We sincerely hope the servers there have been educated to pronounce Legare (lah-gree), as well as any benyah, or those who have been here for generations. We hope too that the good idea of Élevé, to educate hotel visitors who happen upon them to dine about the rich heritage of the Lowcountry will result in a better sense of the place where they are. While one name may grace a receipt title, it was most certainly prepared at one point by the women in the kitchen who helped her. That is what makes the history of Charleston so attractive is less imagination of bygone days and more examination of the lives that made them up: overlapping communities and interpersonal relationships, good and bad. Charleston Junior League is glad for the partnership because it means the receipts are thriving in a commercial setting, something their creators could never have envisioned.

For the past 65 years, multiple reprints of *Charleston Receipts* have provided over \$1 million to support the Junior League of Charleston's community projects. Prints of the publication are available for purchase at The Grand Bohemian's Élevé Restaurant, The Junior League of Charleston website, and multiple retail outlets. Élevé is located at 55 Wentworth Street in downtown Charleston and is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. For the most *Charleston Receipts* influence, try breakfast or dinner. ■

NIGHT AT THE RACES

By Molly Bryant

The Kentucky Derby is known as the “Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports” for good reason. As twenty of the most elite thoroughbreds in the world raced head-to-head to win the 142nd Derby, fans across the country stopped whatever else they were doing for that brief period to cheer on their favorites.

So, where was the best place in Charleston to be to catch all of the action? There is no doubt that it was the Junior League’s Night at the Races event, which stands out among the festivities across the city as Charleston’s Premier Derby Gala! However, it’s more than just the horses that bring Derby fans out each year.

“There are more and more opportunities to attend a Derby-themed party in Charleston. While we hope every Night at the Races attendee has a great time and comes year after year, it is unique because we keep the focus on raising money in order to have a positive impact in the Charleston community,” says Night at the Races Chair Wendy Crisp Bryan.

The money raised from the event’s auction items, ticket sales, and donations support numerous organizations that the League partners with in the Charleston community including: Communities in Schools, Lowcountry Food Bank, Lowcountry Orphan Relief, MUSC Center for Drug and Alcohol Programs, Sea Island Habitat for Humanity, Pet Helpers, Fields to Families, Dee Norton Lowcountry Children’s Center, I Heart Hungry Kids and East Cooper Meals on Wheels.

While raising money to support these worthy causes, which change each year through a selection process by the League, gala-goers will enjoyed a full night of festivities revolving around the iconic horse race. The event, held this year on Saturday, May 7th from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m., included live Kentucky Derby coverage, silent and live auctions, derby-inspired food, an open bar, and live music and entertainment. A new addition to the entertainment this year was a performance artist who created an entire painting to delight the crowd in just minutes.

Besides the event festivities, attendees enjoyed many of the Kentucky Derby traditions. Junior League members never disappoint when it comes to Derby fashion, most notably, the hats. Says Bryan, “The hats are amazing. I think one JLC member even had a hat making party leading up to our event!”

The event has grown over the past few years, and this May marked the 5th annual gala. With months of preparation leading up to the event, committee members never lost sight of the reason the League hosts this event each spring: To raise money for the important causes that depend on the League’s support. Bryan’s favorite part of the event illustrates that point. She says, “My favorite part of the evening would be the results of the auction. At that point, we have a pretty good idea of the financial impact we are going to have on our League and the community.”

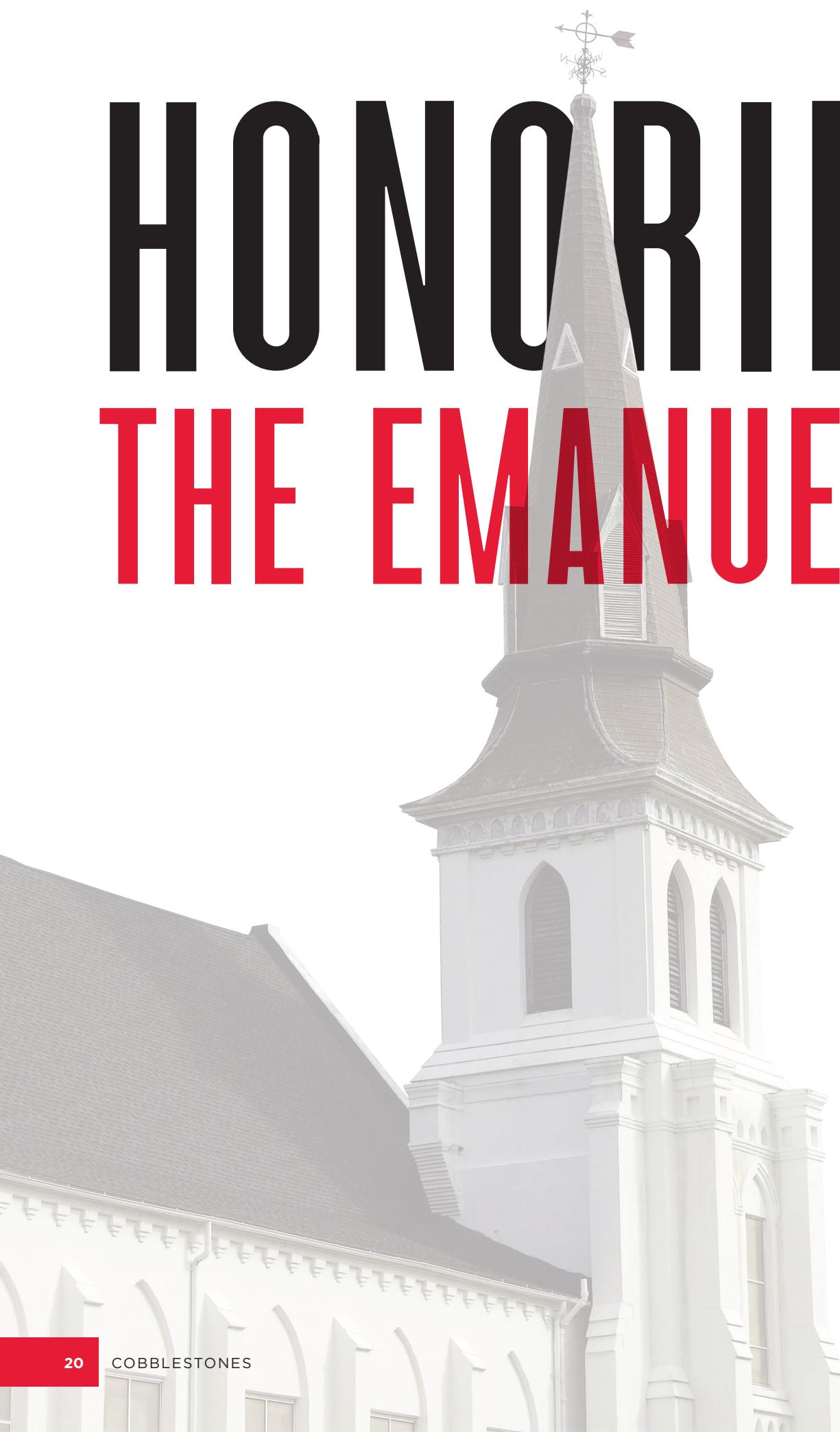
Bryan and the event committee members also use the lead up to the event to educate others in the community on the impact the League is having in the Charleston area. She says, “When we approach a sponsor, we use that opportunity to either introduce the Junior League of Charleston or remind them of our mission. We develop and train women to be civic leaders who currently are having a positive impact on fighting hunger and homelessness in the Charleston community.” Indeed, the event’s tagline “Racing Against Hunger and Homelessness” says it all.

Night at the Races is the last fundraiser for the League year to help support the League’s numerous and valuable community projects. With so many programs across the community, the League depends on the funds raised to continue to make positive improvements for many people.

This year’s event didn’t disappoint. Says Bryan, “For a fifth anniversary, the traditional gift is wood. My hope is that this fifth year, like wood, completed a solid foundation for this fundraiser.” ■



HONORING THE EMANUEL 9



JUNIOR LEAGUE LADIES SEEK UNITY, LOVE IN THE WAKE OF UNFATHOMABLE EVENTS

By Nicole Shealy

THE UNIMAGINABLE TRAGEDY

A hot, steamy summer night. It was June 17, 2015. A group of 12 all African American church parishioners had gathered for Bible study at Emanuel AME Church, a historic black church in downtown Charleston. Coming together to read God's word and pray is a ritual thousands of Lowcountry residents do on any given Wednesday night. But that fateful night at that church is forever written in the history of Charleston.

It was not the typical Wednesday night Bible study at the Emanuel AME. Many of the black parishioners who typically attend that evening Bible study went home early. The Church's pastor, Rev. Clementa Pinckney, also welcomed a guest that night. A young white man, 21, asked if he could join. That request granted. That man was later identified as Dylann Storm Roof of Lexington, SC. Charleston police say the visitor sat with the church members for nearly an hour reading God's word. Then, the unimaginable happened.

The Bible study, lead by Rev. Depayne Middleton-Doctor, was nearing the end. Charleston Police Department investigators say suddenly the visitor stood up, began ranting about his contempt for black people, and opened fire on the group with a handgun. Of the 12, nine were hit and sustained fatal gunshot wounds, each falling to the ground. Survivor accounts say the shooter's first victim was Rev. Pinckney at point blank range, the very same person who welcomed him to start. Police say two victims, a woman named Felicia Sanders and her granddaughter age 12, played dead under a table, laying in spilt blood of their friends and family members. The shooter spared the life of Polly Sanders, telling her he would keep her alive so she could tell the story of what happened, according to multiple reports. Investigators dubbed the shooting massacre a hate crime.

News of the Charleston church massacre spread, touching many lives. The Charleston community, state of South Carolina, nation and world was in mourning, following one of the deadliest mass shootings at a place of worship on US soil in history.

"My thoughts were of disbelief and shock. You're shocked something like this can happen in your own town, your own back yard." 2015-2016 Junior League of Charleston (JLC) President Dorothy Thaxton said. "You're hurt for those families and angry at the same time something like this can take place in your town in 2015. A lot of people think diversity and inclusion is no longer an issue when it is more prevalent now than ever."

TIES TO EMANUEL 9

The victims of the deadly shooting include:



Cynthia Hurd, 54 – branch manager of St. Andrews Regional Library in the Charleston County Public Library system



Susie Jackson, 87 – church choir member and served on church usher board



Ethel Lee Lance, 70 – former custodian at Emanuel AME Church and the Gaillard Auditorium



Rev. Depayne Middleton-Doctor, 49 – a pastor, former Charleston County government employee, and admissions coordinator at Southern Wesleyan University



Rev. Clementa Pinckney, 41 – Emanuel AME Church pastor and South Carolina state senator



Tywanza Sanders, 26 – grandnephew of victim Susie Jackson and recent Allen University graduate



Rev. Daniel Simmons Sr., 74 – a pastor, served in the Army, and former counselor and teacher for the South Carolina Department of Corrections



Rev. Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, 45 – a pastor, speech therapist, and track coach at Goose Creek High School



Myra Thompson, 59 – Bible study teacher, was studying to become a minister, and lifelong educator



For Lowcountry natives such as 2015-2016 JLC President Dorothy Thaxton, the Emanuel AME Church was known as the "Mother Emanuel." The historic church has been part of the community since 1816. It is located across the street from the Gaillard Center, formerly called the Gaillard Auditorium, which is the location League volunteers hosted the "Whale of a Sale" for many years.

Following the shooting Thaxton learned that one victim, Ethel Lance, was a regular attendee of the annual event and loved it. Thaxton says two JLC members were also friends with Lance and visited her daughters after the shooting. "According to her daughters, we were a fun group of women that worked hard to put on a fun event to benefit the community," Thaxton said.

For every General Membership Meeting, the League's Arrangements Committee finds various locations to host the group. One location used in the past was the library in West Ashley. Shooting victim Cynthia Hurd was the librarian who helped the League secure its meeting locations. "Our Leadership Institute committee worked with her in scheduling the meeting room. It was a professional relationship. Then you find out she was killed, and you are shocked. You just talked to that person on the phone," Thaxton said.

HONORING THE LIVES LOST

Just hours after the shooting, memorials and money began to pour in. The City of Charleston opened the "Mother Emanuel Hope Fund" to benefit the victims' families to provide for the funerals and the expenses always associated with such events. "This was the way those who were touched by this tragedy wanted to express their support and love for the survivors and those mourning the loss of a loved one," City of Charleston spokesperson Barbara Vaughn said.

The donations came from around the world. Vaughn says there were donations from more than 6,500 individuals and corporations from every state in our country, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, Australia, Canada, Ethiopia and Germany. And this does not include the number of people



who walked into a Wells Fargo bank to donate. Leaders in the League had the discussion to use the organization's Community Reserve Fund to help these families during their time of grief. "It is used for an unplanned emergency," Thaxton said.

Thaxton says the JLC felt it was appropriate to match the City of Charleston's initial donation of \$5,000 to the HOPE fund.

About a month and a half after the shooting, the JLC hosted the annual Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) Area III conference. The conference took place at the Francis Marion Hotel, just a block and a half away from the Emanuel AME Church. Thaxton says she encouraged the visitors to walk to the church where a large memorial from well-wishers was on display and a constant stream of visitors were arriving daily, paying respect.

"We wanted to encourage them to experience what was going on outside Mother Emanuel, the love and support. We encouraged people to go to the church and give to the HOPE fund and join the 'Hate Won't Win' movement," Thaxton said.

Additionally, Thaxton took part in an AJLI event about different community's reactions following shooting events of national significance, alongside Junior League leaders from Baltimore, Maryland and Ferguson, Missouri. "These events have brought attention to the fact that this happens in cities across the country, and we need to talk about diversity and inclusion at a national level, to try to make a difference moving forward," Thaxton said.

Since the Emanuel 9 church shooting has been identified as a racially motivated hate crime and because the JLC and AJLI has focused efforts recently on the issues of unity and inclusion, Thaxton and others felt in their hearts there was more to do to honor these victims, and learn more from this horrific tragedy.

A JLC sub-committee quickly formed to put together an event that would honor the Emanuel 9 victims and teach our membership about the importance of unity and inclusion.



Some of the strongest voices to be heard following the Emanuel 9 shooting were those of women. Keeping that in mind in addition to the League's mission of training women, the women-led panel discussion idea was born.

The League reached out to three women with powerful voices following the shooting to host them on stage together. The event, "Women Making a Difference Toward Unity and Inclusion," took place in September during the JLC monthly General Membership Meeting.

WOMENS' VOICES HEARD

Given my experience as a longtime journalist in the Charleston community and having covered the events following the tragic shooting, I was asked to moderate the panel discussion. I was honored to share the stage with our three panel speakers: State Representative Jenny Horne, the Hate Won't Win movement founder and granddaughter of victim Rev. Daniel Simmons Sr., Alana Simmons, and the Bridge to Peace Unity Chain event founder Dorsey Fairbairn.

Active member Elizabeth Player compiled the panelists' biographies and read them on stage that night. "I was so impressed by each of the panelists' backgrounds," she said. "Alana has drawn on her family, her teaching, and her performance experiences to build the Hate Won't Win movement. Dorsey used her journalism background and her service focus to quickly organize the Bridge to Peace event. Jenny used her legal knowledge and her skills with persuasion, advocacy, and negotiation to make an impassioned plea to her fellow lawmakers to take action."

I met each panelist about a half hour prior to the event to go over questions and talk about event flow. There were multiple local news reporters and TV crews who wanted interviews with our three panelists or a League representative. Members of our planning sub-committee were running around to make sure all of our visitors were accommodated. More than 150 Junior League members and their guests filled the seats of the auditorium.



I remember walking into the Charleston County School of Arts auditorium, mentally preparing for what I thought could be an emotional evening. On the big screen pictures of the Emanuel 9 victims, the church, and memorial flashed. JLC member Lisa Ward is a longtime Charleston area resident and attended the event. "Hearing the panelists discuss how the Emanuel 9 massacre impacted their lives made me feel emotional for the victims's families and sad for our beautiful city," Ward said.

From out of the sadness, women who attended the event say they found strength. The women on stage were just like the women in the crowd: a civic leader, a full-time worker, a teacher, a nonprofit volunteer, a business owner, a mom. As Thaxton said, "They all took a leap of faith." Each woman stepped out of their comfort zones to ensure their opinions, their voices, were heard. What I've heard several times since the discussion from many in attendance that what they took away from the event is inspiration.

"Listening to such powerful voices also gave me hope that we can and will rebuild. These women are truly making a real difference, both in our Charleston community and on a national level, by stepping up, having their voices heard, and fighting for change," Ward said.

"After the panel I went up to each to thank them for their bravery, and it made me realize they are just normal women like us in the Junior League. If we could all use Alana as an example and turn our energy toward love not hate, then #hatewontwin!" JLC member Maggie Hill said.

For me, it was truly an honor to have heard from these women and shake their hands. The discussion has opened hearts and minds to change or take action. We can only hope that from this horrific tragedy, positive change in the world has begun, and will continue into the future. ■

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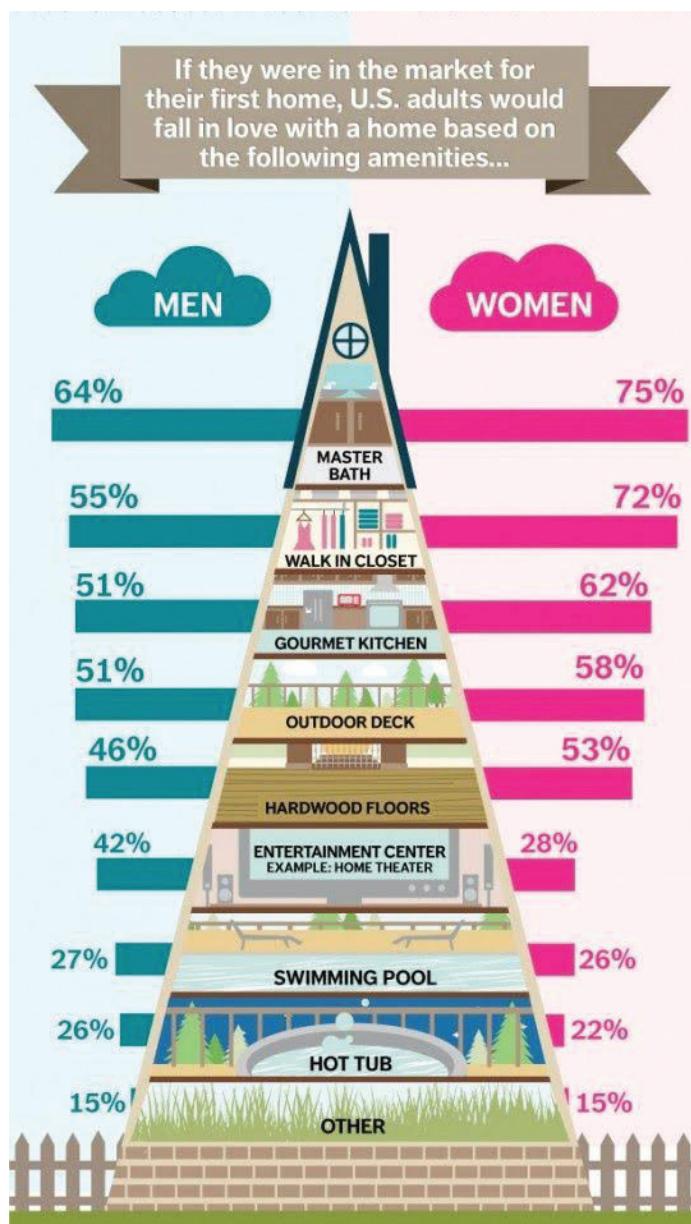
TIPS TO SELL YOUR HOME FASTER

By Meredith Mangum

Ready to take advantage of the hot real estate market in the Lowcountry? According to one JLC realtor, Mary Beth Bennett, residential prices in the Charleston metro area are up five percent this year. With 2016 here, Bennett offers a few frequently overlooked tips to get top dollar for your property.

- 1. Light up the interior.** Maximize the light in your home. Take down dark drapes, clean the windows, change out lampshades, increase the wattage of your light bulbs and trim back the shrubs to let in as much sunshine as possible.
- 2. Depersonalize the space.** It is often said that “the home you sell is not the home you live in.” By removing excess clutter and personal items, potential buyers can more easily envision themselves living there. Put unnecessary items and the bulk of personal keepsakes and photos in storage. Arrange your furniture in a way to maximize the usable living space.
- 3. Spruce up your curb appeal.** From the minute buyers exit the car, the condition of what they see makes a difference. Your lawn maintenance, landscaping, walkway, porch and front door all contribute to their overall first impression. Spend a few days before you list your home power washing, painting trim and cleaning up flower beds.
- 4. Online presence is everything.** In today’s housing market, the majority of buyers start their search online or from their mobile device. Having a wide range of visually appealing photos is vital for increasing demand. Before you list, ask your agent what type of photography will be used to market your home and to see examples from previous listings. Dark, cropped cell phone photos will limit the amount of showings. Consider asking your realtor to hire a professional photographer to maximize the home’s look. When I moved down from the Upstate, my realtor hired a professional and the pictures were amazing!
- 5. Always be ready to show.** Access is essential. Don’t make it difficult for agents to show their clients your home—if they have to make appointments far in advance, or have an extremely restrictive time frame, agents will be less likely to show your property. While it may be inconvenient, having a “show-ready” house at all times will get your home sold faster.

Selling your property can be a stressful time. With some investment, even minimal improvements, small changes can be critical to get your home sold for the highest price possible!



NEED TO KNOW

DO YOU NEED A WILL?

By **Meredith Mangum**

Anyone who owns property and wants to decide how it is distributed upon your death should have a will, regardless of the value. Of course, the larger the estate, the greater the need for expert estate planning and for a valid, up-to-date will.

REASONS TO HAVE A WILL

- With a will, you decide how your possessions will be distributed. You may make any disposition of your property as long as it is consistent with the laws and policy of the state of South Carolina. Protective provisions of the South Carolina Probate Code grant a spouse who is left out of a will an election to take a one-third share of the "probate estate" under certain circumstances. A similar provision grants a share to a child who is left out of a parent's will written before the child's birth in some circumstances. If you die without a valid will, your assets will be distributed according to a rigid statutory formula with no consideration of your wishes. The best way to ensure your assets are properly divided is to have your requests in a written will.
- A well-prepared will may reduce your estate taxes. However, after death, less can be done to alter the tax status of an estate. The tax consequences depend on the individual characteristics of each case and should be discussed with your lawyer. Not all estates are subject to death, estate or inheritance taxes.
- With a will, you can choose the individual(s), bank and/or trust company you want to serve as the executor of your estate. If there is no will, a court-appointed administrator serves as personal representative.
- With a will, you can save unnecessary expenses involved in the administration of an estate. Bonds may be required of court-appointed administrators and many times this expense is avoided by simply stating in your will that your personal representative does not need to provide bond. Real estate and other assets can be sold without court proceedings provided your will authorizes such sales.
- Parents can suggest in their wills the names of those people who they want to be guardians for their children and property of a minor child or an

incapacitated adult. Unfortunately, such suggestions are not binding in the courts.

- In a will, you can establish trusts to lower taxes and to control both the financial management and the ultimate takers of your property.
- You can also make gifts to charity in your will. **To leave a contribution to the JLC, contact the JLC office or check out JLCharleston.org (Make a Donation in the Members Only section).**

WHAT IF YOU DIE WITHOUT A WILL?

In cases where there is no will, our state's inheritance statute will determine who receives your property. Your property will not automatically go to the state unless you have no close relatives.

The court will appoint an administrator, from persons designated by law, to manage and settle your estate. Often the cost of administering an estate without a will is greater than settling your affairs with one.

HOW LONG IS A WILL VALID?

Wills are valid until changed or revoked as allowed by the law. No will becomes final until the death of the testator (the one for whom the will is written), and it may be changed or added to by the testator by drawing a new will or by drawing a "codicil," which is simply an addition or amendment executed with the same formalities as a will. A will's terms cannot be changed by writing something in after the will is signed. Certain changes after the signing of a will, such as the testator's marriage or divorce, will revoke all or some portions of the will unless the will states it is made in the contemplation of such an event. Changes in the circumstances of a testator require careful analysis and reconsideration of all provisions of the will and often make a change in the will advisable.

WHO SHOULD PREPARE A WILL?

Fellow JLC member Beth Bailey, an attorney, offers this advice. "Be wary of online forms. Yes, some probate issues are not complicated, but there are many good reasons to hire a tax and estate lawyer." The drafting of a will involves making decisions that require professional judgment that can be obtained only by years of training, experience and study. A practicing lawyer can help you avoid the innumerable pitfalls and advise you of what best suits your individual situation.

NEED TO KNOW

DOES PLACING ALL PROPERTY IN JOINT OWNERSHIP SUBSTITUTE?

While joint ownership in some cases is a useful legal device, joint ownership is not a substitute for a will. Joint ownership may result in adverse tax consequences, and joint ownership does not provide for the distribution of the property in the event that joint owners die at the same time.

DOES A WILL INCREASE PROBATE EXPENSES?

Distribution of his or her property must be administered by the probate court regardless of the presence of a valid will. Therefore, the existence of a will does not increase probate expense although having one frequently reduces expenses. If there is real or personal property that would pass by will or descent, the probate court has the jurisdiction to either rule on the will or determine the legal heirs. Thus, even if you do not have a will, your heirs must go to court to administer your estate or to obtain a determination that administration is unnecessary.

SOME SUGGESTIONS...

- If you have moved to SC from another state, it would be wise to have your will reviewed by a South Carolina lawyer. However, a will that was properly signed and valid in another state generally will be recognized as valid here.
- No matter how perfectly a will is prepared, unless it is properly signed and witnessed in strict compliance with the laws of South Carolina, it may be entirely void. Be sure that you sign your will in the presence of your lawyer, who knows exactly how and in what order the will should be signed.
- There were sweeping changes in both state and federal estate and gift tax laws in 1986 and 1987. The entire state Probate Code was rewritten, effective July 1, 1987. If your present will has not been reviewed by your lawyer since the passage of these laws, it should be reviewed to determine if any action(s) should be taken. Your will should be reviewed if you have personal or financial changes, such as the death of a spouse.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

The laws of each state set the formal requirements for a will in that state.

In South Carolina:

1. You, the maker of the will (called the testator), must be at least 18 years old or be married.
2. You must be of sound mind to know your estate, the objects of your natural affection and to whom you wish to leave your estate.
3. The will must be in writing.
4. Your will must be witnessed by two witnesses in the special manner provided by law.
5. It is necessary to follow exactly the technical formalities required for executing a will.

Source: <http://www.scbar.org/public/files/docs/wills.pdf>
Submitted by Meredith Mangum with input from Beth Bailey

SIX POINTS FOR CRAFTING A THANK YOU NOTE, SETTING A TABLE, DRESS CODE

By Elizabeth Donahue

THANK YOU NOTES STAND THE TEST OF TIME

It is a simple concept, but reality confirms that gracious living is currently compromised and ungraciously eclipsed in the digital age. While it is easier than ever to stay connected, one of our most mannerly traditions, the thank you note, is unfortunately a dying art.

A handwritten thank you note is a gesture of appreciation for a thoughtful act, expression, or gift. Thank you correspondence need not be a daunting task. Stationery, proper postage, blue or black ink, and a little thoughtfulness are all the materials required.

NEED TO KNOW

There is a simple recipe for the proper thank you note: Follow it and it will not fail you.

Greet the Giver

"Dearest Grandmother,"

Express Your Gratitude

"Thank you for the knit hat."

Discuss Use

"It gets quite chilly here, so it will get a lot of use when winter comes."

Mention the Past and Allude to the Future

"It was great to see you at my birthday party, and I hope to see you at the family reunion in May."

Be Gracious

"Thank you again for the thoughtful gift."

Close Kindly

*"With Love,
Sallie"*

Add a stamp and drop your letter in the mail. Antiquated or not, a well-written thank you note is a timely tradition worth keeping.

TABLE TALK; ALL'S OK

Disoriented at the dinner table? Visualize the lowercase letters "b" and "d" to locate your bread plate and drinking glass. Your neighbor will thank you!

With each hand, touch the tip of your index finger to the tip of your thumb while extending your remaining fingers creating the "OK" hand sign.

Your left hand creates a lowercase b – designating your bread plate.

Your right hand creates a lowercase d – designating your drinking glass.

How handy!

DRESS CODES DECODED

An invitation arrives in the mail requesting your presence at an event. Inevitably, your mind starts to swirl with thoughts: What will I wear? We have compiled a handy list of common

dress codes and their corresponding details to put your mind at ease and dress for your event in a breeze.

Black Tie

Formal, and usually reserved for evening affairs. Men wear a tuxedo; women, a long gown.

Black Tie Optional

Slightly less formal than black tie. Men don a tuxedo or dark suit and tie. Women should wear a long gown, a cocktail dress or dressy separates.

Cocktail

Festive and fun. For guys, this dress code calls for dark suits with a tie. For women, short dresses.

Festive

This dress code tends to pop up around the holidays. Festive attire is similar to cocktail attire, but with a holiday flare of added sparkle or color.

Business

The idea is to wear something business appropriate which also feels dressed up. A suit and tie for the guys, and a tailored dress or suit for women will do the trick.

Business Casual

Casual, but should be work appropriate. Guys can wear slacks and a collared shirt. For women, pants and a blazer or a pencil skirt and blouse will have you covered. Jeans and/or sneakers are not allowed.

Garden Party

Think colorful and lightweight. Men, choose slacks, an Oxford shirt and sport coat, or a light-colored suit. For ladies, a dress and flats or wedges, to avoid sinking into the grass, will make for a comfortable event. Remember, Memorial Day to Labor Day, seersucker is fitting attire for any warm weather outdoor Southern gathering both for ladies and gentlemen.

Casual

Anything goes, but strive for tasteful. Khaki pants and a button down or polo are appropriate for the gentlemen. For the ladies, a dress, skirt or pants with a pretty top will have you looking both casual and polished.

When in doubt, it is certainly appropriate to contact the host to clarify what they expect party guests to wear at the event. ■

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

2015–2016 JLC COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Junior League of Charleston is thrilled to share our community projects for the 2015–2016 League year. For each project, the JLC contributes a financial donation as well as a commitment of hands-on volunteer support.



Midland Park Community Ministries

THEIR MISSION: Our vision is a healthy, functioning, thriving community that is less dependent on public assistance. To make this happen, we strive to impact the physical, emotional, spiritual component of each individual we encounter.

JLC COMMITMENT: Operation of a food pantry and assistance with packing food items and processing clothes for distribution.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: 16

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 130-140 a year

FUN FACT: "This has been one of the most rewarding placements that I have had. Being able to meet and visit with the people in our community that we are directly helping is amazing. This project truly fits our mission statement," says one JLC volunteer.



Florence Crittenton

THEIR MISSION: To provide young, at-risk pregnant and parenting women comprehensive services to help them become self-sufficient and responsible mothers.

JLC COMMITMENT: Provision of training sessions on healthy eating, meal planning, preparation, and budgeting using Feeding America's "Cooking Matters" curriculum as a guide.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: 12

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 200 a year

FUN FACT: "It is so refreshing to work with an amazing group of women, who all bring a little something different to the table. Seeing the joy on the girls' faces while we are with them in the home is truly priceless!" Stephanie Boals said.



Communities in Schools

THEIR MISSION: To surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

JLC COMMITMENT: Host a parent-student literacy night at four area schools. Collect and deliver uniforms, toiletries, and other school supplies obtained through JLC drives and other resources to four area schools.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: 11

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 140 a year

FUN FACT: The committee serves Zucker Middle School, Garrett Academy, Lambs Elementary and Mitchell Elementary. Fun Fact: The committee has currently has donated over 200 clothing items to four schools. "Volunteers are paid in six figures... S-M-I-L-E-S," said Gayla LeMaire.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS



Habitat for Humanity: East Cooper and Sea Island

THEIR MISSION: Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

JLC COMMITMENT: Participate in building homes for low-income families on both Johns Island, and Awendaw

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: 32

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 652

FUN FACT: So far, they have worked 4 sessions with Sea Islands (Johns Island) in the fall and are starting with East Cooper (Awendaw) in a couple of weeks. This year they worked one house from start to finish on Johns Island - from the ground/digging the trenches of the foundation, ending with finishing touches!



Lowcountry Food Bank: Backpack Buddies

THEIR MISSION: To lead the fight against hunger in our community.

JLC COMMITMENT: Pack about 2,700 bags per session one Saturday per month. The bags feed low-income school age children over the weekend.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: 25 + Provisionals

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 4 a month

FUN FACT: "The fun fact is how unbelievably fast we get our bodies to work assembly line style... we got it going on! Even though we look goofy," said one volunteer.



Lowcountry Food Bank: Summer Mass Food Distribution

THEIR MISSION: To lead the fight against hunger in our community.

JLC COMMITMENT: Distribute approximately 35,000 pounds of nutritious food to 900 low-income families through three mass food distribution events.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: 25

VOLUNTEER HOURS: Three evening packings at the Lowcountry Food Bank. Three morning distributions at community partner locations.

FUN FACT: The Lowcountry Food Bank staff say that Junior Leaguers are the fastest and most organized packers that they have ever seen.



KIDS IN THE KITCHEN COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

By Mary Chapman

We can't deny the link between what we eat and how we feel. Medical doctors are now starting to acknowledge the link between clean eating and a healthy body.¹ But clean eating is a privilege, and not always accessible in today's modern world. What if the only food you had access to was processed and stripped of most of its nutrients? Sadly, this is a situation many face today. How do you even learn how and what you should be eating? How do you learn to make healthy choices from what you have available? For the last eight years, Junior League International has answered that call with their *Kids in the Kitchen* initiative. This initiative is now in more than 200 communities in four different countries. Their goal is, "to promote child health and wellness by empowering children and youth to make healthy lifestyle choices, therefore preventing obesity and its associated health risks."²

Last year was the program's inaugural year in Charleston, S.C., a city well known for its culinary prowess. Junior League Member Molly Meares was the catalyst in starting this program here. She coordinated with Trident Technical College to offer cooking camps at their downtown Palmer campus. This location was the most accessible for many of the applicants, as well as our other community partners such as the Florence Crittenton Home. Her broader goals for the program were career development as well as education and sustainability for these children. In addition, they learned life skills like reading recipes, using math skills in the metric system, sanitation and more. *Kids in the Kitchen* held four camps last summer with applicants from local schools and charities. Every child was sponsored by the Junior League. The camps were led by Chef David Vagasky.

So, what was the outcome? It's overwhelming. Each story is life changing. Every child learned how to sanitize the kitchen, how to read a recipe, how to sauté vegetables, how to make recipes that will last on a fixed income, how to set a table properly, and so much more. Participant Janyra said "I want to go to camp so I could help my mom and dad cook when they get sick." Alexa wanted to learn so she could have her own cooking show one day; and Jonnay said "sharpening my cooking skills to a professional level would help me for the rest of my life." Amber said she wanted to go to camp because, "I am trying to learn healthy eating habits since diabetes and high blood pressure run in my family." These are children with a future, children now more empowered to make healthy lifestyle choices and therefore prevent many health risks and diseases associated with a poor diet. This program truly fulfills the Junior League's mission.

This year the project would like to include more students as well as incorporate a field trip to a local farm. For more information or to get involved contact The Junior League of Charleston (843) 763-5284. ■

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IF I HAD A HAMMER... AND A SCREWDRIVER, A WRENCH AND A HARD HAT!

By Heather Crosby-Bedenbaugh

Since its inception in 1923, the Junior League of Charleston has steadfastly worked to address the needs of the Tri-County area. We have raised and invested millions of dollars and over 100,000 volunteer hours impacting our community. Every year, the Junior League of Charleston, through an application and vetting process, partners with various non-profits in the community to establish successful programs to meet the needs of those impacted. Through our various fundraisers, like Whale of a Sale, we are able to fully fund League projects that are in accordance with the mission of our organization, as well as provide trained volunteers to oversee them. Our community projects allow our members to sometimes step outside of their comfort zone, learn a new skill, and directly interact with the people that are helped by our efforts. One such project that the Junior League of Charleston is helping to fund this year is building homes for Habitat for Humanity Sea Island and East Cooper chapters.

Habitat for Humanity is a perfect fit for the Junior League of Charleston. They believe in helping the community by providing homes for those less fortunate so that they may be able to improve their lives. During the League year, the Habitat for

Humanity Committee members will help complete construction on homes for the Sea Island and East Cooper chapters. This fall, committee members partnered with the Sea Island Habitat for Humanity, which is the third oldest affiliate in the world, to help complete a home on Johns Island for a very deserving family. The committee, under the fearless leadership of Co-Chairs, Ami Calhoun and Morgan Smith, held four Saturday shifts, from August to November, and has been able to almost fully complete one home from the ground up.

Regardless of skill level or prior building experience, committee members, active league members, and our new provisional members, have rolled up their sleeves to help complete this project. League members have put up exterior walls, installed insulation, built support beams, filled in foundation, worked in crawl spaces, caulked interior seams, and stained a deck. All in a day's work! Karen Lyon, a Habitat for Humanity committee member, boasted, "I have never done anything like this before and I've learned how to do skills I never thought I would. It's so rewarding to be able to physically see what work you accomplished." In addition to these amazing accomplishments, our League members have been able to do even more!

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

In addition to learning new skill sets, this experience with the Habitat for Humanity project has been a team building and bonding opportunity for all of the members involved. Co-Chair Ami Calhoun stated, "It has been a blessing to be able to see the various stages of the home's construction, giving a sense of accomplishment." Morgan Smith, who served on the committee last year and is the other Co-Chair this year, said, "It is amazing to see the improvements that are made every shift and the impact that you are making in the community." Members worked directly alongside the future homeowner, which is a requirement to being chosen for a Habitat home. Ashley Kutz Kelley, a committee member, stated, "Working on the League's Habitat houses, alongside the soon-to-be owners, is one of the most rewarding parts of the experience. The owners are committed to building better lives for themselves and their children, one brick at a time. One homeowner told me, as we were crawling underneath a house to install insulation in the crawlspace, that her 13-year old daughter cannot wait to have her friends over at their new house for a sleepover. [This is] something that she's never been able to do before."

The final build for the fall project was completed on November 21, 2015. The committee and League volunteers worked in tandem.

One crew helped to finish the home by putting up interior wall insulation, while another crew put down floorboards on a new construction. While they were hoping for the new homeowners to move in before Christmas, they will most definitely be in their home by the first of the year. This spring, the committee will move to the East Cooper Chapter and build a home from January through April.

What a sense of accomplishment it is for the committee and League members to walk into the shell of a house and leave with it starting to feel like a home. Jennifer Berwick perfectly summed up her experience being a part of the Junior League of Charleston's Habitat for Humanity committee, "I have enjoyed the feeling of direct impact on the community and with my fellow Junior Leaguers while working on the Habitat for Humanity project. A large part of why I am a League member is my ability to interact in an organized project directly with the community and feel I am having an effect immediately. It's selfish, but the rewarding feeling of having accomplished something good for someone else on a Saturday morning sets a great tone for the rest of the week. Also, spending time with other League members getting to know them just adds to the fun of the project." ■

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PROCESS OF A PROVISIONAL/ACTIVE/SUSTAINER

By Lauren Rae Hametz



Provisional

Katherine Kuszmaul is in her first year with the Junior League of Charleston. She decided to join the Junior League because she was interested in meeting women in the Charleston area that had the same motivation and passion for volunteering that she does.

Katherine has taken part in monthly meetings and has attended happy hour events which have helped her build relationships with other Provisional members and learn more about the Junior League as a whole. She was introduced to Patti, a Sustainer, during the Whale of a Sale event and in her time speaking with her was able to learn how the Junior League can be a positive influence in a person's life. Patti's story about joining the Junior League and why she continues to be a member was inspirational to Katherine and has encouraged her to want to grow within the organization.



Active

Erin Copenhaver joined the League in 2007 in New York. After getting married, her mother-in-law, Past President of the Junior League of Winston-Salem, and sister-in-law got her interested in joining. The process to join was not difficult, and she really liked that the Junior League gave her something to belong to in the city. In 2008, she transferred to the Junior League of Charleston.

As an Active member, Erin has stayed busy by volunteering her time at the Kids in the Kitchen, Internal Giving, Habitat for Humanity, and Food Bank committees. This year, she is volunteering at Communities in Schools. She has found a particular interest in the community-based committees, especially Lowcountry Food Bank and Communities in Schools. Getting to meet people face-to-face and know you are making a difference is really heartwarming to her. Her children, ages five and six, have even begun to volunteer at organizations.



Sustainer

Betsy Clawson joined the Junior League of Charleston in the 1980s during a time when the membership process was entirely secretive. She had no idea what was happening when someone appeared at her front door with a hand written invitation to join the Junior League. Upon accepting, she joined about 30 other women. Their training consisted of weekly meetings every Monday night. She remembers being in awe of the bright inspiring women who were in leadership positions as they came to the meetings to talk to the Provisional class and educate them on the Junior League, its community interests and how they would eventually become involved.

During her early years as an active member, Betsy participated in community and in-league placements. She was fortunate to be the Junior League's representative on the United Way Planning Board, as well as its representative in Leadership Charleston. Probably the most valuable course she took during her time in the Junior League was "Woman Time Management." While it may seem outdated in today's world of working women, it gave her the organizational skills and tools to keep things moving at all times. The training she received in the Junior League was phenomenal, and Betsy believes she wouldn't be able to run the company she runs today, Clawson and Staubes, if it were not for her training. Betsy was also the President-Elect during her active years calling it a rewarding experience being able to represent hundreds of talented community leaders and be a part of effecting change for youth and children was such an honor.

As a Sustainer, Betsy enjoys attending Sustainer functions and Junior League functions to get the chance to rekindle friendships and meet all the new women. She also enjoys that while being a Sustainer she still is very much a part of giving back to the community.

Overall, she has learned that in being a member of the Junior League, the old adage is true, "You get out of something what you put into it." She put a lot of time and energy into her leadership positions in the Junior League and in return she has gained a lot of wonderful skills, friends and community contact. Betsy says, "I would encourage all Provisional and Active members to give as much as you can to the Junior League and community. You will gain so much more back!"

2016-2017

CALENDAR

MAY

May 2, 2016	Leadership Launch
May 12-14, 2016	AJLI Annual Conference Atlanta, GA (Pres, PE, PEE, EVP, Strategic Planning)

JUNE

June 2016	Provisional Fact & Fee Sessions
June 13, 2016	Management Team Meeting
June 20, 2016	Board of Directors Meeting

JULY

July 2016	Provisional Fact & Fee Sessions
July 11, 2016	Management Team Meeting
July 15-16, 2016	EVP Leadership Conference New York, NY

AUGUST

August 2016	Provisional Fact & Fee Sessions
August 8, 2016	Management Team Meeting
August 15, 2016	Board of Directors Meeting
August 22, 2016	GMM

SEPTEMBER

September 12, 2016	Management Team Meeting
Sept 29-Oct 1, 2016	AJLI Fall Leadership Conference Chicago, IL (Pres & PE Attend)
September 19, 2016	Board of Directors Meeting
September 26, 2016	GMM

OCTOBER

October 10, 2016	Management Team Meeting
October 17, 2016	Board of Directors Meeting
October 24, 2016	In-Home GMM

NOVEMBER

November 2016	Fall Membership Event
November 14, 2016	Management Team Meeting
November 21, 2016	Board of Directors Meeting Board Mid-Year Check-in (3-4 Hour Review Retreat)
November 2016	Training for GMM Credit (Throughout the month)

DECEMBER

December 5, 2016	Management Team Meeting
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JLC MEMBERS ENJOY A BEAUTIFUL EVENING AT THE 2015 PLACEMENT FAIR HELD AT THE CHARLESTON HARBOR FISH HOUSE N MOUNT PLEASANT.

JLC VOLUNTEERS AT THE KIDS IN THE KITCHEN EVENT.





THE 2015-2016 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL AT THE PLACEMENT FAIR.



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HISTORY OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF CHARLESTON

By Jenna Kepley

Twelve girls gathered at the Montague home on Ladson Street in downtown Charleston to discuss forming a club "to promote community interests and to help charitable organizations." The Junior Circle put the wheels in motion that day that have not stopped turning into what we now know as the Junior League of Charleston.

"On Tuesday, February the twentieth 1923 a group of twelve girls met to discuss the possibilities of forming a Junior League of Charleston. They were Katherine Cathcart, Loti Ficken, Emmie Mayberry, Elizabeth Myers, Anne Montague, Mary B. Parsons, Sarah Parsons, Frances Prioleau, Marion B. Robertson, Caroline Simonds, Mary Frances Stevens and Winifred Williams. Miss Louise Johnston, a member of The Knoxville Junior League, was also present and she told us what she knew of her League and its workings. Miss Montague read us a letter from Miss Harriet Reynolds, an officer in The Junior League of Poughkeepsie, stating that she would be glad to help us in anyway that she could.

After some discussion it was decided that the girls present would form themselves into a club and that the club should petition The National Junior League for admittance. The officers of The Club were elected as follows: President, Anne Montague; Vice-president, Mary Frances Stevens; Corresponding Secretary, Sarah Parsons; Recording Secretary, Caroline Simonds; Treasurer, Winifred Williams.

A motion was made and carried that the club adopt a purpose and the following was accepted: "To promote community interests and to help charitable organizations."

The Recording Secretary was then asked to write Junior League headquarters for information and the meeting was adjourned while this information was received."

Respectfully submitted.
Caroline Simonds
Recording Secretary

Three months later, the Junior League of Charleston was officially a member of the Association of Junior Leagues of America, Inc. and well on its way to becoming a pillar of the Charleston community. By the second year, the League had 77 members logging nearly 3,200 hours of community service by placing volunteers in the Bagging Factory Lunch Room, the Day Nursery Kindergarten, the Roper Children's Ward and the Associated Charities Motor Corps.

In 1928, after Charleston gained national recognition for having the highest infant death rate for a city its size the Junior League of Charleston headed up the Milk Station. This project was organized in effort to ease the problem of poor nutrition in children from low-income families in Charleston. The League dispensed approximately 5,000 quarts of milk monthly to children from 1928-1938.

Cobblestones arrived on the League scene in 1929 to connect a growing membership. Since then the publication has undergone quite a few transformations. Also known as *Pebbles* and *Cause*, the League has returned to its roots and brought back the original publication and are striving to grow readership and circulation.

"During these years we have borne the Depression—banks closed, stock markets suspended and seemingly secure enterprises failed. By helping, we have learned and earned the joy of giving."

— 1934 President of the
Junior League of Charleston

As the 1930s brought desperate times to the nation and Charleston, the League focused its efforts on providing food to those in need as well as volunteering at local health centers. The Rolling Library also debuted in 1931 at Roper Hospital providing entertainment to hospital patients.

The League welcomed its 175th member in 1941 and by the end of the decade had opened the Junior League: School of Speech Correction. The school provided diagnosis, guidance and parent programs for children with speech and hearing disabilities. The Community Arts Committee was introduced in 1947 as the first League committee.

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The Junior League of Charleston published the *Charleston Receipts* on November 1, 1950. This collection of 750 receipts put the Charleston League on the map as it quickly became a nationwide bestseller. The League sold 2,000 copies in four days and *Charleston Receipts* is currently the oldest Junior League cookbook still in print. By March 15, 1960, there were 105,474 copies of *Charleston Receipts* sold.

League members headed The Horizon House, an after-school remedial reading and recreation program, starting in 1964 at 14 Green Street. The program was designed to offer help to children between the ages of seven and 16 who were struggling academically as well as socially. The Horizon House launched in September 1964 with 15 boys in attendance. Success of the program was seen in increased IQs, improved behavior and higher reading levels.

The Junior League of Charleston found a new home in 1967 when headquarters moved to 82 Logan Street and that was not the only change the League saw that year. At the March membership meeting, James J. Kilpatrick, the editor of the *Richmond News Leader*, was the speaker and husbands were allowed to attend the meeting for the first time.

The 1970s brought about a decade of celebration and firsts for the League. Fifty years of community service and \$300,200 given back to the community marked the League's Golden Anniversary in 1973. Two years later the Whale of a Sale was introduced to members and chaired by Anne Gibbs Leland. This was the first fundraising project produced by the League in many years and it definitely made a splash in the community. A \$13,095.24 splash to be exact was placed in the Community Trust Fund of the treasury to help reach financial obligations. Not only was the first Whale of a Sale a success but it was also an event that would bring the entire League together and begin a fun tradition for members and the Charleston community.

Entering into the 1980s, the League set forth four major goals: positive impact on the Charleston community, improved membership opportunities for self-development, increased opportunities for sociability and friendship, and financial ability to meet community commitments and rising administrative costs. A Council system was voted into place in 1982, which is part of the system still used today. This year also saw the sale of *Charleston Receipts* reach half a million dollars. The League turned 60 in 1983 and threw a gala ball to commemorate the event. A computer also made its way onto the scene as it was needed to keep up with the demand of membership and community involvement. Another purchase was made in the form of a new home in 1986 at 51 Folly Road where the headquarters are still located today.

Hurricane Hugo hit Charleston on September 21, 1989. The League reacted and shifted its gears towards disaster

relief in the community. More than \$70,000 and hours of volunteer work were given back to Charleston. Despite such a tumultuous ending to the decade, the League ended on a high note as they met their goals especially making a positive impact on the Charleston community.

Focusing and reorganization was the theme of the 1990s. The League began to focus on three specific areas once they were adopted in 1994: family preservation, at-risk youth and child abuse and neglect. A new policy was implemented in 1994 as well that was put in place to address long-term goals and future planning. The Five Year Strategic Plans came into play in 1995. The Board structure was reorganized during the mid-nineties to accommodate a growing membership organization. The Board became smaller and the Council system became stronger.

The millennium ushered in changes both big and small. But the Junior League of Charleston has stayed true to the following:

Mission Statement:

The Junior League of Charleston, Inc., 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. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

The Junior League of Charleston reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origin who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism. The Junior League raises more than \$100,000 annually to further this mission. The organization combines trained volunteers with the money it puts into the community for double impact.

Night at the Races, Charleston's Premier Kentucky Derby Gala, debuted in spring 2011. All proceeds from the event goes to benefit the League's non-profit organizations. The Whale of a Sale celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2014 and was made a two-day event in 2015.

The Charleston Wine and Food Festival highlighted the Junior League of Charleston in the spring of this year. *Charleston Receipts* was inspiration for the opening gala and has sold over \$1,000,000 in copies in the last 65 years.

In 2016, the Junior League of Charleston has rolled out one of the biggest changes yet, affecting how it is governed as a non-profit organization. The League moved forward with a Governance and Management Transformation. The Governing Board of Directors will now handle setting the strategic future of the League, organizational positioning, and

HISTORY OF THE JLC

fiduciary oversight, among other tasks. Elizabeth Burwell will be the first President under this governing change.

The other big part of this transformation is that a Management Team of vice presidents and councils will handle day to day activities of the League and ensure that the strategies set forth by the Governing Board are carried out. The Governing Board and Management Team will be connected by a liaison, the League's very first Executive Vice President, B.V. Messervy. This is a big change for the League, albeit a great one as it allows for increased member engagement and for more women to hold leadership roles.

2015-2016 President Dorothy Thaxton will be part of the new Board as immediate Past President, and she shares her thoughts on the history-making changes happening within the League and what it means for the members and their community.

"From its inception, the Junior League of Charleston has always evolved to meet the needs of our community and the changing atmosphere of our membership. By approving the new AJLI Governance Board and Management Team organizational model, our membership is ensuring the expansion of our League by providing valuable training and increasing leadership opportunities to the many League

members who work in the Charleston area through their professional and civic leadership roles. As we move forward into the twenty-first century, Junior League members will never cease building a better Charleston through the effective action of our volunteer training and that is something I am extremely proud to be involved with during my term as President of this phenomenal organization of women!" Thaxton said.

From twelve to more than 1,000 members, the Junior League of Charleston has grown to become an anchor in the Charleston community. More than 2,100 hours were volunteered last year alone. That is a \$45,000 value. Can you imagine the looks on the Junior Circle members' faces if they walked into a general membership meeting today?

These days you can keep up with the Junior League of Charleston on the League's Facebook page, Instagram account or by checking out #JLCharleston. If you want to make a difference in the Charleston community and be a member of the Junior League of Charleston you can visit the website at www.jlcharleston.org.

All information for this article was gathered from past Cobblestone articles, www.jlcharleston.org and historical documents provided by the Junior League of Charleston. ■



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An Apple a Day: The JLP has focused heavily on supporting programs that provide food to the community, including projects like sponsoring community orchards.

Cool City Contribution: One out of every six doctors in the U.S. receives medical training in Philadelphia.

GET TO KNOW THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF CHARLESTON

By Jessica Vermillion

- The Junior League of Charleston is one of nearly 300 Leagues worldwide dedicated to improving the communities around them, through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.
- Since its inception in 1923, the JLC has contributed more than \$2.5 million to the Charleston community, with more than \$800,000 contributed in the last 10 years.
- 2015-2016 membership consisted of just over 1,000 members:
503 Sustainers + 453 Actives + 128 Provisionals
- From 2014-2015 The Leadership Institute trained over 100 members.
- For the 2015-2016 League year, the JLC anticipates funding \$60,000 to the Charleston community and donating more than 2,460 direct volunteer hours to fight hunger and homelessness.
- The JLC's partnership with Lowcountry Food Bank began in 2006 with a contribution of \$750. To date, we've raised and donated more than \$200,000.
- Whale of a Sale 2015–2016 raised a net profit \$55,218 (as of 1/27), all of which will go back into the Charleston community.
- The JLC cookbook *Charleston Receipts* was first published in November 1950 through an initial investment of \$150. Today, sales of what many consider to be "the Bible of southern cooking" total more than \$1 million.
- The League's first magazine, *Cobblestones*, was originally published in 1929.
- In 2010, the League held its first Night at the Races, Charleston's Premier Derby Gala, as a fundraiser. This silent and live auction event is held annually on the same Saturday as the Kentucky Derby.

JOIN THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF CHARLESTON

Interested in becoming a member of the JLC? The following guidelines will help you accomplish that goal!

2016-2017 Prospective Members Requirements

Thank you for your interest in the Junior League of Charleston! We are an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Membership in the Junior League of Charleston (JLC) is both a privilege and a responsibility. The future of the League depends upon the proposal of well qualified prospective members to carry forth the League's mission. The prospective member should be aware of the time and financial commitment that is required during the Provisional year before she agrees to be sponsored for membership. Please consider the following eligibility criteria and membership proposal requirements.

2016-2017 Eligibility Criteria

The prospective member must meet the following criteria for membership eligibility:

- 1. Age** - She must be at least 21 years of age by May 31, 2016.
- 2. Residency** - She must reside in the Charleston area by the start of the Provisional Course in August 2016.
- 3. Voluntarism** - She must have an interest in voluntarism, a commitment to community service, and an interest in developing her potential as a trained volunteer and leader.
- 4. Each applicant must be sponsored for membership by a current JLC member.** The JLC will match prospective members with someone from our pool of eager sponsors if/as necessary.

Prospective Member Process 2016-2017

Please note that dates and fees are subject to change.

Application, Fees, and Deadlines

The completed membership request form along with a non-refundable \$35 application fee must be received by the Junior League office no later than July 31, 2016. It is the prospective member's responsibility to ensure that the properly completed application and forms with the payment of the application fee is submitted to the League by the stated deadline. Application fees will not be refunded for failure to fulfill the application process or membership requirements. Please note that all fees are subject to change per the League's Bylaws.

The items listed below must be completed for an application to be processed. Once this is received, you will be accepted into the 2016-2017 Provisional Class and will receive additional information from the class leadership in July 2016. The process will begin in the spring of 2016 – you will receive a notice when it is open.

1. Provisional Membership Application

2. Payment of your \$35 Application Fee online

(at the end of the electronic portion of the application)

3. Additional Provisional Membership Information Form

(additional required information – paper format – this will be supplied once your application and fee are received)

4. Completion of the Additional Membership Profile Information Form

More information can be found https://www.jlcharleston.org/?nd=pros_mem

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