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WELCOME TO THE SPRING 2013 issue of Lagniappe, and a heartfelt celebration of Harriet "Muffin" Balart — our 2013 Sustainer of the Year — and the gift of volunteer service that she has invested in our community.

In these pages, you will also have the opportunity to get a sneak peek into our upcoming fundraisers, which include Cocktails and Cuisine, the April 18th kick-off to the 8th Annual Kitchen Tour on Saturday, April 20, and the 5K Etouffee on May 11. And this issue offers readers a trip down memory lane as we compare the JLNO of 30 years ago to the League of the 21st Century.

Every year the members of the Junior League of New Orleans celebrate a Sustainer of the Year based upon her lifelong commitment to volunteer service in our community. This year, this highest honor is being extended to Muffin Balart, a Sustainer whose amazing and lifelong commitment to our community, as well as her ability to encourage others to make a difference through voluntarism, make her an inspiration for us all to roll up our sleeves and do what we can to literally "rebuild a greater New Orleans."

This issue also offers a look at the past, present and future of our League through the eyes of Sustainer and Past President Ella Montgomery Flower and her daughter, Sustainer Anne Flower Redd. The feature offers an interesting view of how the public has perceived the League through the years and how this image has changed, as we are continuing to evolve in response to the changing needs of our more than 2,200 members — more than 85 percent of whom work outside the home.

I hope you will join me in supporting Cocktails and Cuisine, the Kitchen Tour and 5K Etouffee as we race to the finish of the 2012-13 year.

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WE DON’T HAVE TO look outside the Junior League of New Orleans to find heroes (or heroines). The League is bursting at the seams with remarkable women doing incredible things for our community. We introduce you to a few of those ladies in the Spring issue of Lagniappe. Sustainers Muffin Ballart, Debbie Skrmetta, Anne Redd and Ella Flower share their inspiring stories about pursuing successful careers, raising families, and of course, volunteering.

We also introduce you to the Members who are the future of JLNO — this year’s Transfers and Provisionals. As you will see, the future of the League is in good hands. I hope reading about these inspiring women encourages you to renew your commitment to voluntarism and the League.

We also encourage you to take the opportunity to be a hero for children in New Orleans. Spring is prime time for Junior League fundraisers, and the Kitchen Tour, Cocktails and Cuisine and 5K Etouffee Committees have been working hard to bring you these League favorite events. Proceeds from these events fund Junior League programs such as Strength of Relationship, Rebuilding Together, Power Ties and Upward Bound.

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HARRIET "MUDDIN" BALART has been instrumental in helping build a better New Orleans since long before Hurricane Katrina. As a pillar of volunteerism and leadership in New Orleans, she is committed to community enhancement. Her years of devoted service to improving the city and much more have earned her the prestigious honor of 2013 Sustainer of the Year.

For Muffin, volunteering is a way of life. The LSU Alumnus and mother of four, who has 11 grandchildren, credits her own mother with instilling a commitment to volunteerism in her growing up.

"I just always believed and do believe in volunteerism, it’s just part of who I am, and I think it’s a privilege to be able to have the opportunity to give back to your community," Muffin says.

She began volunteering at a young age as part of her curriculum at Louise S. McGehee School. After she had children of her own, she continued to actively involve herself in volunteering at their schools, St. Martin's Episcopal School and McGehee. She eventually was appointed lifetime membership on the board at McGehee, an honor that bespeaks her years of commitment to her alma mater. She took the school's motto, Noblesse Oblige (to whom much is given much is expected) to heart and set herself on a lifetime path of volunteerism and her work has had a tremendous impact.

Muffin credits her active involvement with the Junior League with leading to the success of many of her other volunteer pursuits. As an Active member, she served as Placement Chair, Thrift Shop Chair
and ultimately on the Executive Committee. “It was so nice to inter-
act with people and to learn so much about volunteering and man-
aging volunteerism,” she says of her years in the Junior League. “And
I think that is such a gift that the League does give to each member
because you learn how to be productive and how to be effective.”

She found her passion working with community improvement
projects through New Orleans’ Preservation Resource Center. She has
been involved with the PRC since its inception in 1974 when the
organization was initiated with a Junior League Community
Enhancement Grant. She served on the board of the PRC between
1988 and 2002, spearheading many projects and gaining a reputation
as an eloquent but hard-nosed defender of historic preservation in New
Orleans. She returned again to PRC leadership after Katrina to offer
her assistance and through it, she has worked tirelessly in historic
preservation.

Her leadership within the PRC led her to begin working with
Rebuilding Together, a project she has also helped grow from the
ground up. Rebuilding Together New Orleans was initiated in 1988
when the PRC hosted a one-day neighborhood revitalization pro-
gram in the Lower Garden District. Originally called Christmas in
October, the program focuses on renovating the homes of low-
income elderly and disabled New Orleanians.

Although the program initially offered assistance rebuilding
homes two weekends in October each year, after Hurricane Katrina,
it greatly expanded. Based on the amount of national interest in
rebuilding the city and the strength of Rebuilding Together’s reputa-
tion, it has now become a citywide, year-round effort which has
assisted more than 1,200 families and revitalized seven schools and
six community centers. As the Executive of the Steering Committee,
Muffin is helping to lead Rebuilding Together New Orleans in tran-
sition as post-Katrina recovery continues.

Diana Lewis, who has worked with Muffin for over 20 years as a
fellow member of the RTNO Board, describes Muffin as “bubbly,
effervescent, and wonderful.”

Diana attributes RTNO’s growth to Muffin’s leadership. In her
letter of support to the Sustainer of the Year Committee, Diana
wrote, “Muffin’s sustained leadership as RTNO Advisory Board
Chairman and past Chairman of the PRC enabled RTNO to be a
major player in the recovery response after Katrina.

With Muffin’s commitment and guidance, RTNO modified its
mission and took advantage of its incredible renovation and volun-
teer management expertise and its connection to key areas of the city
to broaden the program’s scope to year-round or full rehab of a sig-
nificant number of homes in RTNO’s designated neighborhoods.

Instead of only smaller projects, RTNO began to focus on the
total renovation and rebuilding of storm-damaged homes. By rein-
vesting in and restoring the existing housing stock of the city,
RTNO was able to bring low income homeowners back to their
homes, as well as provide a model for restoring and preserving New
Orleans’ historic neighborhoods.”

Patricia Gay of the Preservation Resource Center, who describes Muffin as “one of the most out-
standing, dedicated and hardworking volunteers I have ever
known,” credits Muffin with RTNO’s ability to expand its reach
into the community. “Rebuilding Together has assisted more than
1300 homeowners in need with repairs to their homes, and has
been a highly effective tool in neighborhood revitalization. The rip-
ple effect of this program, in conjunction with other PRC pro-
gams, is remarkable – far more residents have benefited from a
better quality of life as hope and vitality returned to neighborhoods
across the city. And Muffin has helped to make that happen.”

Muffin is quick to give credit to all of the individuals and groups
that have committed themselves in various ways to the causes that
she supports and is clearly passionate about her efforts.

“Corny as it sounds,” she says, “you really do get what you give
and (at Rebuilding Together) we just have gotten so much from the
volunteers and from the community.”

After a lifetime of commitment to the improvement of her city,
Muffin continues to be involved and giving of her time and experience.

“As a friend of mine says, if you’re not part of the solution, you’re part
of the problem,” she says.

When the PRC awarded her its highest honor, the Preservation
Hero of the Year award in 1998, the executive director Patricia Gay
did so, saying that, “There is no honor high enough or worthy
enough for Muffin Balart.”

The Junior League feels honored to count Muffin Balart among
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The Junior League of New Orleans Provisional class has been working hard this year. Between volunteering in the thrift shop, participating in League fundraisers and working on several community projects, these ladies have been busy.

Their journey began in Summer 2012 when the group was introduced to the League through JLNO 101 and a bus tour of New Orleans. They participated in a welcoming social event at Fat Harry’s in September and have been on the move ever since.

This year’s class, the largest in JLNO history, is made up of 185 members between the ages of 25-45, with about two-thirds of the class between 25-35. The average Provisional will put in more than 40 hours of time during the year in addition to time spent attending general membership meetings and social events.

Within their groups, Provisionals come up with ideas for projects, plan all the logistics and host the event. The class is working on several projects this year, including field days for children at North Rampart Community Center and Reily Center, restocking classrooms in St. John Parish affected by Hurricane Isaac, dinner and games night at the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, and a tailgate party at Lambeth House. The group also helped to set-up for the JLNO’s Elves in Canal Place fundraiser.

One group planned the Halloween Bingo and Spooktacular Costume Contest at Magnolia School.

“We dressed up in Halloween costumes, brought tons of candy and plenty prizes for all the bingo winners. Everyone got at least one prize,” says Project Chair Carrie Thomas. “Our Provisional project at the Magnolia School was so inspiring, the residents radiated such joy, you couldn’t help but let it brighten your day! Junior League has not only introduced me to many fabulous women, it has exposed me to different facets of the New Orleans community.”

Provisional Chairs Jennifer Jeansonne and Lauren Giovingo Way are enjoying the experience as well.

“It has been a privilege and honor to introduce JLNO to this group of wonderful women. Halfway into their Provisional year, I can already see future committee chairs and JLNO leaders,” Jennifer says. “We are doing a great job recruiting quality women to join JLNO, and I know that we will continue to bring in people who want to make an impact in our community for many years to come.”

This year has been a time of growth and self-realization for many, including Provisional Carla Brown-Pichon.

“Collectively, I can truly say my experience as a JLNO Provisional was the best investment I’ve ever made in myself. Participating in the projects gave me a sense of humility with the realization never to put any limitations on myself regarding all endeavors I wish to pursue in life,” Carla says.

Upon completion of the required activities, JLNO will welcome the Provisional class as Active members in May.
IN ADDITION TO ITS Provisional membership, the Junior League New Orleans expands its membership each year through its Transfer members. Transfer members come from various Leagues throughout the world and choose to join the League after moving to the New Orleans area.

To transfer, a prospective member must request her current League to initiate the transfer to the JLNO. Once the transfer is approved, the JLNO groups the Transfer members together into a committee to help facilitate the transfer and provide support for new members within the League and community.

This year the following 20 women joined the Junior League of New Orleans as transfer members: Keri Ansley, Rebecca Bayless, Simone Boustead, Susan de la Houssaye, Christina Graci, Ashley Hope, Shasta Ihorn, Sade Jackson, Andi Lea,
Elizabeth Martin, Sarah Nigrini, Nicole Pelengaris, Alexa Rotolo, Ashley Smith, Denise Smith, Molly Stanga, Carter Staples, Rebecca Tabb, Vanessa West and Abby Whitmire.

Transfer members get together once a month for a social gathering at a local restaurant, which allows them to experience local cuisine and get to know other transfer members. Lizzie Martin, who transferred this year from the Junior League of Jackson, says the Transfer Committee “has done such a great job of welcoming me and the other Transfers and helping us make the transition as smooth as possible.”

Transfer members are able to satisfy their League membership obligations in one of three ways: (1) attend four general membership meetings; (2) complete Active shift requirements of a Thrift Shop shift, Community shift and a Fundraiser shift; or (3) choose a Placement committee and participate in all required activities for the Placement. Lizzie Martin chose to attend four general meetings to satisfy her JLNO commitment because she wanted to “learn about all of the different Placements and activities of the League, rather than focus on just one project or event.”

Each League is different in terms of fundraisers and community outreach. Melissa Eversmeyer transferred to the Junior League of New Orleans in 2011 from Nashville. Melissa noted that many Leagues do not have a Thrift Shop, which is a fantastic fundraising opportunity. Further, when pressed on how the JLNO differs from the Nashville League, Melissa says, “JLNO has a better variety of opportunities of social events along with volunteer experiences. I’ve met and made many more friends in the New Orleans League.”

When moving to a new city, transferring into the League in that city is a wonderful way to meet new people and get involved in your new community. The reciprocity between Leagues ensures that members are able to stay involved regardless of location!
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The Whisnants are very familiar with Junior League since Brandy serves as JLNO President and has been active with the League for years. Recently, Wellington & Co. became the newest Preferred Partner of JLNO, joining Capital One in supporting the League at the Preferred Partner level.

For the Whisnants, the decision to become a Preferred Partner was easy.

“My wife and I have always felt it important to give back to the community that we have made our home and that has given so much to us,” said Tom. “I feel like my family and I have been fortunate because our business has been embraced as much by locals as it has by the tourists who frequent the French Quarter.”

Through Brandy’s involvement over the years, Tom learned the ins and outs of life at JLNO and the impact the League makes in the New Orleans area.

“I have always been amazed at just what a wide reach the Junior League has and how it can bring so many volunteers together to make such a difference in our city,” said Tom. “We are so happy to support an organization that does so much for our community.”

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League Member in the Community:

Debbie Skrmetta

By: Kelly Walsh

SUSTAINER DEBBIE SKRMETTA is a busy woman. Not only does she serve on the board of WYES Television and participate in several Republican women’s groups throughout the state, she is also in charge of fundraising for her husband, Eric Skrmetta, who services as the District 1 Commissioner for the Louisiana Public Service Commission and accompanies him at several of the events he attends in his role as commissioner.

However, for Debbie, her most important role is that of mom to two active children: her 13-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, and her 10-year-old son, Race. She is a room mother at the Academy of the Sacred Heart where Elizabeth is in seventh grade. She also volunteers at Race’s school, Stuart Hall, and chairs the SCRIPTS committee doing fundraising for the school.

Debbie grew up in Texas and moved with her family to New Orleans in the sixth grade after her father was transferred to Louisiana. Except for her time at Trinity University in San Antonio, Debbie has always lived in the New Orleans area since moving to Louisiana. She and Eric have been married for 15 years and live in Metairie.

Although she lived in Louisiana, Skrmetta joined the League in Chicago and notes that, for her, the Junior League is a family affair. She recalled her mother attending Junior League meetings in Texas before she passed away when Debbie was young. When the time came for Debbie to join the League, it was her mother’s sister who sponsored her for membership at her League in Chicago, feeling it was important that a family member pass on the Junior League legacy. After Debbie joined the Chicago League, she transferred to New Orleans where she has been for the remainder of her Junior League career.

Debbie credits the Junior League with educating her on how to be a good fund-raiser, manager, and leader. When asked about her

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League membership, Debbie beamed that she “adored her time in the League.” Her Placements have also been community oriented, and she served as a Council Director when she was an Active member.

While she loves the community aspect of Junior League, she say that, most importantly, she has made some “...amazing friends” through the Junior League.

“My son recently asked me why Junior League was so important,” Debbie said, “I explained to him that his life might have been a lot different if I had not been in the Junior League.”

Specifically, the friends she made in the League invited her and her daughter to join a playgroup and told her about the Little School, the preschool her son attended, as well as Stuart Hall. She also reflected that, if not for the Junior League, she may not crossed paths with a lot of the people in her life.

For Debbie, some of those paths crossed more than once. She noted that when she was on the JLNO Board, Katie Crosby was the JLNO President and now both serve on the WYES Board together.

When asked how she handles such a busy schedule, Debbie notes that she “makes lots of lists” but that she also has to make choices about what is more pressing on her schedule.

“I’m honest with my kids about my time commitments.” That way her kids feel more like a partner in her activities. She also makes it a priority to spend time with each of her children so they do not feel left out.

Debbie also points out that she has to be realistic about her participation in the various groups to which she belongs. For example, she keeps a list of her various Republican groups and how often she attends meetings, acknowledging it is impossible for her to attend every meeting, but as long as she is conscious of her time she can manage it.

It's not all hard work for Debbie. Through her husband's role on the Louisiana Public Service Commission, Debbie and her family have gotten the opportunity to travel throughout other parts of the state and participate in the local fairs and festivals such as Strawberry Festival in Ponchatoula and the St. Tammany Parish fair. Her favorite is the Washington Parish fair, which the entire family attends and her husband rides in the parade.
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2011-2012 Annual Report

Presidents’ Message

On behalf of the Board of Directors and membership and with gratitude to our community, we are proud to present the 2011-2012 Annual Report of the Junior League of New Orleans, Inc. Founded in 1924 by 10 women devoted to volunteer service, JLNO has grown to a membership of over 2,100 Provisional, Active and Sustaining members dedicated to the League’s mission of “promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.”

The highlights, project and fundraiser descriptions, and financial statement included in this Annual Report reflect the enormous difference trained Junior League volunteers make in the Greater New Orleans community. These accomplishments are possible because of the commitment and generosity of our members, community partners, preferred partners and donors.

As always, the Junior League of New Orleans looks forward to a bright future of continued service in New Orleans informed and guided by the significant efforts and accomplishments of those who have come before us. It is an honor to celebrate and serve this city and to play a part in its unique culture and history.

Blanche "Dee" McCloskey
President, 2011-2012

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Celebrating over 88 Years of Service to the Community
Highlights from the 2011-2012 League year:

- JLNO committed over $95,000 to community projects and initiatives.
- 160 Provisionals kicked off the year with a welcome party in the Edible Schoolyard at Green Charter School and a bus tour visiting Bloomin' Deals and Second Harvest.
- In partnership with Shell and Rebuilding Together, JLNO volunteers rebuilt two homes in Hollygrove, including the 1,000th Rebuilding Together home since Katrina.
- The rebranded and record-breaking Buy Save & Serve shopping card engaged over 170 retailers.
- A new Training & Education format offered 24 fall training sessions and a Spring Speaker Series exploring parenting, faith and other issues.
- Eleven homes opened for the 2012 Kitchen Tour with a new hospitality stop hosted by Park View Guest House and a revamped Cocktails & Cuisine kick-off party at the Hyatt Regency.
- Fleur de Leage, an online marketplace, was developed and launched.
- Named the #1 Thrift Shop by Gambit Readers, Bloomin' Deals began accepting credit cards, reached record sales, launched a Mighty Men furniture pick up service and served as a backpack site for 2012 Lemonade Day.
- Get On Board engaged dozens of participants and local not-for-profits and was recognized with the 2012 Community Impact Award by the Association of Junior Leagues International.
- Preferred Partners Capital One Bank and Ochsner Health System renewed their support for JLNO.
- Over 500 participants ran, walked, or crawled in the 2012 5K Etouffee, sponsored by Iberia Bank.
- JLNO and Citizens for Greater New Orleans joined League members from throughout the state for League Day at the Capitol and at the Governor’s Mansion.
- Kingsley House recognized JLNO with the prestigious McMain Award.
- JLNO implemented a new impact-based metrics system for community project evaluation.
- Using new focus area-based grant cycles, the Community Assistance Fund distributed over $30,000 to area not-for-profits.
- JLNO celebrated Margaret Garrett Wall as the 2012 Sustainer of the Year for her dedication to volunteerism and commitment to young people.
- Sustainers led a Retire the Debt on Freret Campaign and raised over $63,000, with many gifts made in memory of beloved employee, Stella Johnson Porche.
- AJLI recognized JLNO Sustainer Anne Milling with the 2012 Mary Harriman Community Award.
- JLNO members participated in AJLI leadership conferences and Organizational Development Institutes in Portland, Ore.; Baltimore; Phoenix; Houston; and San Francisco.
- Judgment Call introduced the nationally recognized Street Law curriculum to New Orleans.
- JLNO unveiled a new website, partnered with Tulane School of Business on a social media plan for Bloomin’ Deals, and increased social media of JLNO and Bloomin’ Deals.
- The 2012 Tri-Board meeting focused on sustainable growth in membership.
- JLNO Provisional Projects reached out to collect coats for tornado victims, provide entertainment for Hope Lodge guests, enrich our beautiful City Park, and more.
- JLNO was invited to participate in the Mayor’s Childhood Obesity Prevention Forum.
- With Sodexo, JLNO launched “Dinner with Mickey” for students and families at Lafayette Academy. Over the five years of JLNO participation, LEAP test performance has gone from under 50% passing to 100% passing, and the school has been named 2nd in the state and 1st in the city for full school performance growth.
- The Esprit committee hosted regular Front Porch Friday events for members and friends and a new “Egg Salad” Member Outreach Committee reached out to members in time of need.
- Sustainers renewed ties and friendship at gatherings hosted by Joanie Hartson, Donna Flower, Susan Price and Sally Cockerham.
- JLNO Elves at Canal Place brought holiday cheer, gift wrapping, and a retail outlet for JLNO.

2011-2012 COMMUNITY PROJECTS

**College Bound/Upward Bound**
Originally a tutoring support for the program, this hardworking committee forged a strong partnership with the Xavier University-based Upward Bound program mentoring high school students and supporting their academic and personal development through extra-curricular activities and field trips.

**JLNO volunteer hours:** 283  
**JLNO dollars committed:** $6,166 (in kind) $13,429 (actual)

**Community Assistance Fund**
The fund provides grants to area non-profits that demonstrate a strong commitment to improving the community in one of JLNO’s focus areas. In 2011-2012, grants were provided to Good Shepherd School, Teaching Responsible Earth Education, Juvenile Regional Services, New Orleans Neighborhood

**Collaborative,** Evacuate.org, Habitat for Humanity, Hike for KaTREEna, and New Orleans Neighborhood Development Foundation.

**JLNO volunteer hours:** 640  
**JLNO dollars committed:** $13,945 (in kind) $31,751 (actual)

**Community Shift**
Community Shift supports both JLNO projects as well as external projects in the community. In the 2011-2012 League year, external projects included the Mayor’s Fight the Blight efforts, blood drives, Magnolia School art classes, Head Start Reading Extravaganza, Children’s Book Week and Lemonade Day.

**JLNO volunteer hours:** 3,075  
**JLNO dollars committed:** $67,004 (in kind) $1,799 (actual)
**Edible Schoolyard**
JLNO’s partnership with Edible Schoolyard (ESY) expanded to include ESY efforts at other First Line schools in New Orleans, including Dibert and Arthur Ashe. ESY’s extensive garden program integrates gardening and fresh seasonal cooking into curriculum, culture and food programs. Students are involved in all aspects of farming the garden and preparing the food. JLNO hosted events such as Open Garden Days, Family Food Nights and student “Iron Chef” cooking competitions.
**JLNO volunteer hours:** 744
**JLNO dollars committed:** $16,211 (in kind) $8,946 (actual)

**EMERGE**
The Salvation Army EMERGE program promotes school attendance in the Recovery School District by rewarding students for perfect attendance throughout the year. JLNO partnered to act as “personal shoppers” for over 500 students who achieved this goal and to help staff the EMERGE holiday party.
**JLNO volunteer hours:** 959
**JLNO dollars committed:** $20,875 (in kind) $251 (actual)

**Freret Neighborhood Outreach**
Partnerships with the Freret Neighborhood Center, Neighborhood Housing Services, and other organizations foster neighborhood stewardship, pride and camaraderie through neighborhood activities such as Night Out Against Crime, Halloween Costume Giveaway, and Freret Fest.
**JLNO volunteer hours:** 541
**JLNO dollars committed:** $11,788 (in kind) $5,794 (actual)

**Get on Board - Non-Profit Board Training**
This award-winning project partners with expert trainers in not-for-profit administration to engage over 100 people to learn effective board practices, including financial analysis, strategic planning and fund development. Participants are matched with local not-for-profits for board internships. Kingsley House, Preservation Resource Center, North Rampart Community Center and the Louisiana Children’s Museum hosted events for participants.
**JLNO volunteer hours:** 621
**JLNO dollars committed:** $13,532 (in kind) $8,968 (actual)

**Judgment Call**
Judgment Call was developed thanks to a generous grant from local attorney Randall Smith. The objective is to address crime and the high number of young people in the justice system. After extensive research, JLNO chose the Community Works curriculum and partnered with New Orleans Outreach, local schools, the legal community and the justice system to teach kids about positive decision-making and good citizenship.
**JLNO volunteer hours:** 560
**JLNO dollars committed:** $12,202 (in kind) $17,407 (actual)

**Kids in the Kitchen**
Kids in the Kitchen is an international movement by the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. to empower youth to make healthy lifestyle choices and reverse the growth of childhood obesity. This year a new direction found JLNO volunteers partnering with the Second Harvest’s supper feeding program to provide safer after-school enrichment programming while children benefited from nutritious meals.
**JLNO volunteer hours:** 440

**JLNO dollars committed:** $9,588 (in kind) $9,605 (actual)

**Lafayette Academy Charter School Support**
Since the 2007-2008 League year, this committee provides student, teacher, and general support to the Lafayette Academy Charter School, a PK-7th school in the Carrollton neighborhood with about 800 students. Committee members provided support in first grade classrooms as well as special events such as Dr. Seuss birthday celebrations, teacher luncheons, classroom reads, field trips, and with Sodexo, “Dinners with Mickey” to build community and promote reading.
**JLNO volunteer hours:** 651
**JLNO dollars committed:** $14,185 (in kind) $21,472 (actual)

**Power Ties**
This career-awareness training program, developed by New Orleans Outreach, engages middle school students through a series of semester-long career oriented workshops. The workshops, taught by JLNO volunteers, culminated in a “Career Day” in which more than 50 eighth grade students from Samuel Green Charter School participated in mock job interviews and attended sessions on business etiquette and resume construction. JLNO coordinates job site visits with local businesses to expose children to the variety of careers in New Orleans.
**JLNO volunteer hours:** 568
**JLNO dollars committed:** $12,377 (in kind) $3,004 (actual)

**Rebuilding Together**
In partnership with the Preservation Resource Center, JLNO and Shell volunteers work side by side renovating homes for homeowners who are elderly or disabled and who would not otherwise be able to afford the needed renovations to their homes. During the 2011 build, JLNO volunteers worked to restore two homes in the Hollygrove area, one of which marked the 1,000th Rebuilding Together project since Hurricane Katrina.
**JLNO volunteer hours:** 832
**JLNO dollars committed:** $18,129 (in kind) $4,603 (actual)

**Safe Sitter**
In collaboration with the Parenting Center at Children’s Hospital, this program teaches adolescents to be educated baby sitters. Valuable lifesaving skills, CPR, choking and infant rescue breathing are part of the program. Children between the ages of 11-13 years participated in weekend training sessions at JLNO headquarters and a scholarship class was held at Tulane University in partnership with Girls First.
**JLNO volunteer hours:** 990
**JLNO dollars committed:** $21,572 (in kind) $1,712 (actual)

**Second Harvest/Lagniappe Backpack Program**
This year culminated a three-year, $300,000 commitment to Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana to address the hunger among school-aged children. This program provides students in need with non-perishable food items for weekends and school holidays, when they would otherwise not have regular meals. JLNO members filled backpacks that were distributed to program participants.
**JLNO volunteer hours:** 1,381
**JLNO dollars committed:** $30,092 (in kind) $100,286 (actual)

**Senior League**
Now in its second year, Senior League was developed by JLNO to provide activities to New Orleans area seniors. JLNO worked with
two institutions this year: Malta Park, a residential senior center, and PACE, an adult day care center for low-income seniors. Members planned activities such as Christmas wreath making, Halloween pumpkin decorating, a Mardi Gras Ball, musical performances and bingo.

JLNO volunteer hours: 624
JLNO dollars committed: $13,597 (in kind) $1,378 (actual)

Strength of Relationship
Developed internally by JLNO, this project partnered with Raintree Services to organize activities that support and provide mentorship to girls in foster care to support their development as independent young adults. Activities are designed based on the needs of the individual girls. Sessions educated the girls on financial responsibility, healthy eating, personal hygiene, and other life skills.

JLNO volunteer hours: 560
JLNO dollars committed: $12,202 (in kind) $3,665 (actual)

Note: Independent Sector estimates the dollar value of a volunteer hour at $21.79.

2011-2012 FUND DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

5K Etouffee Race
The Second Annual 5K Etouffee Race took place in Audubon Park. Over 500 people participated in the 5K race, the half mile fun run and the baby crawl. Families participating in this fun event enjoyed great food, drinks and wonderful music.

JLNO volunteer hours committed: 651
JLNO dollars committed: $14,185 (in kind) $9,770 (actual)

Bloomin’ DEALS Thrift Shop
For over 85 years, Bloomin’ DEALS has provided affordable, gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories for men, women and children. Household items such as furniture, electronics and books are available. JLNO began accepting credit cards, made improvements to the store and annex, and launched a Mighty Men pick up service for large donations and furniture. JLNO engaged the community with holiday photos with Santa and record-breaking Bag Day and Stock Swap events. The 2011 Gambit Readers poll named Bloomin’ Deals the city’s #1 Thrift Shop.

JLNO volunteer hours committed: 6,795
JLNO dollars committed: $148,063 (in kind) $233,148 (actual)

Buy, Save, & Serve (formerly Shopping Card)
Buy, Save, & Serve kicked off its fifth year with an energetic social media and marketing campaign and a family-friendly kick-off party at Lakeside Shopping Center. Over 170 merchants participated in the 10-day event. Over 750 cards were purchased and participating merchants offered a 20% discount during the event.

JLNO volunteer hours committed: 1,033
JLNO dollars committed: $22,509 (in kind) $11,236 (actual)

Cookbooks
Junior Leagues are widely known for informative and collectible cookbooks. Our three classic cookbooks (Plantation, Jambalaya and Crescent City Collection) are among the best in the country, and JLNO is getting the whole family in the kitchen with Crescent City Moons, Dishes and Spoons.

JLNO volunteer hours committed: 862
JLNO dollars committed: $18,783 (in kind) $1,144 (actual)

Fleur de League Online Marketplace
Developed and launched in 2011. Fleur de League offers a safe and secure online resource for members who wish to sell items to other members or to other businesses that wish to promote their businesses, services or merchandise to JLNO members and the public. JLNO receives revenue from online posts, online boutiques, and individual merchandise listings.

JLNO volunteer hours committed: 260
JLNO dollars committed: $6,101 (in kind) $805 (actual)

Junior League of New Orleans, Inc. Endowment Fund & Retire the Debt on Freret Campaign
The JLNO Endowment Fund promotes the long-term financial stability of the Junior League of New Orleans. Growth is achieved by soliciting annual, major and planned gifts. In recognition of the 85th anniversary of Bloomin’ Deals Thrift Shop, a group of JLNO Sustainers helped to launch a “Retire the Debt on Freret” campaign during the 2011-2012 League year to encourage donations to help pay off the thrift shop property. Over $63,000 was raised and the campaign continues!

JLNO volunteer hours committed: 200
JLNO dollars committed: $4,358 (in kind) $16,966 (actual)

Kitchen Tour and Cocktails & Cuisine
This year’s Kitchen Tour showcased homes in Old Metairie and New Orleans and featured a new hospitality stop at Park View Guest House on St. Charles Avenue. A completely new kick-off party, Cocktails & Cuisine, was celebrated at the newly renovated Hyatt Regency. Guests enjoyed an auction, great food and drinks, and the sounds of the Groovy 7 band.

JLNO volunteer hours committed: 2,447
JLNO dollars committed: $53,320 (in kind) $27,908 (actual)

Meeting Boutique
JLNO’s Meeting Boutique entered its second year and welcomed local businesses to sell their wares and promote their business during the social hour before all JLNO General Meetings.

JLNO volunteer hours committed: 550
JLNO dollars committed: $11,985 (in kind) $0 (actual)

Note: Independent Sector estimates dollar value of a volunteer hour at $21.79.
Junior League of New Orleans, Inc.
Financial Report
For Year Ended May 31, 2012

Income

Fundraisers and Businesses:
Cookbooks $23,109
5 K Elouflee Race $19,555
Kitchen Tour $65,201
Buy, Save, Serve Card $28,244
Thrift Shop $433,220
Fleur de League Online Marketplace $401
Meeting Boutique $5,812
Junior League Merchandise $6,017
Cost of Goods Sold $28,033
Miscellaneous $4,399

Total Fundraisers and Businesses $613,991

Membership Obligations $361,789
Investment Income $61,500
Unrealized Income (Loss) on Endowment ($142,687)
Endowment Contributions $14,494
Retire the Debt on Freret Contributions $63,237
Awards, Grants, & Sponsors $72,250
Non-Profit Board Training Revenue $18,400
Other Administrative Revenue $18,712

Total Income $1,081,686

Expenses

Community Projects $895,982
Fundraising $58,774
Support Expenses $145,691

Total Expenses $1,100,447

Net Income (Loss) ($18,761)

Net Assets at Beginning for the Year $3,460,108
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets ($18,761)
Unrealized Gain (Loss) in Charitable Remainder Trust ($106,582)

Net Assets at End of the Year* $3,334,765

*Includes $2,103,161 Endowment Fund balance, which reflects all contributions and pledges as of May 31, 2012. This report includes selected financial information from both the Audited Financial Statements and internal actual numbers. The complete Audited Financial Statements are available upon request.
2011-2012 Preferred Partners

Preferred Partners are corporations, businesses, and foundations that contribute financial support to the Junior League of New Orleans, Inc. ("JLNO"). Through their contributions, these Partners assist us in supporting our community projects.

2011-2012 Donors

The Junior League of New Orleans, Inc. is thankful for the many gifts received throughout the League year. The support given to JLNO ensures our exceptional community outreach and enables us to further develop the potential of women and improve our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

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**JLNO Membership**

Founded in 1924, the Junior League of New Orleans trains women to be inspired and dedicated volunteers through service, partnership and shared situations. JLNO has annual organizational, financial and volunteer requirements.

**Membership as of May 2012**
- 140 Provisional Members
- 606 Active Members
- 1,221 Sustaining Members

If you would like further information about JLNO and how to become a member, please visit us online at www.jlno.org

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**CELEBRATING 88 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

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While the Junior League has always been a dynamic organization for training the leaders of New Orleans, it has had to combat the perception of being a white-gloved volunteer organization for ladies who lunch.

Well, the gloves have been off for a while, undoubtedly discarded as the challenge of balancing home, work and volunteering has made the lives of many women very hectic and lunch has become an afterthought. As the League has evolved over the years, several important characteristics have remained the same — the impact the League makes on our community, the skills women acquire and the strong bonds of friendships.

Ella Montgomery Flower served as JLNO president in 1984-85, at a time when women’s traditional roles began to shift outside the home.

“For my era, it was still a vibrant, successful organization of community women as it is today,” Ella says. “If we would only consider that the Junior League was founded only a few years before women got to vote, we would realize how much our gender can contribute. Women, I believe, have many strengths that are more useful to society than were ever recognized before.”

For Ella, the League was her work outside the home. Ella’s husband expected her to fulfill a traditional role in staying home and raising their two daughters,
Anne and Lindsey: The League enabled Ella to reconnect with her New Orleans friends and make new friends after spending a few years in Concord, Mass., for her husband’s work.

“The most wonderful friendships were formed during my active years,” Ella says. “We were a support group and we learned to problem solve in a safe and kind environment.”

Ella was an Active member for 15 years and served the League in a variety of roles at a time when society was changing drastically as more women took professional positions. As a Placement Adviser and Chairman of Placement, Ella realized the need for the League to be more flexible for members who worked outside the home.

“I saw that we were really becoming an organization in transition, as more and more Night Actives (working women) were finding it hard to fulfill their League obligations or to find meaningful and enjoyable Placements,” Ella says.

However, when Ella’s daughter, Anne Redd, became a League member in the mid-90s, the League was still struggling to provide the flexibility that working members needed. As Placement Chair, Anne also experienced the same problems her mother did with finding Placements for working members that fit into their busy schedule. The League was also re-examining its Provisional requirements at the time.

“I remember that being the topic of constant conversation,” Anne says. “The snapshot of our membership had changed so much, we needed to make our requirements and Placements work to match what the League looked like.”

The League also re-evaluated its admission process during the early 2000s. While Anne served on the Board, the League considered ways to encourage women to join while still honoring the League’s mission as a service organization.

“We wanted to be more inclusive by removing barriers to admission. The League was a service organization. It wasn’t meant to be a club,” Anne says.

Another major change was to the rule that women were required to sustain at the age of 40.

“Now people can join up to 45!” Anne exclaimed. “People were working, marrying and having children later and wanted to join later for various reasons.”

Ella’s years of service to the League helped shape her daughter Anne.

“I truly credit the Junior League with giving the confidence and know-how of how to be involved in your community,” Anne says. “I also credit my mother and grandmother because volunteerism was very much a part of their backbones, and I credited them for giving me that value system. The Junior League taught me how to roll up my sleeves and get going.”

Anne now serves on multiple boards in New Orleans, runs political campaigns, and credits the League with providing a strong foundation for her work.

“It is so obvious who is a Junior Leaguer,” Anne says. “We are so well-trained and we are so well-organized. You could read all the books in the world on how to fundraise or run a meeting, but books are no substitute for experience.”

Anne is constantly asked for advice when she speaks with various women’s groups, and her advice never changes.

“Join the Junior League,” Anne advises.

“The Junior League made me stretch myself,” Ella says. “I would have volunteered otherwise, but without the League, I would not have headed up committees or served as the president of an organization or a board.”

For all the changes that have occurred within the League, some things have remained the same. For Ella and Anne, they will always fondly remember the staff at the Thrift Shop. For Ella, it was Toria Whitten, a German national who met an American soldier in Germany after World War II.

“She was charming, smart, patient, and fantastic with customers,” Ella says. “She understood that many customers had pride even though they had a low economic status.”

For Anne, it was our beloved Miss Stella, who came to Anne’s aid when she slipped and fell during a Thrift Shop shift while she was pregnant.

The League has surpassed the challenge of accommodating professional women, and now boasts the largest Provisional classes in recent history.

“Every era has its challenges, but changing and evolving keeps organizations strong and effective,” Ella says. “The JLNO is still full of bright women who are committed to the community and who are willing to give their time.”
As everyone starts switching their wardrobes from winter to summer, many have already made their plans for summer vacation. We asked Provisionals, Actives and Sustainers what their plans for summer vacation are. We hope some of these may give you an idea of where to go for your summer vacation.

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“I will be busy this summer touring the state promoting our exciting new “Louisiana Culinary Heritage” cookbook, which is a partnership between the LRA and the George Rodrigue Foundation. In my free time I plan to be fishing in the Gulf with my family as often as I can and making at least one trip down to Rosemary Beach to relax and recharge batteries.”
— Active, Alice Glenn

“Visiting family on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. One of the most gorgeous places on earth!”
— Active, Elizabeth Janke

“I’ve always wanted to explore more of Northern California and camp out along the PCH, maybe this summer will be the one!”
— Active, Elizabeth Dalfares

“We are going to Key West!”
— Provisional, Mary Catherine Minvielle

“After welcoming our second child in May we are looking forward to traveling as a family of four to the Caribbean for a family wedding in late July.”
— Active, Courtney Nalty

“We’re planning a trip to Luray, Va. (about two hours from D.C.) for my cousin’s wedding in early June and then heading to D.C. for a few days.”
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SPRING IS PRIME TIME for Junior League Fundraisers, and 2013 is no exception! The season kicks off with JLNO’s first-ever Touch a Truck fundraiser, a family-friendly affair, and the League year ends on a healthy note with 5K Etouffee in May. League favorites, Kitchen Tour and Cocktails & Cuisine are back and better than ever.

Touch a Truck
JLNO’s inaugural Touch a Truck fundraiser was held Saturday, March 2, 2013. This event provided children and families with a unique, interactive, one-day experience giving them an up-close look at their favorite “big trucks” and vehicles and a chance to meet the personnel who protect, serve and build the New Orleans community.

Vehicles on display included construction trucks, emergency responder vehicles, tractors, utility trucks and even a helicopter! The opportunity to “touch a truck,” sit in the driver’s seat of a bulldozer or climb aboard a private jet creates lasting memories for children and their families throughout the day.

In keeping with the League’s focus areas of children’s wellbeing, education and healthy families, games and educational activities were offered throughout the event to promote safety, awareness and fun.

The New Orleans Board of Trade will host Cocktails and Cuisine on April 18, 2013.

Spring Fundraisers

By Enjoli W. Nelson

Lise and Richard Montgomery’s modern kitchen is featured on this year’s Kitchen Tour.
Cocktails & Cuisine
Kick off the 8th Annual Kitchen Tour event with Cocktails and Cuisine! The event will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2013, at the newly renovated New Orleans Board of Trade from 7-10 p.m. Committee Chairs, Valerie Gernhauser and Heather Johnson have planned a fantastic evening with both a live and silent auction, delicious food from Pigéon Catering, an exclusive raffle item from Wellington & Company and musical entertainment by the Groovy 7. If you are interested in donating an item(s) to the live and silent auction, please visit jlno.org for a donation form.

Kitchen Tour
The 8th annual Kitchen Tour will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013. This year’s tour will feature 12 unique kitchens located in the Uptown and Garden District neighborhoods and are within walking distance from St. Charles Avenue. Tickets to the tour are $35 in advance and $40 at the door, and a group rate will also be offered for 10 tickets at $320. Participants will once again have the opportunity to experience the Tour in style with the limo package. For $1,000, eight friends can enjoy wine, lunch and a limo ride to each of the kitchens on the Tour.

5K Etouffee
The 5K Etouffee Committee is calling for all runners, walkers and crawlers to join them for this year’s race on Saturday, May 11, 2013, in Audubon Park. Pre-registration, which includes a race t-shirt, is $25 for adults, $15 for kids under 12. Day-of-registration is $30 or $25 without the t-shirt. There will be a half-mile fun run, 5K run and baby crawl. This event is slated to be a fun day with prizes, T-shirts, food, refreshments and lots of activities for the kids. Please check jlno.org for additional information. Also, if you are interested in sponsoring the 2013 race please contact the Junior League of New Orleans by calling (504) 891-5845.
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INGREDIENTS
4 ounces bleu cheese, crumbled
3 ounces cream cheese, softened
24 seedless green grapes
1 cup finely chopped pecans, toasted

Directions
Beat the bleu cheese and cream cheese at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth. Chill for at least one hour. Remove and discard grape stems. Wash grapes, drain and pat completely dry. Wrap enough cheese mixture around each grape to cover. Roll in pecans and chill for at least 1 hour.
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League Faces

Flozell Roberts and Lauren Giovingo-Wiley enjoy the Transfer and Provisional Holiday Party on Dec. 6, 2012.

Jeanne Boughton and Monica Roberts at the Transfer and Provisional Christmas Party, held at the home of Rachel Stickney.

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Emily Marcotte, Liz Wood, Lucy Wardlaw, Allison Zink and Gretchen Lozes at the December 6, 2012 Transfer and Provisional Christmas Party.

Danielle Sutton, Melissa Eversmeyer, Kate Kelley, Katie Kelly and Carrie DeVries at the Transfer and Provisional Christmas Party.

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Kimberly Bonaventure, Mariel Ponseti, Carla Brown-Pichon, Melissa Stelly and Brandy Gilly enjoy Front Porch Friday on Dec. 7, 2012.

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March 23 – Easter Egg Hunt, Poydras Home, 10 a.m.-noon

March 28 – Advocacy Training Panel

March 29 – Good Friday
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March 31 – Easter

April 6 – Freret Fest
Bridal Boutique at Bloomin’ Deals – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

April 11 – Sustainer of the Year Tea

April 12 – Front Porch Friday – 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. – Location TBD

April 13 – Lemonade Day University

April 16 – General Membership Meeting

April 18 – Cocktails and Cuisine,
New Orleans Board of Trade, 7-10 p.m.

April 20 – 8th Annual Kitchen Tour
Bridal Boutique at Bloomin’ Deals – 10 a.m.-1 p.m

April 25 – Bullying & Resilency: How Parents Can Make A Difference,
6:30 p.m. JLNO HQ

April 30 – League Day at the Capital

May 4 – Lemonade Day

May 11 – 3rd Annual 5K Etouffee, Audubon Park, 8 a.m.
Bridal Boutique at Bloomin’ Deals – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

May 14 – General Membership Meeting

May 17 – Front Porch Friday – 5:30-7:30 p.m. – Location TBD

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