



SPRING 2019

League Log

JUNIOR LEAGUE
OF GAINESVILLE - HALL COUNTY

devoted to our future

president's letter

a reflection of Caroline Nix's year as president

There are not enough superlatives that I could list to express this past year as President of the Junior League of Gainesville - Hall County. One lesson has remained with me after all this: the importance of continuity. I recently had a conversation with past-president Havolynne Saxon about how it feels like we, as leaders, try to reinvent the wheel when we step into a position of "power" and the disappointment that develops when your time runs out. I am guilty of having a laundry list of changes I wanted to execute, and as I began reflecting on my year this past month, I realized I did not get to check as many boxes as I would have liked. At first, I was extremely disappointed—if you are a middle child people pleaser, you can definitely relate, but then I had a pivotal realization—Strong foundations are laid one brick at a time, never dismantling the bricks that were laid before, but strengthening and buttressing the whole structure so that when it is finished, it will withstand the tests of time. Although I had naive ideas of structurally changing our "building," not checking all those aforementioned boxes has been the greatest lesson. I was very fortunate to have had past-presidents, board members and leaders that I could call, email, or text, who were always willing to give me generous words of wisdom and advice, or merely let me vent about frustrations. I never assumed I knew it all—texting past-president Lindsay Addison right before a vote because I could not remember exact policy—and that is where my most personal development has come from as I reflect on the women before me; their experiences and their reasons "why."

As you move forward in leadership - either as an Active member of the community - remember the foundation that the League has given as a catalyst for change in our community and the strength in our express how thankful I am to the 2018 - 2019 Board of Directors. I part of my team and sounding board, but more importantly I was to get to know you all on a personal level and can now call you my thankful to the Management Team and all the leaders within the too many thank yous to list, but you know who you are. It is with but mostly good cheer, that I am happy to pass on the reins to Amanda Secunda. The League is in excellent hands with am excited to see where she leads us.

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Caroline Nix

The League is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Let's look back at our

2018-2019

Leadership Team



Caroline Nix
PRESIDENT



Amanda Secunda
PRESIDENT-ELECT



Angie Kennedy
EXECUTIVE VP



Ashton Meeks
TREASURER



Christy Malcom
SECRETARY



Lauryn White
NOMINATING
DIRECTOR



Blythe Nicholson
MEMBER
AT LARGE



Chelsea Grimes
MEMBER
AT LARGE



Heather Hayes
SUSTAINER
DIRECTOR



LEAGUE LODGE
INFORMATION

HOURS | Tuesday: 4pm-7pm | Thursday: 9am-1pm | Friday: 9am-1pm
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2018 - 2019

Committee Chairs



EXECUTIVE VP
Angie Kennedy

FINANCE DIRECTOR
Chelsea Sullivan

- THRIFT SALE
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- ASSIST. CHAIRS
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Kaitlin Pharr
- CHARITY BALL
Melanie Martin
Anne Bleakley Jones
- FUND DEVELOPMENT
Lindsay Sikes

COMMUNITY OUTREACH DIRECTOR
Emily Morgan

- FEEDING OUR FUTURE
Jennifer Mullis
- COMMITTEE OF 20+
- LITTLE BLACK DRESS
Amanda Bruner
- SPAC
Taylor Ewing
- DIAPER BANK
Emily Morgan

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Keri Turner

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- MEMBER SERVICES/ACTIVITIES
Olivia Shockley
- PLACEMENT
Blythe Nicholson
- EDUCATION & TRAINING
Jennifer McCall

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- INTERNAL COMMS
Chelsea Grimes
- LEAGUE LOG
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- PR/EVENTS
Megan Strickland
- SOCIAL MEDIA
Lizzy Phillips
- WEBSITE
Dallas Sage

FACILITIES DIRECTOR
Melissa Dunlap

- BUILDING/POOL COMMITTEE

DIAPER BANK

This year has been an exciting year for the Diaper Bank of North Georgia. Since its inception in October 2018, we have partnered with four local non-profits: Family Promise of Hall County, SISU, Little Steps Community Day Care, and Gateway Domestic Violence Center. These Partner Agencies are dedicated to ending the diaper need in our community by distributing diapers to families in need. As of May 2019, we distributed 45,000 diapers to our four Partner Agencies. With our partnerships, we have helped 409 families care for 699 children. We were also accepted into the National Diaper Bank Network which gives us the resources needed to reach even more families this upcoming league year.

If you have any questions, would like to get involved, or donate please contact Erin Webb!
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR YEAR



League Treasurer, Ashton Meeks, wins Hall County Dancing for a Cause



"DIAD" in action!



Volunteering at Edmondson Telford Center



Sustainers at Marketplace!



Breakfast with Santa



Provisional Members gardening and cleaning at Whispering Angels Youth Ranch.



League Year Kick-Off BBQ



Power of the Purse



Gainesville Jaycees Young Woman of Year 2018 awarded to sustainer, Jenny Floyd



Christmas Dinner Meeting



NICOLE COLUMBO

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This is my third year in the League, I've always loved the community impact that JL has, but Breakfast with Santa was the experience that drove home how much influence and impact that the league has. Seeing the joy that Breakfast with Santa brought to the kids' faces really warmed my heart! I love that Breakfast with Santa is an opportunity to not only provide some relief to families during the holidays, but also provides an experience to JL members to directly see the impact on children in our community.

ENOTA PANTRY

Feeding Our Future has undergone dramatic changes over the League year. We wrapped up distributions at the League Lodge in December and are focusing efforts on expanding pantry programs in the schools. Enota Elementary has been our pilot program. With partnership from the Junior League, the school counselor, Carol Ann Ligon, is running a food and needs pantry serving families at Enota, as well as other city schools. The pantry distributes food, clothes, and hygiene items throughout the school year. 4th and 5th graders from the student council assist in organizing and maintaining the pantry. Gainesville city school system families in need can contact their school social worker for more information on the program.

We are also excited to expand our program with a new food pantry in the Hall County Schools at Chicopee Woods Elementary. They are preparing to begin distributions at the start of the school year this August! We will also be partnering with one more school this year.



For questions or more information please contact league member, Jennifer Mullis - jdmeeks1@gmail.com

LITTLE BLACK DRESS INITIATIVE

Our 4th annual Little Black Dress Initiative (LBDI) was a huge success! Every two years we give community nonprofit organizations that specifically focus on poverty the opportunity to apply to be named our LBDI community partner. This marked the second year of our two year partnership with Good News Clinics.

This year, the initiative took place the week of March 11-15 and for those five consecutive days, Junior League members, Sustainers, Good News Clinics staff, and Board of Directors committed to wearing the same black dress or outfit. We promoted the initiative via social media and were able to increase awareness of poverty as well as how the Junior League of Gainesville Hall-County & Good News Clinics are working to eradicate it.

During the week, we also had numerous community members and businesses get involved with our event. Porch Sense Candle Co. created a special edition LBDI candle that was available for purchase in Green's Grocery, Riverside Pharmacy, Tap It, and Southern Nest. Tap It hosted our end of week celebration, which was well attended, and they graciously donated a portion of proceeds to the LBDI as well as donating gifts for door prizes. This year we raised more than \$13,000 for Good News Clinics to provide medical and dental services to those who are unable to afford them. This brings the total raised in the past two years from our LBDI to over \$40,000 for Good News Clinics. Through this initiative, we were able to make a substantial impact to raise awareness of poverty and its effects in our community, as well as raise money to improve the lives of our neighbors in need through the services of Good News Clinics.



THRIFT SALE

We are proud of our Provisional, Active, and Sustaining Members who made the 54th Annual Thrift Sale Event a success! We're proud to have been able to assist those in our community who are in need of our donated items, as well as provide a place for others who just love to shop and find things to add to their collections!

We are most proud of the efficiency of moving into the Civic Center, unpacking and organizing our donated items, and selling a majority of our items on Sale Day! In addition, we provided over 40 boxes of clothes to local charity at a discounted rate. This organization's appreciation made Thrift Sale truly worth all of the hard work!



"I look forward to Thrift Sale every year because it is a time for all of the ladies in the League to work together for an entire week. This particular event helped me appreciate all that we do for our community, as well as get to know new, current, and sustaining members!"

BRITT SAWYER | 2018 THRIFT SALE CO-CHAIR



FOR THE 55TH ANNUAL THRIFT SALE



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 5, 2019**

We want to make 2019 the best Thrift Sale to date, and we need your help! Whether you're a new, active, or sustaining member – we are looking to you to help us with donations and with spreading the word to our community!

SAVE THE DATES

**JUNE 15 -
SEPTEMBER 15**

Sustainer pick-ups will take place

**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 24**

Storage unit is open for Sustainers to drop off items

**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 29**

Move-in Day

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 3**

10:00AM-1:00PM | Sustainer Coffee & Shopping
5:00PM-8:00PM | Double Priced Shopping (\$5 Admission)

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 5**

Thrift Sale Day 9:00AM-2:00PM



DEAR SUSTAINERS,

Dear Sustainers,
Thank you for your interest in donating to this year's Thrift Sale. To be assigned a pick up please make sure your annual dues have been paid.

You should be receiving a post card with your assigned member's contact information. Please feel free to contact that member to schedule a pick-up.

If you have any questions email us at jlthriftsale@gmail.com.

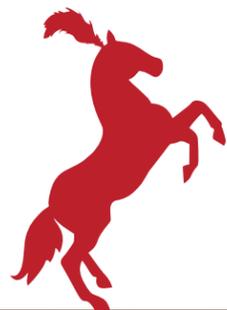
Thank you for your help in making this year's sale amazing!

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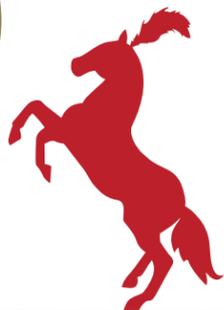
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2019 THRIFT SALE
CO-CHAIRS





COME ONE COME ALL
TO THE
GREATEST
CHARITY
BALL ON EARTH



Belle Candidates 2018



Emma Kate Park, a senior at Lakeview Academy, representing Rotary Club of South Hall County



Jettie Jones, a senior at Lakeview Academy, representing Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club



Caroline Gibson, a senior at North Hall High School, representing Rotary Club of Braselton



Macie Lee Reeves, a senior at North Hall High School, representing Rotary Club of Gainesville



Marimartin Towns, a senior at Gainesville High School, representing Kiwanis Club of Gainesville



Mary Keys Payne, a senior at Lakeview Academy, representing Gainesville Jaycees



Congratulations to the 2018 Belle of the Ball, Mary Keys Payne, a senior at Lakeview Academy, representing the Gainesville Jaycees



 BELLE CANDIDATES RAISED MORE THAN \$122,000

 \$12,232 AWARDED TO THE WINNING CLUB, THE GAINESVILLE JAYCEES

The 67th Annual Charity Ball was another huge success! A huge thank you goes out to our amazing Belle Candidates: Caroline Gibson, Jettie Jones, Emma Kate Park, Macie Lee Reeves, Marimartin Towns, and 2018 Belle of the Ball, Mary Keys Payne.

Thank you to our 2018 Co-Chairs, Anne Bleakley Jones and Melanie Martin. It was a fabulous night "under the big top" with good food, dancing, and raising money for our wonderful community!

May Dinner

April Showers Bring May Flowers



2019 Sustainers



2019-2020 Board



President's Award: Britt Sawyer



Active Member Award: Emily Morgan



Sustainer Pillar Award: LeTrell Simpson



Cheers to cocktail hour!



2019-2020 New Member Class



Outgoing Board



Outgoing Management

Special thanks to Olivia Shockley for planning such a beautiful May Dinner!

2019 SPONSORS

platinum level



Northeast Georgia Health System

gold level



Walters Management Company



silver level



bronze level



partner with the Junior League of Hall County

The Junior League of Gainesville-Hall County has been an active force in making our community a better place for women and children since 1951. We are an all-volunteer organization of women committed to promoting volunteers, developing the potential of women, and improving our community. Through the volunteer efforts of our members, the women of Junior League have made great contributions to our community.

Our programs are largely supported by volunteer service and fundraising events, but they are even stronger because of the support of community partners. In order to continue to meet the needs of families in our community, we continue to seek community support from area businesses like yours. We hope you will consider partnering with us this coming year as a sponsor of the Junior League of Gainesville-Hall County in our efforts to continue to make a significant impact on the lives of women and children in our community.

If you are interested in becoming a corporate sponsor, please contact Liza Vasylyv at yvvasyliv@gmail.com



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