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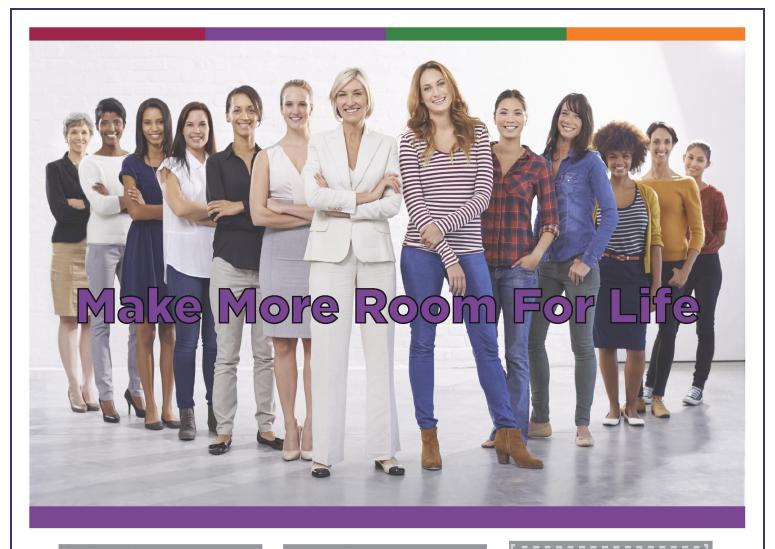
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### **President's Message**



I am proud and honored to serve as the next president of the Junior League of Wilmington. Thank you so much to Kristen McMullen and the 2015-2016 Board of Directors for their wonderful leadership, ideas, friendship and teamwork. Thank you to the 2016-2017 Board of Directors for deciding to lead the League with me in this upcoming year.

I have many goals for the next League year, the biggest being to take what the amazing women in this organization started this year, and run with it. I want the League to continue our direct impact to the community and girls 12-18 with job readiness workshops, sisterhood circle events, working with DAPI, and serving as a key stakeholder in getting Erin's Law passed in Delaware.

Let's see what we can grow from our already great Community Impact events and ideas. General Membership meetings will continue to be an engaging and inviting atmosphere that combines a social component, training and active learning.

I plan to use the information gained from the member interview process to

Steph Graev, President

have members provide training in the areas they are experts in. Let's utilize our individual strengths to improve and enhance each other.

Angela will lead us to another successful Whale of a Sale that I know will match the success of this year's Kitchen Tour. We will continue to build strong relationships with members only and family friendly social events, as well as group exercise opportunities, while continuing the successful book club and knitters circle.

With the new Membership Model, we will work together to develop opportunities for members to have voice and choice, talent development and deployment, and making multiple meaningful connections.

As many of you may or may not know, the Junior League of Wilmington will celebrate our Centennial Anniversary from January 1, 2018-December 31, 2018. To prepare for this huge and exciting year, this League year we will begin the planning phases for a year of celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> year of impact in the greater Wilmington area.

As our mission states, we are an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. I look forward to living out our mission with all of you in 2016-2017!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Araw Stephanie Graev



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The Junior League of Wilmington 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.

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## Neither Snow nor Sleet Could Keep Attendees Away from the 2016 Kitchen Tour

### By Angela Gustavsen

Neither snow nor rain (nor sleet, nor freezing rain, etc.) could keep as many as 700 attendees from enjoying the 2016 *Heart* of the Home® Kitchen Tour on April 9. The weather may have been less than perfect – and certainly not what one would expect for an April day! – but it made for a cozy day of design inspiration and food sampling for the  $11^{\text{th}}$  Tour the League has hosted since 2004.

Approximately half of respondents in an exit survey said they were planning an upcoming renovation in their home, and those looking for ideas were not disappointed. 16 kitchens were on the Tour, whittled down from more than 30 designer submissions, and each abounded with unique touches. One Signature Construction & Design kitchen included handfinished cabinetry from a cabinet-maker flown in from Miami for the job, along with a 12-foot center island counter made from a single slab of European walnut. A Giorgi Kitchens & Designs kitchen was a tapestry of textures, giving Tour-goers a look at three different counter treatments in one space, including polished granite, leathered granite, and butcher block, as well as several different cabinet finishes. And a Kitchens by Design renovation redefined "galley kitchen" with sleek, European-inspired design, a layout that maximized fabulous views, and a breakfast nook complete with a built-in espresso machine.

Another great idea on the Tour included backsplashes installed vertically, or in other atypical patterns, such as a herringbone in one Waterbury Kitchen and Bath space. A stamped stainless-steel backsplash surrounding the range in a Holcomb Cabinetry kitchen, both gorgeous and easy to clean. Home chef inspired must-haves that Tour goers took note of included the pot-filler faucet installed above a gourmet range in one Kitchen Gallery space, built-in ice makers, paper-towel nooks, and even a special cabinet designed raise the dishwasher, and save the dish washer's back.

More inspiration came from creative storage solutions for both kitchen and family in a space designed by Timeless by Kate. Horizontally-oriented handles in a BW Design Group kitchen gave cabinets there a unique look. Design Solutions used weathered wood-look porcelain tile for the floor of a bright, beachy kitchen. Designer Susan Komins featured her daughter's kitchen on the Tour this year, with glamorous touches including a mirrored backsplash and imported Lacanche range. Sustainer Patty Seif opened her own kitchen for the Tour. Renovated by Avalon, NJ-based Complete Interiors, the kitchen takes inspiration from its water view, literally on the banks of the Brandywine River.

Nearly a third of Tour goers have been on two or more Tours, and one thing that keeps them coming back is the fabulous food. It is never too early for ice cream, and cool treats from Caffe Gelato kicked off the day in one Newark home, and Tastefully Simple served butterscotch breakfast bread in another Newark location. De La Coeur Café included breakfast-y selections such as cinnamon sugar donuts and cinnamon buns among its sweet offerings, which also included linzer cookies, chocolate mousse cups, and more. Y'or So Sweet Creperie offered sweet and savory crepes throughout the morning in one





Once lunch time rolled around, hungry attendees were treated to apple bourbon pulled pork sliders from 2 Fat Guys, Korean pork tacos from Ulysses Gastro Pub, and coconut chicken soup from 8<sup>th</sup> & Union. Additional savory options included tangy tuna ceviche from Two Stones Pub, a selection of tea sandwiches from Bixby's Caterers, a zesty bruschetta from Out of the Ordinary Catering, and a "Deconstructed BLT" from The Gables: toast with bacon marmalade and a sprinkling of lettuce and tomato. The Culinary School of the Food Bank of Delaware showcased a seafood salad with cusabi aioli, and Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids demonstrated a rainbow vegetable stir-

fry. A signature salad and tomato pie from Bella Vista Trattoria and tomato pie from Cantina di Napoli hit the spot if you were in the mood for Italian. And, it may have been dreary outside, but it was spring inside with Toscana Catering's English pea and goat cheese ravioli.

The Melting Pot served dessert all day, in the form of chocolate fondue fountains with strawberries, Oreos, and graham cracker crusted marshmallows for dipping, and Sweet Magnolia Bakery offered a selection of cupcake shooters. Coffee selections from Brew Ha Ha!, tea from Levitea, and espresso drinks from Kitchen Kapers put pep in attendees' steps all day long, and a selection of chips and pretzels from Herr's made for great snacking between houses.

The Kitchen Tour Committee has the utmost gratitude to all of the homeowners, designers, food demonstrators, program advertisers, and especially sponsors, all of whom make this wonderful event – which fuels the League's mission – possible. Thanks to our sponsors: Signature Construction & Design, Bright Light Design Center, Kitchens By Design, Giorgi Kitchens & Designs, Hockessin Athletic Club, Out & About Magazine, Kitchen Gallery, AAA Midatlantic, Brandywine Valley Group, Holcomb Cabinetry, The Mottola Group, Waterbury Kitchen and Bath, and WSFS Bank.





Continue to follow the *Heart of the Home® Kitchen Tour* on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>heartofthehomekitchentour.</u> The Tour returns in April 2018.

## Lemon

# Squares

Recipe courtesy of Kitchen Tour Demo participant De La Couer Café. A fun dessert to share with the prosecco -- perfect for a summer dessert and you can turn the bubbly into a cocktail with lemoncello or framboise!

Dough:

1 1/2 sticks of butter 2 cups of flour 1/4 cup brown sugar 1/2 cup confectioners sugar 1/4 teaspoon salt

Whip butter and sugars together until light and fluffy. Add salt and flour and mix until barely incorporated. Will look dry. Press dough with your fingers or the bottom of a measuring cup into a 9 by 13 baking pan that has been greased and floured.

Filling:

4 whole eggs 2 egg yolks 2 cups of sugar 1/3 cup of flour 1 teaspoon lemon zest 1 cup fresh lemon juice

Mix all ingredients and pour over dough. Bake at 375 until edges begin to bubble, about 15-20 minutes. Let cool completely. Cut and sprinkle with additional confectioners sugar. Enjoy!



# HEART OF THE HOME KITCHEN TOUR 2016

770 Attendees



Revenue of more than \$40,000, for a net of more than \$32,500



Of 200 survey respondents, 48% said this was their first Tour, 29% had been on two or more Tours, and 13% had been on the Tour once before



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# Advocating for Erin's Law

By Dionna J. Sargent, MPA

Erin's Law is almost ready for full Senate consideration, thanks to a work session with interested parties led by Sen. Henry, left, and Sen. Lopez in Wilmington. Representing the Junior League of Wilmington at the Carvel State Building were Jinni Hayes, center, Heather Pletcher, right, and Susan Coulby, not shown.

Thank you to all of the ladies who joined us in Dover prior to that meeting to speak to and support Erin's Law (SB213)! Our presence definitely showed how serious we are about this legislation and that we are truly a force! A huge thank you to the task force and JLW members who were unable to attend but showed their support with a letter or testimonial, collecting letters of support from friends and family, or sending best wishes!

The bill has been tabled for now because there is some opposition from the Department of Education (DOE) and School Board regarding curriculum regulations; the Office of Child Advocates supports the legislation but would like to



see child abuse related legislation be amended and consolidated under the same section of the code for more consistency and efficiency in how these activities are regulated; and the Beau Biden Foundation (BBF) and Prevent Child Abuse DE (PCAD) strongly supports Erin's Law but feels the legislation should be expanded to cover all forms of child abuse and neglect. Although there were a few positions of opposition from various organizations, everyone expressed their support of the intended legislation and would like to work collaboratively to amend it so that it is mutually beneficial to all stakeholders without compromising the integrity of what the law seeks to accomplish.

Senator Lopez (one of the lead sponsors and Senate Education Committee member) is going to coordinate a meeting with the stakeholders so that we can work together to develop suitable legislation that addresses everyone's concerns. He still wants to get this passed by the end of session so this will require a lot of quick coordination as session ends on 6/30. To quote Patty Day Lewis from yesterday's hearing "THIS WILL GET DONE".

Patty Day Lewis also mentioned, on record, that she will find the funding to pay for the curriculum, which is a plus. There was also offline conversation with Patty about the League making a financial contribution toward the funding program curriculum and also providing Stewards of Children (BBF's signature training program) training to League members.

During the hearing, the JLW also received thanks and recognition from the Office of Child Advocates, BBF, and PCAD for spearheading this legislation in Delaware which shows, on record, our leadership in this.

So with all of that being said, we still have some work to do but the willingness for parties to collaborate brings another level of optimism for this legislation.

Please let Dionna Sargent know if you have any questions and thank you all again. Please know how much your contributions have helped.

Erin's Law is named after childhood sexual assault survivor, author, speaker and activist Erin Merryn.

**"Erin's Law"** requires that all public schools in each state implement a prevention-oriented child sexual abuse program which teaches:

- Students in grades preK 12th grade, age-appropriate techniques to recognize child sexual abuse and tell a trusted adult
- 2. School personnel all about child sexual abuse
- 3. Parents & guardians the warning signs of child sexual abuse, plus needed assistance, referral or resource information to support sexually abused children and their families

All In!

### The 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of The Association of Junior Leagues International Celebrates the Power of Women as Volunteers

by Janeen Hill



On Wednesday, May 11, through Sunday,

May 15, Christi Miller and I had the pleasure to travel to Atlanta, GA to represent the Junior League of Wilmington (JLW) at the annual meeting of the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI). Christi was a great travel partner, and even though we had a few hiccups getting on the plane (i.e. Christi having some nerves about leaving her adorable 1 ½ year old son for the first time and me trying to make it through security with a mini-Delaware flag in my carry-on bag which got "flagged" by TSA as a weapon), we did finally board our plane and made it safely to Atlanta!

Christi and I were both newcomers to the conference, but after speaking to some of the past

attendees, we knew we were going to have a great time getting to know one another better and soaking up a lot of information to bring back to our League. One of the great perks of the annual conference is that you not only get to check out a great city but you get to network with other ladies in different Leagues across the country and in different parts of the world, including Canada, Mexico and the UK! It is so encouraging and invigorating to hear what other Leagues are working on, the challenges they are facing and how they are partnering with their community to make a difference - and a difference we are making!

Like many of you, I read about the history of the JLW while I was a Provisional, and I was impressed! What was even more impressive was to see that our League was one of the early adopters across the country to organize a committee of women to run these types of charitable endeavors. And, being founded in 1918 earned us a front row seat to the 94<sup>th</sup> annual conference opening session with 291 Leagues worldwide represented.

The theme for this year's conference was ALL IN! This was AJLI's way of saying that the most powerful community impact strategy for any Junior League is leveraging all of its assets – including the commitment, knowledge and



expertise of its members – to achieve a lasting and positive impact on society. The annual conference differs from other AJLI meetings because the meeting focuses more on the business aspects of AJLI as well as celebrating all the accomplishments of the Leagues over the past year.

When Christi and I were not in business meetings, we attended different trainings and panel discussions to help hone our skills as future leaders. As president-elect, I attended a particularly interesting session on parliamentary procedures, which explored the basics of Robert's Rules of Order, which became especially helpful during the annual business meeting on Saturday when I represented the JLW as the voting delegate. It was truly fascinating to see the interworking's of an annual business meeting from how it is conducted, how a balanced debate is encouraged and to orderly decision-making.

And a big kudos to the Junior League of Atlanta (JLA) for doing a fabulous job of hosting their sister Leagues in their city. The conference's keynote speaker was Carlotta Walls LaNier who recounted her experience as the youngest member of the Little Rock Nine, a group of African-American students who, in a major breakthrough for civil rights, were the first black students ever to attend classes at Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957. In 1999, Ms. LaNier and the other members of the Little Rock Nine were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal - one of the nation's civilian honors by President Bill Clinton. All attendees received an autographed book by Ms. LaNier. To keep with the diversity and inclusion theme, later that evening, we went to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights for the opening night reception.

In addition to all of the great sessions, the JLA set up numerous excursions on Saturday afternoon for League members to attend. I had the pleasure of joining a shopping trip to Buckhead, which is Atlanta's version of Rodeo drive. That same evening, Christi & I attended the closing reception and awards banquet and celebration at our hotel, the Marriott Marquis. AJLI did a great job of making it a special event. Overall it was a fabulous conference and one of the many perks for future leaders of the League.





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### IN LEAGUE

## AJLI's New Membership Model & The JLW



This fall, the Junior League of Wilmington decided to blaze a new trail and signed on to be one of the first Leagues worldwide to implement AJLI's new Membership Model, which focuses on "transforming their membership experiences to foster lifelong, satisfied League members." This model, developed by AJLI over the course of 5 years, is designed to refocus our League's efforts and energy on members, providing greater flexibility, engagement, and networking within the League.

The new model focuses on three key values — member voice and choice, talent deployment, and member connections.

Each Active and Provisional member will complete a "Member Compact" annually, allowing each member to reflect on her League involvement and accom-

plishments from the past year as well as commit to goals and involvement in the League for the upcoming League year. Each Active and Provisional member will meet annually with a Member Advisor to discuss her goals, involvement, commitments, and skills as they relate to her JLW experience, including her committee placement interests. Rather than focusing on members completing a set number of requirements, our League will be more focused on what individual members choose to do rather than are required to do. Members will still be placed on a League committee and will commit to participate in several key League activities, specifically General Membership Meetings (GMM) and our annual fundraiser, and other involvement will be driven by the members' interests and goals.

In our pilot phase this spring, the Member Advisory and Nominating committees conducted 71 member interviews throughout March and April, representing over 90% of current Active and Provisional members. As a result of the interviews, we received rich feedback about members' experiences this year and captured their ideas for improving the League for the future.

When asked why the Junior League of Wilmington is her volunteer organization

of choice, a member shared "The Junior League of Wilmington is made up of women who are all focused in one direction and trying to make a difference by supporting young women in Wilmington." Another member stated that she loves the JLW because "We do everything: friends, events, community impact."

Members highlighted a variety of League events as the most meaningful or enjoyable parts of their 2015-16 experience, including the lively, engaging GMMs; the variety of social events such as the Red Party and Book Club; and the inaugural Women's Leadership Summit. Suggested improvements for the League in 2016-17 included adding more direct Community Service events at varied times throughout the week; providing training to improve our work with girls aged 12-18 in the greater Wilmington area; and considering diversity and inclusion to enhance members' awareness and engagement with each other and the community.

The Roll-Out team will continue to share updates at GMMs and through the Tuesday Tidbits. We look forward to creating an incredible membership experience that only strengthens our League and its accomplishments.

# Summertime Fup with the JLW!



Summer membership meetings are recruiting events too! So bring a friend or send someone who may be interested in joining the League!

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## DELAWARE DESIGNER SHOWHOUSE E Gardens



What is this all about? You have hopefully heard by now that the Junior League is the sponsor for the Delaware Designer Showhouse in the fall. This is a new event for 2016 and you may be curious how the JLW got involved.

One of our Sustainers needs to consolidate households with her new husband, and they are doing significant renovations to prepare his house in Centreville to list for sale. Since the whole house is getting a facelift, *and* the house was obviously built for entertaining, *and* the homeowner wants to support local charities – what better way than a Designer Showhouse!

This event will benefit not only the League, but proceeds from ticket sales will also be shared with four other local nonprofits that are important community resources for women, the arts, and the environment:

Sept 22-25 Delaware Nature Society Sept 29-Oct 2 The Delaware Contemporary Oct 6-9 Delaware Fund for Women Oct 13-16 Oxford Art Alliance

So, what does this all mean to League members? Well, Sandra Borror, the Showhouse Chair (and also one of the JLW Sustainer Committee Tri-Chairs), realizes that each Active member already has a placement for the year. So, the planning for the four-weekend Showhouse is being done by the Showhouse Partner Committee, with representatives from each of the participating nonprofit organizations. But wait, that's not all!

Sandra is also gathering another committee to organize the Showhouse Preview Party on September 21, to be comprised of Sustainers and any overachieving Actives who might be willing to work on this outside of their placement. But wait, there's more! We will need many volunteers from the League and from the Partners to be docents during the Showhouse. If you volunteer, you will get to see the Showhouse for free either before or after your 3-hour shift. And of course, you'll want to come back and bring your friends and family to help support the League and all of these great causes.

It's time to start spreading the news and building the excitement!

About the house: Built in 1974, the 4400 sf home was custom designed and built by Booker Builders for an executive at DuPont. The 3.5 acres of natural woodland gardens were originally designed and planted by the owner of Styers. Everything was high-end and state of the art for the times, and nothing has ever been updated – until now! For the privacy of the homeowner and neighbors, the address will not be published prior to the event.



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Meet the

2016-17

JLW Board of Directors

IN MY SPARE TIME I ENJOY: Traveling, going to the beach, listening to music, reading, cooking, spending time with family and friends, volunteering.

MY HOPES FOR THE COMING LEAGUE YEAR: For members to enjoy their experience, give and receive training, grow as leaders, make Whale a successful fundraiser, grow our membership, celebrate our accomplishments!

Christiana Care Health System

**IN MY SPARE TIME I ENJOY:** I enjoy boating, golfing, traveling, spending time with my husband, our family and friends and playing with my dogs, Kira and Jaxon. MY HOPES FOR THE COMING LEAGUE YEAR: As President-Elect, I am looking forward to finding and creating opportunities to strengthen the Junior League of Wilmington brand in our community by meeting with our current members and other key constituents as well as start the planning process for our centennial year in 2018.

### **Hilary Sechler**

I am a medical receptionist for an Opthomalogist.

**IN MY SPARE TIME I ENJOY:** I read, knit, run and love baking!

MY HOPES FOR THE COMING LEAGUE YEAR: I am looking forward to collaborating with the other board members on different topics, having a successful Whale of a Sale, learning new things and developing friendships on fun activities!

### Melissa Hutchison

I work for JPMorgan.

IN MY SPARE TIME I ENJOY: Going to concerts, the beach and spending time with my family.

MY HOPES FOR THE COMING LEAGUE YEAR: This year I hope to get to know many more of my fellow Junior Leaguers better and to dedicate more of my time to CI events as well as JLW social events.

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**IN MY SPARE TIME I ENJOY:** I enjoy taking my dogs for long hikes/walks on beautiful days, cooking and trying recipes, and lastly reading the Wall Street Journal or New York Times.

**MY HOPES FOR THE COMING LEAGUE YEAR:** My hope is for the League to continue to be prosperous for future generations to experience and enjoy.

#### **Michelle Giblin**

Vice President of Community Impact

I teach students with autism.

**IN MY SPARE TIME I ENJOY:** spending time with family and friends, traveling, and going to the beach.

**MY HOPES FOR THE COMING LEAGUE YEAR:** to have more CI events that will impact more girls in the Greater Wilmington area and an amazing Women's Leadership Summit!

### Nikki Hudak

#### Vice President of Ways & Means

Special Education Coordinator at an elementary & middle school in The Colonial School District

**IN MY SPARE TIME I ENJOY:** Working out, going to the beach, reading, concerts, spending time with family and friends.

**MY HOPES FOR THE COMING LEAGUE YEAR:** I am looking forward to seeing the league continue on its current path to continue to improve the lives of young women in our community!

### Kristen McMullen

#### **Nominating Chair**

Director of Alumni Relations for the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine

IN MY SPARE TIME I ENJOY: Photography, college football, getting my masters in Organizational Leadership.
MY HOPES FOR THE COMING LEAGUE YEAR: To build a strong board & leadership team for the 99<sup>th</sup> year!

#### Angela Gustavsen

*Vice President of Communications & Administration* I currently stay at home with my two sons, ages 4 and 9 months, so I'm on the preschool-museum-playground circuit.

**IN MY SPARE TIME I ENJOY:** Running and hitting the gym - I'm training for a Spartan obstacle race in October - as well as visiting family and otherwise traveling as much as possible.

MY HOPES FOR THE COMING LEAGUE YEAR: I believe whole-heartedly that the League has the opportunity to make a huge impact on our community, and I look forward to helping make that happen with the Communication Committee's outreach efforts. I hope we can raise the profile of the League in the area at the same time we are publicizing the fabulous events that are coming up. And, I look forward to seeing how the Member Activities Committee will make our bonds even stronger, and our time together even more fun.

#### Kate Mowery

Vice President of Membership

Practice law as an attorney.

**IN MY SPARE TIME I ENJOY:** Junior League, Friends School Alumni Board, Chair of the Younger Lawyers Division of Federal Bar Association, Hiking, Spending time with family and friends.

**MY HOPES FOR THE COMING LEAGUE YEAR:** Successfully continue the implementation of the new Membership Model.

#### Stephanie Cory

#### Sustainer Advisor

I split my time between raising money for Kendal-Crosslands Communities as its first philanthropy director and consulting with other nonprofits in the areas of fundraising and governance.

**IN MY SPARE TIME I ENJOY:** In my spare time I enjoy knitting, walking (or occasionally running if it's a really good day), yoga, and watching mindless shows on TV. **MY HOPES FOR THE COMING LEAGUE YEAR:** My hopes for the coming League year are to support Stephanie in her role as President and encourage more recent Sustainers to get involved in League activities.

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# Honoring Members with the Emily Dickinson Award

The Junior League of Wilmington has many amazing woman who dedicate their time and talents to help make our community a better place.

The Emily Dickinson Outstanding Volunteer Service Award, sponsored by Benjamin Franklin Plumbing, honors League members whose service to the League and to her fellow members has gone above and beyond her normal placement responsibilities. Each winner receives a gift card and a certificate that includes the words of their nomination. The Board of the Junior League of Wilmington selects a winner to be recognized at the general membership meeting as well as at the annual dinner in May. If I stop one heart from breaking I shall not live in vain If I can ease one life the aching or cool one pain, or lift one fainting robin unto his nest again I shall not live in vain

~ Emily Dickinson

Thank you to our sponsor Benjamin Franklin Plumbing for helping us recognize our volunteers!



# SUMMER FUN IN DELAWARE



Are you looking for fun things to do this summer!? Here is a quick summary of events in the Greater Wilmington Area. Now get out there and have some summer fun!

June to August 2016 – Go Ape! at Lums Pond – Want to try zip lining? Now is your chance!

June to August 2016 – Outdoor Movie Series – Philadelphia - Enjoy a night at the movies on a blanket in the park at any of the 7 locations throughout the city.

June to August 2016 – Music at the Market – Glasgow Park – End your week with a relaxing evening with the family listening to local music artists

June to October 2016 – Carousel Park Farmers Market – Every Friday from 2pm to 7pm stop by the park for a wide range of vendors and their homemade goodies, then take a walk around the park to see the horses and pond

June 4<sup>th</sup> to June 14<sup>th</sup> – Rail Explorers – Hockessin – Want to explore Red Clay Creek? Book an excursion to ride throughout Yorklyn.



June  $5^{th}$ , 2016 – 12pm – Picnic in the Park – Lewes Canalfront Park – 16 local restaurant vendors will be in attendance to provide the entire family food and fun at the beach.

June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 6pm – Summer Solstice Labyrinth Walk - Delaware Art Museum – Start off the summer with a great outdoor event for all ages

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Delaware Taco Festival – Frawley Stadium – 30 Taco vendors and food trucks alongside carnival rides, a margarita beach bar and tequila sampling station.



July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cowboy Monkey Rodeo – Frawley Stadium – A night of baseball and the most entertaining halftime show of the season!

July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Fourth of July Fireworks – Various locations (Rehoboth Beach, Swift Park Hockessin).

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – National Ice Cream Day Celebration – Woodside Farm

Creamery – Stop by The Creamery to try new ice cream flavors, an ice cream eating contest and field games for the children.

July 30<sup>th,</sup> 2016 – Christmas in July – Frawley Stadium – Is Christmas your favorite holiday? Throw on your holiday gear and head to the ball park for a night of Christmas celebrations.

August 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup> – Riverwalk Minigolf – Take a nice walk on the riverfront and stop to play 18 holes of minigolf.

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Analog-a-Go-Go Festival – Bellevue State Park – A festival mixing great food, music and beer. Great time for the entire family!



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## Sustainer Corner

Mark you calendar - Tuesday, October 4 - QVC private tour and lunch. Invitations to mail late August.

USO Item Drive - April coffees - a heartfelt thank you for the amazing response. The snack items filled to capacity an SUV. They were delivered to Dover on May 13. Our USO friends were momentarily speechless!

JLW Directory - Do you miss a hard copy version? Is printing from the PDF inconvenient? For a nominal fee, we will make available a hard copy. Details to come late August.



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