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President's Message



Kristen McMullen, President

The Junior League is a very important part of my life for so many reasons. Across four different states, I have had the opportunity to be involved in many aspects of four different Leagues. One of things that stood out to me when I became involved with the Junior League of Wilmington was one person in particular that you all know. Her name is Kathy Doolin. I often say to myself, "What would we do without Kathy?" and frankly I don't even want to think about it. Kathy is the glue that holds the League together year after year. She has a different "boss" every year which cannot be easy. Yet, she keeps her calm demeanor while appropriately interjecting her years of wisdom to rookie presidents and boards. She listens to our crazy ideas and shares her input on how to make them successful. She fights our battles and keeps an eye on things big and small at our headquarters.

Kathy Doolin, we salute you. In a group that is all about leadership, you are the epitome of how to lead and manage us.

Thank you for all you do for the Junior League of Wilmington!

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Erin's Law: A Bill Whose Time Has Come

"Erin's Law will give children a fighting chance, a voice, and the tools to help protect themselves. It should be passed in all 50 states. Common sense. It's as simple as that."

-Actress, Julianna Margulies (The Good Wife)

The Junior League of Wilmington is committed to community outreach and specifically, the betterment of lives of girls ages 12 to 18. These are critical years when young girls are moldable, teachable, but also vulnerable. With this being the focus, naturally JLW would get involved with efforts to pass Erin's Law in the state of Delaware. Since the beginning of the year, JLW members **Dionna Sargent, Susan Colby, Stephanie Graev**, et al have been working hard toward this most important initiative and ask that others follow their lead.

What is "Erin's Law"?

Erin's Law is an initiative named after childhood sexual assault survivor, and activist Erin Merryn. She is the founder and President of Erin's Law, which is registered with the State of Illinois and the IRS as a 501 (c) (4) non-profit social welfare organization.

Under Erin's Law, school districts would be mandated to educate students on sexual abuse. In addition, school boards will adopt age appropriate curriculum on sexual abuse education to students in grades pre-k through 12th grade. The sexual abuse curriculum will include:

1. A clear definition to students on sexual abuse and how to prevent becoming a victim. "How to Tell Today" & "How to Get Away"
2. Educating elementary level children on appropriate touches: safe and unsafe touches.
3. Educating elementary level children on safe and unsafe secrets and not allowing anyone to keep you silent.
4. Identifying safe people in children's lives they can talk to if someone touches them in an inappropriate manner.

Why is Erin's Law an important initiative?

Child sexual abuse has become an extremely prevalent social problem that has far-reaching, long term effects. Conservative reports have estimated that in today's society 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually molested before they are 18 years old. Unfortunately, that means 1 in 5 of America's youth, or 20% to 25% of the population will become a victim. Most often, the perpetrator is a dear family friend, trusted adult (clergy, teacher, etc.), or even a close relative.

One of the insidious hallmarks of child sexual abuse is secrecy. It makes ripe an environment that destroys lives and families and sometimes creates a damaged psychology within its victims causing them to offend others. In many families, child sexual abuse becomes a culture that is carried out generationally, infecting the family bloodline for decades. The shame and secrecy haunts these families so intensely that many never speak of the taboo for fear of disgracing the family.

In many cases the victims of child sexual abuse turn their shame inward, simply perpetrating anger and guilt against themselves through a myriad of self-destructive, sabotaging behaviors. The tragedy is that this secrecy creates a dynamic where perpetrators are able to silently intimidate and remain hidden. Erin's Law is about ending the stigma and secrecy of child sexual abuse and shining a light on the problem so that offenders cannot thrive.

Has "Erin's Law" been effective?

Since its inception in 2010, Erin's Law has been extremely successful with more legislative work to be accomplished. To date, 26 states have passed the law. Eighteen states, including Delaware have introduced Erin's Law for legislation and in 6 states the bill is in process. In addition, innumerable lives have been positively impacted and empowered by this initiative.

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Why should I get involved?

Child sexual abuse does not just impact the victim and his/her family. It is a growing social epidemic that affects society in many ways. Teenage pregnancy, human trafficking, teenage delinquency and many other social problems have their origins in child sexual abuse. It is such a devastating concern that the Center for Disease Control, in a recent study, estimates the lifetime cost to society for dealing with all of the resulting problems for just one year's worth of traumatized children is \$585 billion. This is a staggering figure by any measurement.

It is truly a matter of whether we as a society chose to address this problem proactively or reactively, but either way, we are and will have to address it in the future. Getting involved in the eradication of child sexual abuse, notwithstanding the societal consequences, is simply the right thing to do.

How can I contribute in a meaningful way?

You may get involved in many ways. It is important to educate yourself about child sexual abuse so that you can identify the signs and know what to look for when dealing with children. If you have been a victim of child sexual abuse in the past, breaking the silence in your own life can be empowering and beneficial to others. Becoming a mentor and "safe place" for the young children in your sphere of influence can also prove impactful.

Below is a list of resources for Erin's Law initiatives:

Contact JLW's "Erin's Law" Task Force coordinator *Dionna Sargent* for latest updates and information regarding how you can help. dsargent03@yahoo.com

Donate through the Erin's Law Official Website or Erin Merryn's personal website.

<http://erinslaw.org/donate/> or <http://www.erinmerryn.net/>

Lend your voice by signing the Erin's Law change.org petition.

<https://www.change.org/p/prevent-child-sexual-abuse-pass-erin-s-law-at-the-federal-level>

In Delaware, contact your legislator by area and request that they act.

http://legis.delaware.gov/legislature.nsf/lookup/know_your_legislators?open&nav=leginfo

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Women's Leadership Summit



Presented by:



It was just a few short months ago when the JLW embarked on a brand new endeavor, the brainchild of current JLW President, Kristen McMullen. She had a vision to bring a one-day women's leadership summit to Delaware and called for JLW members to join her in forming a planning committee. A select few answered the call and the journey began. Their dedication and hard work culminated in the first "JLW Women's Leadership Summit 2016" which was appropriately themed, "Ready, Set, Lead!" About 85 current and emerging women leaders from the tri-state area ventured to the Executive Banquet and Conference Center in Newark on an unseasonably warm Saturday in February. They partook in a full day of sessions, networking, and a panel discussion all centered around leadership from a variety of perspectives.

The Summit was a comprehensive leadership development opportunity for women who were seeking to fine-tune their leadership skills and become better equipped to lead in their communities, organizations, and their lives. Summit attendees learned to live and work to their full potential, developed strategic plans for their careers, discovered how to master difficult conversations, and how to effectively brand themselves, from other women who have made their

marks professionally.

There was something for everybody as both presenters and attendees represented for-profit enterprises, government, non-profit organizations, universities, entrepreneurship, women just entering the workforce, university students and the arts.

Some of the highlights of the day included a morning keynote address that featured Christiana Care Health System President and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Janice E. Nevin. Dr. Nevin is leader of the largest health system in Delaware and was named among 100 Physician Leaders to Know in 2015 by Becker's Hospital Review. Dr. Nevin showed us that the path to happiness and a successful career is not necessarily straight and clear.

"It amazes me how JLW was able to get such high profile speakers including the CEO of Christiana Care Health System to donate their time on a Saturday and provide us with such useful and practical information. I've been to a lot of leadership conferences and to be honest, they are all pretty much the same. But each of your speakers really brought a fresh perspective and I have a writing pad full of notes. The value of this Summit for the low price you charged us is

tremendous," said attendee, Alma Plummer.

Session Speaker, Tinesar Forrest, of Ty Enterprises, LLC engaged us in activities to help discover our purposes and achieve our potential while Cindy Goodwin of Christiana Care Hospital introduced us to her training course on managing and getting the best out of our team.

Debra Franke of LaSalle University shared helpful tools for creating our personal strategic plans.

A terrific panel was facilitated by JLW Member Stephanie Cory Gorris, featuring panelists Darnyelle Jervey of Incredible One Enterprises, Inc, Dr. Carrie Gray of the Wilmington Renaissance Corporation, and Lisa O'Bryan of Lisa O'Bryan Design, who from three different perspectives discussed creating and managing our personal brands.

Delaware State University student, Lackeeria Lewis, who brought attendees to their feet after she performed two original spoken word pieces entitled "Pearls: Who Are You?" and "Superwoman." Her youthful energy and passion left an indelible impact on all that attended.

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Women's Leadership Summit and AJLI Conference

The JLW also had the opportunity to showcase one of our own. JLW Board Member, Dr. Shakesha Clarke engaged all of us in an interactive session on how to find balance in our lives, something that every woman in the room could use. "It was such a great experience to be surrounded by women with such a wealth of leadership knowledge and experience, as well as all of us on our journey to be great leaders. My mind and heart were filled!" said Dr. Clarke.

The feedback we've gotten on this very first JLW Women's Leadership Summit has been nothing short of amazing. "The 2016 JLW Women's Leadership Summit was an inspiring and energizing day. As a new member of the Wilmington Junior League, I was impressed by the planning committee for their successful execu-

tion of an ambitious vision. I was truly proud to be a member of the Junior League of Wilmington at the end of the Summit." said, JLW Member Ciara Seal.

Many attendees stated that they were either unfamiliar with or had a negative perception of the Junior League, but the Summit helped them to see through their own eyes what a fantastic organization the League really is. An attendee offered the following feedback which was a beautiful synopsis of the Summit.

"I was interested in the event due to my desire to improve myself as a leader and woman. The heart of the event, the speakers and presentations, were excellent. The speakers were inspiring, energetic, knowledgeable, practical and excellent role

models for me. Initially, I was not certain that the topics would be applicable to my profession, but I was able to take some practical and valuable information from every presentation. I appreciated the intentional commitment to diversity when selecting speakers. The day went by very quickly, which means that I was constantly engaged and immersed in the presentations. I enjoyed visiting the vendors and felt that they enhanced and celebrated the theme of the day. I would like to thank the JLW, the conference planning team, and the key sponsor, Christiana Care, for a great event."

On that note, we're already looking forward to planning a bigger and even better Summit next year!

AJLI Winter Leadership Conference



How does someone prepare themselves to take on the role of President or President Elect of the Junior League of Wilmington? Well, they go to the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) Winter Leadership Conference, that's how! This year's Winter Leadership Conference, which

is meant for president and president elect teams, took place in the beautiful and unique Austin, Texas. Janeen Hill and I got a chance to spend a long weekend together, learning the ropes of our upcoming roles, as well as getting to know each other, and start planning the future of the Junior League of Wilmington!

Once again, wonderful speakers, trainers, AJLI staff and the AJLI Board of Directors lead wonderful sessions filled with important information to enable Janeen and I to take on our roles for the JLW. With conference sessions such as The President's Role as the Chief Communicator, I learned about my communication style and how to be prepared to communicate to both the Junior League of Wilmington, as well as community partners that we work with. With the session Making AJLI Resources Work for You, Janeen learned about the wealth of resources available to you on the AJLI web-

site. Through joint workshops like Leadership Practices to Engage and Inspire Your Members, Janeen and I have started planning how to keep the next League year as interactive and engaging as this past year has been.

Getting to experience a new city, interact with other Junior Leaguers from across our international Leagues, as well as receive training from some of the best, attending an AJLI conference is a wonderful experience. If given the opportunity, I highly recommend taking it and attending an AJLI conference.

Stephanie Graev
President-Elect



Events

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ April 1st - Annual Junior League of Wilmington Membership Dues Payment Due
<https://www.jlwilmington.org/>
- ⇒ April 4-9th – Wilmington Restaurant Week <http://www.cityrestaurantweek.com/>
- ⇒ April 7th – Blue Rocks' Home Opener 6:35 PM, Blue Rocks Stadium, Wilmington Riverfront
<http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t426>
- ⇒ April 9th – Kitchen Tour 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM https://www.jlwilmington.org/?nd=kitchen_tour
- ⇒ April 15th – Party Animal Loop 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM
<http://outandabouthow.com/event/loop-for-party-animals/>
- ⇒ May 5-7th – Wilmington Flower Market / Rockford Park <https://wilmingtonflowermarket.org/>
- ⇒ May 8th – Point-to-Point 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM <http://www.winterthur.org/>



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JLW@JLWilmington.org

Are We Ready To Face A Crisis?

Natural and manmade disasters, riots, and acts of terrorism – these are not things that you want to think about nor are they things that you generally think a Junior League would need to entertain. The Leagues in Saint Louis, Baltimore, and Charleston never thought they would have to deal with major rioting and mass shootings, but they did.

At the AJLI Fall Leadership Conference, leaders from these three Leagues presented what their Leagues did in the face of crisis when none of them had a plan in place for how to handle these types of situations. The key takeaway was the importance of getting a “seat

at the table.” Prior to a crisis situation, these Leagues found that when they reached out to help they were dismissed due to the fact that they had lost their recognition as a go-to organization. They also noted the importance of keeping members informed and communicating immediately even if they do not have a lot to say because silence can be seen as not caring and non-action.

The Junior League of Wilmington realized that it is in its best interest to have a detailed emergency response and communications plan. Using this as a perfect training opportunity, members were invited to learn about creating a crisis management plan

while helping construct a plan for the Junior League of Wilmington.

What came out of that training? The beginning of a crisis management plan. Training included who would serve on the crisis management team and the role they would play, crisis communication channels, and a list of community stakeholders that need to be engaged prior to and during a crisis.

The League hopes to never have the need to activate the crisis management plan however, the League is better prepared to face a situation should one arise.

Growing Our Community Impact

As a participant in the AJLI Community Impact Rollout, the Junior League of Wilmington is working to understand our community including researching issues and trends in the community and refining issue identification through stakeholder interviews.

The League's Community Impact will be outcome-driven, focusing on the change we seek to achieve as a result of our community work. It will be multi-strategic and multi-annual comprised of well-designed strategies that are a combination of advocacy, public education/awareness, hands-on projects, capacity building, collaboration, and grant making to sustain impact over multiple years. Lastly, our community impact will be collaborative and partnership-based built on collaborate community networks aimed at meaningful and long-lasting community change.

In the coming months, members of the League will learn about issues facing teen girls in Wilmington and will determine which outcome areas the League will focus on in the coming years. Areas they will consider include academic success, arts and recreation, community involvement, health and wellness, life skills, positive life choices, positive core values, sense of self and others.

We will work to educate our membership so that they can be advocates for our focus area and share our message. The fall Provisional class project started us on this journey and did an outstanding job.

The findings of their project resulted in some very interesting and useful information that is included here in these infographics. We invite you to learn more about the issues facing girls age 12-18 in Wilmington.

WHO IS SHE?



She is a teenager living in the City of Wilmington

She lives with her mother, who is raising her alone



\$32,000 - \$37,000
median income

EDUCATION



As a 9th grader, she is at increased risk for dropping out of school.

36%

Percentage of Delawareans aged 25-34 who have earned a Bachelor's degree

- ☒ Economic reasons
- ☒ Personal reasons
- ☒ Academic reasons

Contributing factors that lead to a teen's decision to drop out of school

HEALTH



More than **50%** of Delaware's children ages 12-17 are obese.

40% of Delaware high school students reported drinking alcohol in the last 30 days.



Parental behavior patterning, familial discord, and genetics contribute most to teenage substance abuse.



The teen pregnancy rate has decreased over the last twenty years.

CRIME & CRIMINAL JUSTICE



She was arrested on school property for fighting and disorderly conduct, which accounts for **90%** of all female arrests.



Girls are more likely than boys to be detained and charged when it comes offenses like curfew and liquor law violations.



Grace Cottage provides services to 14 incarcerated girls in Delaware.

Community Impact

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. He is the most recognized figure of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement. King was also a Baptist Minister who headed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He was crucial in ending legal segregation of African-American people in the South as well as the creation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. King was assassinated in April 1968 while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. He continues to be remembered as one of the most influential African-American leaders in history.



One of the ways he is remembered is by the annual nationwide Day of Service held in his honor. This year, Monday, January, 18, 2016 was an especially meaningful day and a historic first for members of the Junior League of Wilmington, Delaware (JLW). It was the first time that JLW observed and participated in the MLK Day of Service. The MLK Day of Service began in Philadelphia, PA in 1996 and quickly spread across this nation. As a form of commemoration for the iconic Civil Rights Leader, the MLK Day of Service is a day that would serve as a "day on" instead of a "day off."

It is a day of the year where Americans of all ages, races, and creeds unite in cities and towns across the nation to participate in community service activities addressing unmet human needs, advocacy, civil protests, parades, special programs and religious services. The key word being "unite" to honor the memory of Dr. King and all that were a part of the Civil Rights Movement in America.

The JLW partnered with the Wilmington Clothing Bank of Delaware this year. About 20 JLW and community volunteers worked together to sort, fold and hang approximately 6,000 pounds of donated clothing. The majority of the donated clothing will be given to Delaware's economically disadvantaged and homeless populations. A small remainder of the clothing will be shipped to developing nations.

Volunteers shared donuts and coffee while discussing the work of the Junior League in Wilmington's neighborhoods. "The day of service not only gave JLW members a chance to truly engage Greater Wilmington residents about issues affecting the city but also gave us an opportunity to educate them about our great work here. That experience was priceless", said JLW MLK Day of Service Organizer, Kia Booker.

The experience was so positive for one volunteer that she has chosen to become a part of JLW's next Provisional class while another served as a Session Speaker at the JLW Women's Leadership Summit. Overall, we can say that it was an amazing and successful day of service.



The JLW teamed up with DAPI (Delaware Adolescent Program Inc.) as two forces set out to improve the lives of the students who attend DAPI. Founded in 1969, DAPI is a facility for pregnant teens that provides a continuation of their education and the special care they need as expectant and new young parents. Mentoring and supporting services promoting empowerment and self-sufficiency help DAPI's students become

successful and help enrich their future.

Last year, JLW worked to renovate the kitchen and the community room for DAPI. As space of solace and education, these updates are necessary for the DAPI community. As the physical updates come underway, the JLW plans other services to improve the lives of these students. An upcoming JLW project will be to put inspirational sayings and thoughts on the lockers, stairs and in the bathrooms in the DAPI facility. This effort is a means to inspire the students of DAPI and encourage them to fulfill their potential and ultimately create a positive environment.

The Impact of DAPI

DAPI works to "remove the stigma against teen pregnancy, mental health, and poverty and replaces it with self-esteem, development assets, coping skills, education, careers." In its 2014 Newsletter, DAPI reported that 67% of its graduates were accepted into college (a 34% increase to the previous year). DAPI also provides vocational programs for students that desire to enter the trade professions.

Sustainer Lynn Bouscaren



Lynn and her husband had moved from Pennsylvania to Delaware for new jobs. A friend at Lynn's work place continually suggested that she join the League. In 2001, Lynn became a member of the JLW. From day one, Lynn has been an active, enthusiastic member, always participating with Kitchen Tour. Through the years of kids, work, and jewelry designing, Lynn has always had time to contribute to the League. One of her fondest memories is from working at Whale of Sale one year when they had a car as a raffle prize. She recalls a woman buying tickets to win the car, who had never owned a car before. The woman was an older woman, and it was hard to believe this woman wanted a car at this point in her life. Lynn was amazed when the winning ticket belonged to this woman. It was an incredible moment.

Lynn served as League President from 2010-2011. She never thought she would be President one day. And that's the beauty of the League, it allows you to grow professionally and build confidence over the years by meeting and learning from the various other members. Lynn's closest friends are other women that she met through the League. Lynn's advice to other women considering the Junior League: Try It, Try Something different, Something out of your comfort zone. Try everything the League has to offer. You'll be glad you did.

Today, Lynn and her husband Ed continue to raise their two sons Ryan 15 and Colin 14, while living in Newark, DE. They both are avid tennis players. Lynn works full-time as an Orthopedic Sales Representative, which she enjoys because she can communicate with both physicians and patients.

Introduce yourself to Lynn, next time you see her. She's an inspiration, and you'll be glad you met her. Thanks for sharing your experiences with us!

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

Congratulations to:
Susan Coulby
Cat DeFelice
Diane Dunham
Amanda Piccioni



Our New Provisional Members

Julie Anderson

Julie joined the Junior League of Wilmington to meet new people and to be more involved in the Wilmington community. She can be described as Loving and Crafty. Her favorite place in Delaware is Brandywine Creek State Park. She enjoys Texas country music and her favorite musician is Michael Ray from Louisiana. On her bucket list: Roughing it through an overnight backpacking trip. Her Mantra: "If passion drives you, let reason hold the reins." - Ben Franklin. When asked, "What makes you smile?" Julie said: "My son when I come home from work. His enthusiasm to hug me always makes me smile and appreciate my family!"

Jacqueline Batty

Jacqueline joined the Junior League of Wilmington to be more involved with the community, to participate in the diverse volunteer opportunities, to meet new people, and to have the opportunity for personal development. She is impressed by the flexibility offered by JLW in these pursuits. She can be described as Driven and Mellow. Her favorite place in Delaware is the beach. Her favorite musician is Miranda Lambert. On her bucket list: Starting her own business. Her Mantra: "Make it work." When asked, "What makes you smile?" Jacqueline said: "My fur balls Zeus and Lulu ...and my hubby!"

Alison Billings

Alison joined The Junior League of Wilmington because she wanted to be a part of an organization that was well developed and showed dedication to improving the community. Also, she wanted to meet women with a strong sense of self and friendship. She can be described as Friendly and Positive. Her favorite place in Delaware is her parents' beach house at Broadkill. It is one of her all time favorite summer spots! Her taste in music includes anything that she can sing along to! On her bucket list: To travel to every continent besides Antarctica. She will be visiting Asia this summer and couldn't be more excited! Her Mantra: "My life isn't perfect but it has perfect moments." When asked, "What makes you smile?" Alison said: "Dogs. I love the way that a dog can make you feel so loved no matter what stress you may have!"

Sara Chandler

Sara joined The Junior League of Wilmington to follow in her mother's footsteps and contribute to bettering the community. She can be described as Ambitious and Energetic. Her favorite place in Delaware is Cape Henlopen State Park. Her favorite musician is Elton John. On her bucket list: To run a marathon. Her Mantra: "It is what it is." When asked, "What makes you smile?" Sara said: "My dog, Dexter."

Tiffany Hooper

Tiffany joined The Junior League of Wilmington to meet people with lifestyles different than her own and to volunteer in her community. She can be described as Empathetic and Genuine. Her favorite place in Delaware is her parents' house in Wilmington. Her favorite musician is Sia. On her bucket list: To start her own business. Her Mantra: "Just ask, the worst they can do is say no!" When asked, "What makes you smile?" Tiffany said: "Cartoons - mainly Animation Domination on Fox, Sunday nights."

Elizabeth Meyer

Elizabeth joined The Junior League of Wilmington after hearing about the League from her friend of many years and active JLW member, Janeen Hill. She can be described as Creative and Passionate. Her favorite place in Delaware is Trolley Square. Her favorite musician is: Taylor Swift. On her bucket list: To publish a Novel. Her Mantra: "I'm in love with the person I've become because I fought to." When asked, "What makes you smile?" Elizabeth said: "Well-timed irreverence."

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Terry Miller

Terry joined The Junior League of Wilmington because she wanted an opportunity to give back to the local community and connect with other likeminded women. She was drawn to the League; she appreciated the history and accomplishments of JLW, and wanted to be a part of its future. She can be described as Motivated and Understanding. Her favorite place in Delaware is Trolley Square. Her favorite musicians include: Queen, Stevie Wonder, the Carpenters, and Pitbull. She also loves a cappella music. On her bucket list: To tour vineyards in both Napa Valley, California and in Oregon. Her Mantra: "Whatever you are, be a good one; and whatever you do, do it well." When asked, "What makes you smile?" Terry said: "My three daughters, my husband, pizza, and the movie, *The Proposal*."

TaNeasha Ratchford

TaNeasha joined The Junior League of Wilmington because she wanted to meet and build strong bonds with other women who are strong leaders and she genuinely likes to help others through volunteer work. She can be described as Polite and Goal-oriented. Her favorite place in Delaware is the Newark Reservoir. Her favorite music includes jazz, alternative, soft rock, and blues. On her bucket list: To tour vineyards and to perform in a musical and/or play this summer. Her Mantra: "Strive to do better each day!" When asked, "What makes you smile?" TaNeasha said: "Seeing someone else being genuinely happy."

Veronica Reynolds

Veronica joined The Junior League of Wilmington because she appreciates the League's cohesive vision and social components. She can be described as Thoughtful and Curious. Her favorite place in Delaware is White Clay Creek State Park. Her favorite song is *It's Only a Paper Moon*, by Nat King Cole. On her bucket list: To take a road trip. Her Mantra: "Compassionate, content, connected." When asked, "What makes you smile?" Veronica said: "Birds! I think I could be an avid bird-watcher somewhere down the road..."

Isabel Sorrentino

Isabel recently moved to Wilmington and joined The Junior League to get out and meet more people while also being involved in the community. She can be described as Easygoing and Thoughtful. Her favorite place in Delaware is the Homegrown Café on Main Street in Newark. Her favorite album is *Abbey Road* by The Beatles. On her bucket list: To take a cross-country road trip and hike in the Pacific Northwest. Her Mantra: "Stay positive!" When asked, "What makes you smile?" Isabel said: "The beach."



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