

HISTORICAL TIMELINE OF THE JLLC

1932-1933

Founding of the Junior Welfare League of Lake Charles. First meeting November 22, 1933. Charity ball held. Assisted with volunteers and financial aid weekly at TB clinic for preschool children. Free Health Clinic organized for children aged three weeks to fourteen years.

1933-1934

Free entertainment sponsored; continued until 1953. Programs included Tony Sarg's Marionette, 1936- 37; Lyle Saxon, lecturer, 1937-38; Nancy Swinford, vocalist, 1938-39; Clare Tree Major Children's Production, 1940-41 and 1946-47; Kingsland Marionette Show, 1947-48; Puss in Boots, 1951-52; Ali Baba, 1952-53.

1934-1935

League Christmas and Doll Fund provided 1200 children with toys. 1936, over 1800 children received gifts. 1937, became a community affair. 1938, League assumed administration of Community Christmas Tree until 1951. 1954, distributed toys only to welfare children; continued until 1959. Charity ball held.

1935-1936

Health Clinic expanded for dental work. Presented the play The Drunkard as a fundraising event.

1936-1937

Follies held. Charity Ball held.

1938-1939

Soup kitchens established in schools for indigent children; 21,095 meals served; discontinued 1941. Follies held.

1939-1940

Parish Public Health Unit endorsed. Presented the play The Women as fundraising event.

1940-1941

Crippled Children's Clinic held a League clinic. Revamped in 1942 from diagnostic to preventive.

1942-1943

War effort - five casualty stations equipped. Work discontinued at Public Health Unit. League became inactive August 9, 1943.

1945-1946

League reorganized, incorporated with new constitution and bylaws. Established Junior Junction, teenage canteen; continued until 1950. As an outgrowth, the Lake Charles Recreation Commission started its youth program. Emergency Child Welfare Committee organized. Emergency aid to indigent families; continued until 1954.

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1946-1947

Assisted with mass survey for tuberculosis.

1950-1951

Blood typing service undertaken; continued until 1954. Horse Show held.

1951-1952

Supported Red Cross Bloodmobile until mobile unit closed in 1954. Established kindergarten for handicapped children at Hamilton School, providing financial and volunteer assistance. 1954, added speech therapist. 1958, financially absorbed by City School Board.

1952-1954

Follies held.

1955-1956

Application to the Association of the Junior Leagues of America, Inc. 1961, second application submitted to AJLA. Follies held.

1956-1957

Investigated the formation of the Lake Charles Civic Symphony. \$1500 given to the Symphony to sponsor free youth concert in 1958-59 season. Continued financial support until 1968 when Symphony assumed youth program. Nearly New Shop established as permanent fundraising activity. 1979, relocated Nearly New Shop to 2400 Ryan Street. **1957-1958**

Fingerprinted 8,796 school children for Civil Defense. Art Appreciation lecture series set up in elementary schools. 1965 Calcasieu Parish School Board assumed series.

1958-1959

Cover Exhibitions, students submitted drawings in conjunction with youth concerts through 1961. Follies held. Crippled Children's Committee set up to offer assistance in physical therapy at Memorial Hospital and at the Calcasieu - Lake Charles Health Unit; discontinued in 1964. Supervision undertaken of six-year cancer research program.

1959-1960

Educational film, Dangerous Stranger, shown to all elementary school children; assisted by Sheriff's Department. 1961, added Name Unknown for junior high schools. 1963, Sheriff's Department handled showings; discontinued in 1965.

1960-1961

Concerto auditions for students, two winners performing with the Symphony Orchestra for spring youth concert. Sponsored annually until assumed by Civic Symphony Auxiliary in 1968. Directory of Health,

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Welfare, and Related Subjects compiled, printed, and distributed. Family concert presented. Art classes sponsored in ninth grade at Lake Charles High School; discontinued in 1963.

1961-1962

Began work at Speech and Hearing Center of Southwest Louisiana, Inc. Center was inactive in 1963- 64 but reopened in September, 1964. 1962-68, League continued volunteer services and contributed \$22,061.40. June 1965, assumed administration of center for two years. June 1967, administration was assumed by the Board of Directors of the Speech and Hearing Center of Southwest Louisiana, Inc. During the League's administration, center moved to 770 Louisiana Avenue. March 1973, center moved to location at Chennault. January, 1981, center administration assumed by Lamar University.

1962-1963

Established Imperial Calcasieu Historical Museum; formally opened at City Hall, March 1963. December 1963, museum moved to 1019 Lakeshore Drive. League gave financial aid, volunteer service, and operated museum for three years. December 1966, administration was assumed by the Fine Arts Board of Old Imperial Calcasieu, Inc. Contributed \$1700. 1970, museum moved to new building at 204 West Sallier. Cabaret Follies held.

1965-1966

Cabaret Follies held.

1967-1968

February 16, 1967, after successfully completing the application process, the Junior Welfare League was accepted as the 212th Junior League. Name officially changed to Junior League of Lake Charles, Inc. Attended AJLA Conference in Montreal, Canada, May 1967. First headquarters opened at 308 Iris Street. Second headquarters opened January, 1971, at Williamsburg Heritage Square. Present headquarters opened in 1972 at 1019 Lakeshore Drive. 1981, Headquarters placed on National Historical Registry.

1969-1970

Established Family Service Agency in Weber Building. Contributed \$42,000. 1971, agency was accepted in the Calcasieu United Appeals. 1973, League supported merger with Coordinating Council on Drug Abuse and pledged \$3,600 to combined agencies, now Family and Youth Counseling Agency.

1970-1971

Pilot Teacher Aide Program established in public elementary schools. Model Reading Tutorial Program co-sponsored with Calcasieu Parish School Board. 1974, hired Volunteer Tutorial Coordinator. Financial responsibility shared yearly with School Board, which assumed program in 1978. 1976, aides made sample aids for use by tutors. Southwest Regional Drug Seminar coordinated in conjunction with State Board of Education. Puppet Program established for kindergarten and elementary school children with production, "Three Little Pigs," based on our French heritage; 1973, presented "What do Tiggers Eat?;" 1975, presented "Happy Birthday, America;" 1978-79, presented "The Litterbug and the Neatoes" to second and third graders. Monthly television programs produced by the League in conjunction with McNeese Educational TV, Channel 13. Ecology meeting sponsored for women of the community.

1971-1972

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League represented in first citizens' participation in the Welfare Volunteers Program sponsored by Calcasieu Welfare Department. Co-sponsored seminar on voluntarism with Region V of the Louisiana Conference of Social Welfare. Co-sponsored with Greater Lake Charles Chamber of Commerce a Festival of the Arts - "Arts '72." Assumed responsibility for "Children's Day." Presented "Jack Jones Show," first performance held in new Civic Center, Le Centre Civique de Lac Charles.

1972-1973

Suitcase Museum co-sponsored with Lake Charles Chapter of the Louisiana Council for Music and Performing Arts, featuring lecture-slide presentations and artifacts of the prehistoric and Egyptian periods; trouped to elementary schools. 1977, slide presentation and narration on the history of Lake Charles, trouped to junior high schools. 1978, updated and made sound film; continued through 1983- 84. Participated in planning "Gateway to Tomorrow," a public dialogue on Constitutional Convention sponsored by League of Women Voters and Louisiana Committee for the Humanities. Historical Tours initiated as community service, serving as an ongoing fundraising activity; 1975, became solely community service. 1978, absorbed by Lake Charles Tourist Commission. Consumer Affairs Forum co-sponsored with the Food and Drug Administration. "40th Anniversary," presented park benches to Civic Center.

1973-1974

"Serendipity 1974" follies held. "Liberty Belles" music therapy group formed. Trouped to nursing homes- continued through 1986-87; Reactivated as a Sustainer activity 1994. Established Sustainer of the Year Award to be presented for outstanding contributions in the community.

1974-1975

Held Volunteer Seminar, a community agency oriented seminar with Dr. Eva Schindler- Rainman, consultant. Readiness Screening Program for kindergarten students implemented in three pilot schools in conjunction with the Calcasieu Parish School Board. 1977, children were screened in eight schools using the Santa Clara Test. Fall 1978, conducted workshops for teachers to prepare them for testing the children. School Board assumed program in 1979. "Kids Can," an ecology program for elementary school children, implemented in twenty-four schools. 1978, all fourth grades were reached.

1975-1976

Bicentennial Festival, a three day community celebration coordinated with Louisiana Council for Music and the Performing Arts, the Louisiana State Arts Council, City of Lake Charles Bicentennial Commission, and the Lake Charles/Calcasieu Parish Convention and Tourist Commission. Held Town Meeting '76 - coordinated a seminar on community problems and discussed solutions. Established community education program, a variety of activities taught by community volunteers as a catalyst for bringing community resources and talent directly to the community using school facilities, Kaufman Elementary School. 1978, moved location to LaGrange High School as a pilot program; hired coordinator. School Board assumed program in 1979.

1976-1977

Publication of Pirate's Pantry on December 7, a culmination of three years' work; received 15,000 copies; second printing of 30,000 copies ordered January, 1977; third printing of 30,000 copies ordered September 1978; fourth printing of 35,000 copies April, 1981. Relocated Pirate's Pantry office to 2400 Ryan, 1979; then to 188 Williamsburg, 1985. 1990 transferred distribution rights to Pelican Publishing. League receiving royalties on cookbooks sold. Communications workshop - awareness of news media available to the community. Coordinated "Parents Public Forum," a child advocacy program sponsored by the Louisiana Bureau of Childhood Development and the State Department of Education, to identify problems and unmet need of children within the entire family setting. Affiliate Artist Program - acted as presenting institution and sponsored by Olin Corporation Charitable Trusts. The program provided a performance by an artist in residence to the

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community five different times during the year. Katherine McGrath, actress, and J.B. Davis, tenor basso, 1978; Stan Bumgarner, classical guitarist, 1979-80; Randolyn Zinn, dancer, 1979-80.

1977-1978

Established Arts Council. 1979, established Board of Directors, opened office and hired director, continuing financial involvement through 1981-82. Established "Lake Charles-Discover Its Treasures," a project to promote our city, absorbed by Chamber of Commerce, 1978.

1978-1979

Offered for the community a program in life-saving techniques, entitled "Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation." Developed "Parent Readiness Education Project," a booklet to aid in the development of four-year-old children, published and distributed to area mothers. Established "Volunteer Career Development," a program in self-development; courses offered to the community. 1980-81, youth model established in Calcasieu Parish schools; course renamed "Achieving Your Potential" (AYP) in 1983; continued through 1986-87.

1979-1980

Developed "Lake Charles Cares," a supplement to the Lake Charles American Press listing all services offered for children; 1981, reprinted. Co-sponsored gubernatorial debates. Co-sponsored publication of "Calcasieu Parish Forum on Children's Services" a "Directory of Educational Health and Social Services for Children." "Steppin Out," cabaret follies. Hosted State Public Affairs Committee.

1980-1981

Established Memorial Fund. Approved "Emergency Shelter for Children," project to be funded for four years at a cost of \$65,000; funding provided by alternate source; ETC's "Harbour House" established September, 1985; sponsored community shower for Shelter, 1983; Provided volunteers through 1986- 1987. Reinstated project in 1988, renamed as "Harbour House." Developed "Drugs, A Family Crisis," a project presented by the Provisional class and co-sponsored by Education and Treatment Council (ETC) and KPLC-TV. Membership participated in Organizational Self Assessment (OSA). Headquarters placed on National Historical Registry. Approved \$25,000 loan to Calcasieu Historical Preservation Society to retain a state grant for re-roofing the Arcade; participated in formation of Arcade Foundation in 1981-1982. Participated in the Needs Assessment Survey of Calcasieu Parish School Board.

1981-1982

Conducted Crime Stopper's Poster Contest in area schools in recognition of the project's first anniversary. Sponsored the Children's Services and Resource Fair for teachers in Calcasieu Parish. Co-sponsored the Resource Fair in 1982-1983. Distributed child abuse prevention cards to Calcasieu Parish teachers, also in 1982-1983. Presented programs on child abuse/neglect to elementary and high school students. Approved extensive renovations and preservation of Headquarters at a cost not to exceed \$20,000; completed renovations, 1982-83.

1982-1983

Approved the "Substance Abuse Resource Center Project" to be funded for three to five years at a cost not to exceed \$60,000; approved in 1987 the continuation of the Substance Abuse Resource Center contract for one year to include funding without League volunteers with the Calcasieu Parish Library system for the Center's continuation; approved the Substance Abuse Education Puppet Show for elementary school children. Approved first five-year future plan. Approved the "Community Teen Project" consisting of community teen summer dances and leisure learning classes for teens during the school year. Established League's Community Advisory

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Board. "50th Anniversary Quilt" project sponsored by the Provisional class, presented at the May Luncheon, and displayed at Headquarters. Celebrated "50th Anniversary" by presenting two community gifts of \$25,000 each to the Calcasieu Women's Shelter for the capital improvement of a new wing and to the Arcade Theatre; Arcade gift returned to League as per contract due to loss of Arcade Theatre in November, 1985 fire.

1983-1984

Promoted and publicized PBS program, "The Chemical People," for community awareness of substance abuse problems and prevention. Received "Friend of Children" Award presented by the Louisiana Association for Children Under Six. Celebrated fiftieth anniversary of founding as Junior Welfare League. Received first annual Organization of the Year Award presented by Mayor's Commission for Women. Designated as co-sponsor of Spring Arts Fest '84 by Calcasieu Arts & Humanities Council Board in recognition of volunteer support. Approved establishment of a Parents Anonymous Chapter as a child abuse prevention/education project; continued through 1986-1987. Approved Heritage Awareness project as expansion of suitcase museum/walking tours emphasizing historical and architectural significance of old Lake Charles. Approved "Volunteers Involved with People" (VIP's Exercise); project renamed "Exercise Outreach" in 1987; continued through 1987.

1984-1985

Approved, purchased, and installed computer, printer, and software. Chaired Louisiana State Public Affairs Committee. Organized and instituted a Community Teen Board with two representatives from eight area high schools. Approved combining Community Trust and Administrative Funds; set guidelines for General Fund budget. Appointed first Association Advisory Committee. Approved "Pet Therapy" and "Heritage Hike" projects.

1985-1986

Adopted "Arts Fest" as official League project with co-sponsors, the Calcasieu Arts and Humanities Council and City of Lake Charles Parks and Recreation Department; financial commitment increased to \$9200; 15,000 people reached through project. Approved the preliminary plans for "Children's Handson Museum" and "Volunteer Center" projects. Addressed problem of hunger through Provisional project "Care and Share" which solicited community donations to area food banks. Published and distributed 5000 copies of first issue of "Straight Talk," substance abuse prevention education newsletter of Substance Abuse Resource Center; co-sponsored with KPLC-TV "The Wizard of No," an afternoon children's TV special during Substance Abuse Awareness Week. Published tenth anniversary edition Pirate's Pantry featuring over 200 fast and fabulous recipes; 20,000 copies printed.

1986-1987

Approved symbolic oak tree as official League logo. Approved "Serving, Strengthening, and Sustaining the Community" as official League slogan. Authorized first community annual report. Approved expenditures for first informational television ad. Approved revised "Children's Museum" project with total project commitment \$272,645. Approved revised "Volunteer Center" project with total project commitment \$84,410. Approved the "Literacy Council" project with total project commitment \$20,435. Approved renovations and preservation of Headquarters at a cost not to exceed \$9000. Renovated Headquarters by installing new roof, new interior shutters, painted exterior, new exterior doors, refinished downstairs floor; completed renovation August, 1987. Celebrated the tenth anniversary of the Pirate's Pantry cookbook. Celebrated the twentieth anniversary of affiliation with the Association of Junior Leagues. Celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of the Nearly New Shop. Received an AJL Creative Public Relations award for photography. Approved the renovation of Nearly New Shop at a cost not to exceed \$20,000; renovations completed in November, 1986. Children's Museum committee and the Provisional class planned and executed a pilot "hands-on" exhibit, Oaxaca Village, for the community; over 500 participated.

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1987-1988

Established non-profit corporations for Children's Museum of Lake Charles, Literacy Council, and Volunteer Center of Southwest Louisiana including site, staff, and Board of Directors. Established guidelines for alternative funding sources for incorporated League projects. Received \$8,380.00 grant for Literacy Council from State Department of Education. Approved "Rollin' on the River" fundraiser to be held in September, 1988. Received AJL's Creative Public Relations award for radio public service announcements for Pirate's Pantry.

1988-1989

"Rollin' on the River '88" fundraiser held. Received \$15,580 grant for Literacy Council from State Department of Education. Provisional Class in cooperation with the Calcasieu Parish Public Schools planned and executed "Exhibition de Petit Choux," a juried art exhibit for the purpose of promoting art at the elementary school level. Conducted community survey by Project Development Committee. Changed price of Pirate's Pantry cookbook to \$17.95 and relocated office. Received AJL's Creative Public Relations awards; second place for the marketing campaigns for "Rollin' on the River '88;" first place for radio public service announcements for Volunteer Center.

1989-1990

Received Corporate Award in 1989 from the Louisiana Preservation Alliance for the League's contributions in the area of historic preservation education. "Rollin' on the River '89" fundraiser held. Originated and conducted a self-assessment membership survey by the Future Planning Committee. Established guidelines for program and support expenditures. Celebrated the tenth anniversary of the Spring Arts Festival. Provided organizational assistance and volunteered work time for "Special Olympics Track Meet" as the 1989-90 Provisional project. Approved "Children Can Soar" as a new community project. Celebrated the sale of over 125,000 editions of Pirate's Pantry since 1976 with a profit of over \$250,000 for League projects. Celebrated the project independence of the Volunteer Center of Southwest Louisiana as of May 31, 1990. Approved Southern Living Cooking School as a fundraiser to be held in April, 1991. Approved Still Cruisin' as a fundraiser to be held October 6, 1990. Received \$22,700 grant from the State of Louisiana for the Literacy Council of Southwest Louisiana

1990-1991

Held "Still Cruisin'" fundraiser October 6, 1990. Approved the "Substance Abuse Resource Center Fourth Amendment" for one year at a cost not to exceed \$5,632. Approved "Christmas in April" as a new community project. Approved "If You Litter, Louisiana Loses" as a new community project. Approved reinstating "Heritage Awareness/Heritage Hike" as a community project. Changed the name of "Children Can Soar" to "Kids Can't Wait." Approved contract with Pelican Publishing Company for Pirate's Pantry. The Provisional class, in cooperation with the Calcasieu Parish Public Schools, planned and executed "Dreams Do Come True," a special Arts Fest day for special children. Renovated the Central School Auditorium as a second Provisional project with the Calcasieu Arts & Humanities Council. Provided four community boardmanship training sessions through the Education/Training Committee. Sponsored Southern Living Cooking School fundraiser April 4, 1991, in conjunction with Southern Living Magazine and KPLC-TV. Approved a one-year renewal lease for the Nearly New Shop. Received the first annual J.C. Penney's Golden Rule Award as a finalist sponsored by J.C. Penney's and the Volunteer Center for contributions to The Children's Museum. Celebrated the project independence of the Children's Museum as of May 31, 1991. Established Active of the Year award, presented for outstanding contributions to the League and community.

1991-1992

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Developed “If You Litter, Louisiana Loses” as a new project, teaching environmental ideals to elementary students; changed the name to “A-Way With Waste.” Developed “Christmas in April” as a community collaboration to improve homes of the elderly, handicapped or underprivileged. Worked on fifteen homes with fourteen community sponsors. Renewed lease for Headquarters with Calcasieu Parish Police Jury. Approved renovations to Headquarters not to exceed \$25,000, including adding central air and heat. Worked in collaboration with the city to celebrate the city’s 125th birthday; placed a time capsule at Civic Center monument. Nominated Eleanor Moffett for Chamber of Commerce Civic Service Award. She was named the recipient of this award. Developed “Dreams Come True,” an arts fest for special education students. Voted “Adolescent Survival Kit” and “Dreams Come True” as new projects and “Harbour House” as a return project. Approved “Field of Dreams” as a fundraiser for October, 1992. Developed the Community Assistance Fund to help community agencies in emergency situations. Completed contract with Substance Abuse Resource Center. Approved a new position statement on the environment.

1992-1993

Held “Field of Dreams,” a dance/door prize fundraiser. Renovated Headquarters to include central air/ heat and new staircase. Approved five-year lease for the Nearly New Shop. Approved sending \$100 to the Junior League of Miami and \$400 to the Junior League of Lafayette from the Community Assistance Fund. In collaboration with Lake Charles Memorial Recovery Center, developed “Adolescent Survival Kit,” (A.S.K.) to educate middle school adolescents on coping and decision-making skills and to provide parents with skills for parenting by offering two one-day seminars. The Provisional class in collaboration with the Office of Public Health and St. Patrick’s Children’s Miracle Network developed and implemented a public relations campaign to promote “Shots for Tots,” a state immunization program. Approved a new ongoing fundraiser, “Mistletoe & Moss,” a holiday market. Approved a transitional plan for the League’s goals and objectives. Approved the focusing concept as a process for developing projects.

1993-1994

Instituted Cross Functional Team to continue focusing process and to identify community needs and League niche. Approved Resource Development Committee as centralized mechanism for soliciting funds, in-kind donations, and other resources for projects and operational costs. Celebrated sixtieth anniversary of League. Held first annual “Mistletoe & Moss” fundraiser, a holiday market. Gave financial assistance to Calcasieu Arts & Humanities Council and Children’s Museum. Recognized by Literacy Council of Southwest Louisiana for five years of continued support.

1994-1995

Developed and approved a three-year strategic plan based on membership input, OSA, and speak-up sessions. Approved new projects Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and First Steps and returning projects A-Way with Waste, Christmas in April, and Adolescent Survival Kit. Implemented certificate of membership for Sustaining and Active League members. Approved transition team to facilitate transfer of Christmas in April to community board. Developed long-range marketing plan. Approved donations from the Community Assistance Fund for disaster relief to the Junior Leagues of Albany, North Harris County, Oklahoma City, and New Orleans. Literacy Council of Southwest Louisiana selected as Program of Distinction for inclusion in AJLI Centennial Cookbook.

1995-1996

Approved “Prevent the Abuse of Children through Education” (P.A.C.E.) as the League’s niche in its focus area for three to five years. Revised position statement on voluntarism. Recognized by ETC/ Harbour House at their ten year anniversary celebration for the League’s involvement in establishing the Emergency Shelter for children and for our support. Sponsored community speaker session on “Children at Risk” with Judge Glenda Hatchett Johnson to promote League new projects, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and First Steps. Approved new project Teen Outreach Program (TOP) and returning projects Adolescent Survival Kit, Court Appointed Special Advocates and First Steps. Provided funding for LPB “First Books” program to be

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distributed through the Literacy Council of Southwest Louisiana. Approved sending \$100 to the Junior League of Eugene, Oregon from the Community Assistance Fund. Hired Executive Director for Christmas in April * Calcasieu Area to facilitate smooth transition of project to Community Board. Celebrated the project independence of Christmas in April * Calcasieu Area, Inc. as of May 31, 1996. Appointed first Headquarters Advisory Committee which obtained funding from the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to complete extensive preservation of Headquarters building of approximately \$22,000. Approved contract with Christmas in April * Calcasieu Area, Inc. for one year to include funding without League volunteers in the amount of \$23,355. Provided information requested by the National Trust for Historical Preservation on our Headquarters as part of their research to develop a reference of historical buildings used as meeting places.

1996-1997

Funded and staffed five community projects in the JLLC's focus area, the Prevention of Child Abuse - Adolescent Survival Kit (A.S.K.), Christmas in April, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), First Steps and Teen Leadership Council (TLC). Transitioned management of Christmas in April to Community Board of CIA, Inc. Approved additional funding for Christmas in April*Calcasieu Area for the next two years. Developed Child Watch Visitation Program as the Provisional project to continue in 1997-1998 as a League project; the Mayor of Lake Charles served as honorary chairperson. Provided Community Assistance Funds for flood relief to the Junior Leagues of Wilmington, North Carolina; Fort Smith, Arkansas; Evansville, Indiana; Owensboro, Kentucky; Huntington, West Virginia; Louisville, Kentucky; and Cincinnati, Ohio. Also sent disaster relief funds to Potter's House, Lake Charles, Louisiana. Sponsored speaker session on "Children At Risk", to the community to promote the League's project Court Appointed Special Advocates. Held a Customer Appreciation celebration for the 40th anniversary of the Nearly New Shop. Purchased Nearly New Shop building at 2400 Ryan Street. Received grants from IOLTA and Children's Miracle Network for CASA and from District Attorney's Diversion Program for A.S.K. Submitted grant to National CASA for program expansion. Expanded annual holiday market Mistletoe & Moss to Lake Charles Civic Center Coliseum. Worked with Calcasieu Parish Police Jury to renovate JLLC Headquarters to seal the bricks, paint the outside and install a metal roof for a value of \$35,000 incurred by the Police Jury. Conducted off-site Board Leadership Retreat. Conducted Sustainer Issues Task Force focus group to give direction to AJLI for the future role of lifetime membership in the organization. Developed PR Stars recognition for special contributions of JLLC members to the League, family, community and vocation. Prepared a video illustrating the projects of the JLLC for use in public speaking presentations.

1997-1998

Funded and staffed six community projects including the new project Child Watch. Provided Community Assistance Funds for hurricane relief to Junior League of Mexico City, Mexico and a contribution was also made to The Lord's Place, Lake Charles, Louisiana. First Steps Committee hosted a free parenting seminar. Participated as a member of the Community Leadership Council of the City of Lake Charles. CASA received grants from Children's Justice Act, Louisiana Bar Foundation, Crime Victim's Assistance, and Children's Miracle Network. First Steps received a grant from Children's Miracle Network. Teen Leadership Council received a grant from Entergy. Held first annual "Casas for CASA" raffle. Approved a request from the Lake Charles Symphony for a one-time donation of \$5000 to help underwrite their 40th Anniversary Gala Concert. Brought in AJLI trainer for Fall training session on "League Spokespersonship." Conducted Organization Self Assessment (OSA). Hired first CASA Executive Director.

1998-1999

Funded and staffed six community projects. Proposed and approved two new projects – America Reads Challenge and Arts Fest. Transitioned Childwatch project to Calcasieu Parish Police Jury's Children's Cabinet. Initiated transition of CASA program to Family & Youth Counseling Agency with continued funding for three years. First Steps Committee held a free parenting seminar. Received grants from Children's Justice Act, Louisiana Bar Foundation, and Crime Victim's Assistance for CASA, Children's Miracle Network for CASA, First Steps, and Teen Leadership Council, and Entergy for Teen Leadership Council. Submitted grant proposals to Children's Trust Fund for CASA and First Steps. Held second annual "Casas for CASA" raffle. Sponsored a

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home for repair through Calcasieu Area Christmas in April. Hosted SPAC for all Louisiana Leagues. Initiated incentives for JLLC membership to memorize our mission.

1999-2000

Funded and staffed seven community projects - Adolescent Survival Kit, ArtsFest, Substance Abuse Puppets, Court Appointed Special Advocates, First Steps, Teen Leadership Council, and Calcasieu Reads. Proposed and approved three new projects - Brain Matters, Calcasieu Community Clinic, and Heritage Gallery. Continued transition of CASA program to Family & Youth Counseling Agency. Assisted in Design Day for Millennium Park project, as Provisional Project. Sponsored a home for repair through Calcasieu Area Christmas in April. Provided Community Assistance Funds for Kosovo Relief Fund, American Red Cross (for victims of Johnson Hall flood), and Abraham's Tent. Conducted off-site Board retreat with consultant Jane Peck. Brought in professional inspirational speaker Shar McBee for fall training. Initiated and coordinated JLLC's reorganization into the Council System of management. Appointed Policy Governance task force to transition to the Council System and to rewrite/simplify JLLC policies. Revised format of Bayou Echoes into an annual community report magazine, and upgraded internal Stable Talk. Initiated gold pins and charms for membership.

2000-2001

Funded and staffed community projects--Arts Fest, Brain Matters, Kid's Choice Puppets, Teen Leadership Council, The Calcasieu Reads Challenge, Heritage Gallery, Calcasieu Community Clinic. Continued the transition of the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program to Family & Youth Counseling Agency. Assisted in the grand opening of the Cancer Support Center at Memorial Hospital and provided the Center with a permanent Serenity Garden. Collaborated with the Office of Child Services in conducting the Child Welfare Forum. Conducted an off-site Board retreat in the spring and Board Training in the winter in the form of the Ropes Course. Brought in speaker Mike Lombardo to provide education on "Public Speaking with Ease." With a resolution from the membership, changed focus of our future projects to families and resolved to develop a high-impact signature project. Recognized outstanding active and sustaining members through the "Together We Can Do It" and "Sustainer in Action" awards.

2001-2002

Funded and staffed five community projects--Arts Fest, Black Heritage Gallery, Calcasieu Community Clinic, Kid's Choice Puppets, and Teen Leadership Council. Completed the funding and transition of the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program to Family & Youth Counseling Agency. Approved Family Resource Center as signature project. Approved donation from Community Assistance Fund for disaster relief to the Junior Leagues of New York and Brooklyn September 11 Fund. Sponsored a home for repair through Calcasieu Area Christmas in April. Launched JLLC website: jllc.net. Celebrated 25th anniversary of Pirate's Pantry Cookbook with "book signing" and reception. Conducted off-site Leadership Retreat with inspirational speaker Diane Van Zandt. Hosted an Active/Sustainer Fall Social and a Sustainer Spring Social.

2002-2003

Mistletoe & Moss 10th Anniversary Market held. Golf Tournament added \$29,000 to profit of the market for a total profit of \$109,000. Funded and staffed five community projects – Arts Fest, Black Heritage Gallery, Calcasieu Community Clinic, Kid's Choice Puppets and Teen Leadership Council. Approved the two-year transition of Teen Leadership Council to Family & Youth Counseling Agency and Arts Fest to Calcasieu Arts & Humanities Council. Sponsored a home for repair through Calcasieu Christmas in April. Hosted series of Sustainer Happy Hours with admission charged as a donation to League sponsored projects. Provisional Class in cooperation with Big Brothers/Big Sisters planned and executed Mardi Gras Day for 25 children on waiting list for BB/BS. Contracted with Family Road Care Center to conduct an extensive community needs assessment for signature project, Family Resource Center, \$45,000. Conducted Fall and Spring Style Exchanges with Steinmart to increase donations to the Nearly New Shop. Revamped policies and procedures sections of the yearbook into the new "Rules & Guidelines" which contains Bylaws, Standing Rules, Policies and Procedures blended into one comprehensive, user-friendly documents. Revamped Public Relations Committee to conduct

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all PR for all committees. Provided Community Assistance Funds of \$500 each to St. John Boscoe Church and American Red Cross.

2003-2004

Celebrated the 70th Anniversary through a variety of social and educational activities and events. Funded and staffed four community projects – Arts Fest, Calcasieu Community Clinic, Kids’ Choice Puppets and Teen Leadership Council. Continued developing the Family Resource Center project by conducting a community needs assessment, forming a planning committee consisting of representatives of other non-profit and governmental agencies and working with Family Road. Completed the transition of Teen Leadership Council to Family & Youth Counseling Agency. Operated Nearly New Shop and approved new operating procedures. Held Mistletoe & Moss Holiday Market, which included a Golf Tournament as one of its special events. Participate in Foley’s Charity Day Event. Added laptop and PowerPoint capabilities to meetings. Sustainers were invited to join Actives and Provisionals to hear motivational speaker, Fran Solomon, at the October General Meeting. Hosted a series of Sustainer Happy Hours. Recognized Active and Sustaining members through the “Reaching for the Stars” and “Sustainer in Action” awards.

2004-2005

Funded and staffed four community projects. Transitioned Arts Fest project to the Arts & Humanities Council of Southwest Louisiana. Held yearly fundraiser “Mistletoe and Moss” in November 2004. Operated ongoing fundraiser, Nearly New Shop, until its closing in May 2005. Approved and began work on a new cookbook fundraiser, “Marshes to Mansions: Treasured Recipes from South Louisiana,” to be published in 2006. Created a fund development task force to raise dollars for the developing of JLLC’s new signature project, the Family Resource Center.

2005-2006

Funded and staffed three community projects – Kids’ Choice Puppets, Calcasieu Community Clinic, and Done In A Day. Assisted hurricane evacuees from Hurricane Katrina, which included placing volunteers at the Special Needs Shelter housed at McNeese. Helped members of our own community after Hurricane Rita in various ways, including a very successful book drive sponsored by the 05-06 Provisional Class in which they collected over 18,000 books for Cameron Parish Schools and Libraries. We continued development of Family Resource Center with architectural plans nearing completion and the purchase of land at 310 W. 18th Street. The Capital Campaign was successfully kicked off to raise funds for the build out of the Family Resource Center. The Mistletoe & Moss fundraiser unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the hurricanes. The Golf Tournament was renamed Leaguers & Links Golf Tournament and was held at the end of April, 2006. The cookbook committee collected, organized, categorized and tested recipes. They went on photo shoots and worked with the publishing company to prepare our new cookbook Marshes to Mansions – Treasured Recipes of Southwest Louisiana for publication next year. Members were recognized through the “Doing What We Do Best! Impact Award” each month. Provided Community Assistance Funds of \$500 to Manna Ministry.

2006-2007

Funded and staffed three community projects – Kids’ Choice Puppets, Calcasieu Community Clinic, and Done In A Day. Public Affairs committee was disbanded in June 2006. Held an informational meeting for community leaders about the Family Resource Center in August 2006. Completed the transition of Calcasieu Community Clinic. We continued development of the Family Resource Center with architectural plan updates, an increased budget for the build, and the development of committee placements. The Capital Campaign continued to raise funds for the build out of the Family Resource Center. The cookbook committee completed our new cookbook, Marshes to Mansions – Treasured Recipes of Southwest Louisiana, and sent it to the publisher. The Provisional Class in conjunction with Acadian Ambulance, American Heart Association and Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, held a CPR Training Day in April, 2007. Members were recognized through the “Building for the Next Generation Foundation Award” each month. Conducted Leadership retreat at JLLC Headquarters. Funds of \$500 to Bessette Realty.

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2007-2008

Funded and staffed two community projects – Kid’s Choice Puppets and Done In a Day. The Family Resource Center committee and the Capital Campaign committee continued to work tirelessly on making the Family Resource Center a reality. In the spring, the General Membership voted to place the Family Resource Center back on the Yes/No ballot (suspending the bylaws), and ultimately the Family Resource Center did not pass. The Education and Training committee’s name was changed to Membership Enrichment, and the committee continued to educate the membership on pertinent issues regularly. The Bayou Echoes/Stabletalk committee re-vamped and expanded the monthly newsletter, Stabletalk. Participated in the effort to bring back the State Public Affairs Committee and was involved in the 2008 League Day at the Capitol. JLLC was effectively promoted through numerous media outlets, including our publications and website. The Provisional Class conducted a very successful project, Unite to Uniform, geared towards providing school uniforms to those in need of them. Several Sustainer functions were successfully held, and Sustainer participation in JLLC affairs was high. Members were recognized monthly through the “League of Her Own” award. The 15th annual Mistletoe and Moss Holiday Market was held at the Lake Charles Civic Center and broke all previous market fundraising records. Leaguers and Links, the golf tournament, was successfully held in the spring. Marshes to Mansions – Treasured recipes of Southwest Louisiana arrived in the fall of 2007 and the entire membership actively participated in selling the new, award winning cookbook.

2008-2009

Celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the Junior League of Lake Charles, Inc. November 21, 2009 was declared Junior League of Lake Charles, Inc. Day by the Mayor of Lake Charles, Randy Roach, in honor of our anniversary. Granted \$23,164.23 to educators in our area through the “Branch Out and Grow” program, and we disbursed a total of \$10,000.00 in thank you grants to 10 past community projects of the league. Funded and staffed 6 community projects: Done in a Day, Kid’s Choice Puppets, Kids in the Kitchen, Life Lessons 1010, That’s My Bag, and Liberty Belles. Researched and developed the new project, HELPing Hands, Health, Education and Literacy for Patients, in coordination with Moss Regional Hospital. Held annual fundraisers Mistletoe & Moss and Leaguers & Links golf tournament. Continued to promote and sell cookbook, Marshes to Mansions – Treasured Recipes of Southwest Louisiana. Cookbook was awarded 2008 USA Book News Award Finalist for Cookbook regional Category, 2008 DIY Book Festival Runner-

up for Cookbook Category, 2009 Bronze Medal Winner of the Independent Publisher Book Award South-Best Regional Non-Fiction. Members were recognized for outstanding service to the League through the President’s monthly Medallion Award. Provisional Class successfully completed the redesign of the Children’s Museum Art Space as their provisional project. Provided Community Assistance Funds in the amount of \$2000.00 to the Children’s Museum of the Lake Charles after fire.

2009-2010

The Junior League of Lake Charles, Inc. funded and staffed seven community projects: Done in a Day, Kid’s Choice Puppets, Kids in the Kitchen, Life Lessons 101, That’s My Bag, HELPing Hands and Liberty Belles. Project Development researched and developed the new project, Lego Motion, an autism therapy program, in partnership with McNeese State University. Life Lessons 101 refocused on 8-11 year life skills training. That’s My Bag provided over 200 personal care packages for children in foster care. Kid’s Choice Puppets wrote and produced new show “Monster School Musical” addressing problems facing kids today. Granted \$7,500 and volunteer service hours to educators in our area through the “Branch Out and Grow” program. Held 17th Annual Mistletoe & Moss Holiday Market Fundraiser and 8th Annual Leaguers & Links Golf Tournament Fundraiser. Continued the promotion and sales of Marshes to Mansions – Treasured Recipes of Southwest Louisiana: received 2010 Indie Excellence Awards 2010 Mom’s Choice Awards Silver Award, 2009 Nashville Book Festival Honorable Mention. Provisional Class successfully completed an Autism Awareness Family Education and Fun Day as their Provisional project.

2010-2011

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Funded and staffed eight community projects: Done in a Day, Kids' Choice Puppets, Kids in the Kitchen, Life Lessons 101, That's My Bag, HELPing Hands, Liberty Belles, and our new project, Lego Motion. Granted \$10,000 to educators in our area through the "Branch Out and Grow" program. Held annual fundraisers Mistletoe & Moss and Leaguers & Links golf tournament. Launched and maintained new cookbook Facebook page. Worked on "branding" campaign in which logo (oak tree) with our name will be on every document that is produced. The Provisional Class conducted a very successful project, Abraham's Tent Renovations and Food Drive. Members were recognized monthly through the "Leading Leaguer" award. Provided Community Assistance Funds in the amount of \$500 to Boys Village due to a fire, \$500 to Gulf Restoration Project in response to the oil spill, \$1,000 to ETC's Camp New Directions, and \$1,000 (money reallocated from DIAD budget) to the JL of Tuscaloosa for victims of tornado. Participated in City of Lake Charles' Interaction for Children's Initiatives. Conducted a Community Needs Assessment in partnership with the United Way of Southwest Louisiana. Updated information requested from Better Business Bureau for non-profit directory. Began conversion from Closerware web service provider to Digital Cheetah. Added items to our collection at the McNeese Archives.

2011-2012

Funded and staffed seven community projects: Done in a Day, Kids in the Kitchen, Life Lessons 101, That's My Bag, HELPing Hands, Liberty Belles, and Lego Motion. Life Lessons 101 refocused and partnered with Oak Park Elementary and Dolby Elementary to assist with implementing The Leader in Me program in the schools. Awarded \$8,000 to educators and \$3,000 to non-profit organizations in our area through the "Branch Out and Grow" grants. Also awarded \$3,000 to two female high school seniors with our new "Branch Out and Grow" scholarships. Provided Community Assistance Funds in the amount of \$1,010 to Millennium Park Rebuild. Merged the cookbook Facebook page with the JLLC Facebook page. Created a general PSA to publicize the JLLC. Partnered with other nonprofit organizations to sponsor community development trainings. Used information gathered from the Community Needs Assessment to define the Community Impact areas of Literacy, Nutrition, and Workforce Development. The Provisional Class conducted a very successful mask making workshop under the Sallier Oak at the Imperial Calcasieu Museum (for students and families of Henry Heights Elementary and Barbe Elementary). Members were recognized monthly for outstanding service to the League through the "Emmy" award. Redesigned and launched a new website www.jllc.net through web service provider Digital Cheetah.

2012-2013

Funded and staffed 5 community projects: Done in a Day, Fit Kids, Life Lessons 101, That's My Bag and Lego Motion. The Community Advisory Board awarded ten "Branch Out & Grow Grants" to local educators. The Community Council awarded scholarships to two civic minded graduating seniors. Issue Based Community Impact Task Force and Project Development developed an Impact Model to serve as a visual of our mission and vision. The Non-Profit Development Series continued for the third year with sessions such as: The Collaboration Challenge, Fund Development in Tough Financial Times and the Civic Engagement Institute Program Development researched funding The Leader in Me Program and recommended funding \$80,000 in honor of the League's 80th anniversary. The general membership approved, and the school board selected Maplewood Elementary as the recipient of the funding. Several programs were renamed: Project Development became Program Development, Done in a Day became Impact Support, Kids in the Kitchen became Fit Kids, Life Lessons 101 became Leadership Development and That's My Bag became Fostering Kids. Reformatted the strategic plan based on an Advisory Planning and Bylaws study. The membership approved amending the bylaws to allow a member with a permanent illness to be granted Emeritus status with the approval of the Board. Stabtalk was reformatted in full color as a quarterly publication. The focus of the year was on developing the potential of women. Training and development included: Birkman Method Assessment, professional public relations training for the communications council, AJLI's Organizational Development Institutes, AJLI Winter and Annual Conferences, Digital Cheetah for website implementation, Leadership SW by the Chamber of Commerce, and The Leader in Me workshops. AJLI consultants facilitated the League's summer and mid-year retreats, worked with leaders and spoke at general meetings focusing on Self Awareness, the League's Mission, Mission Based Fund Development, Loving Life & Work, finding balance and discovering inner power.

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2013-2014

Celebrated the 80th anniversary. “Embracing the Past ~ Transforming the Future.” Membership voted unanimously to sell the rights to Marshes to Mansions. November 21, 2013 was declared Junior League of Lake Charles, Inc. Day by Mayor Randy Roach. Utilized a new Sustainer Liaison committee to increase Sustainer engagement, and coordinate events with the Sustaining Advisor to the Board. Completed exterior renovations to Headquarters at 1019 Lakeshore Drive (new insulation, new shingles, painting of shingles, door and windowsills), paid for by the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury. Dispersed thank-you grants in honor of our 80th anniversary and to past programs celebrating milestones as incorporated non-profits: Imperial Calcasieu Museum (50 years), The Children’s Museum of SWLA, The Literacy Council of SWLA and the Volunteer Center of SWLA (25 years). Utilized a Grants & Scholarships committee to assist with the organization of grant and scholarship applications given by the League, and to apply for grants to assist with community programming. The Community Advisory Board awarded more than \$10,000 total for 11 “Branch Out & Grow Grants” to local educators. Awarded \$3000 (\$1500 each) in scholarships to 2 female, civic-minded high school seniors to further their education and volunteer efforts. Changed the name of Healthy Choices to Healthy Families. Implemented the \$80,000 pledged in honor of our 80 years of service to fully fund The Leader in Me program at Maplewood Elementary. Initiated monthly “Chair Extraordinaire” Awards given to a committee leader by the President for above & beyond service. The Provisional Class completed a Summer Safety Fair for the community at McNeese State University. Added items to our collection at the McNeese Archives and scanned numerous historic League memorabilia to have in digital form. Provided photographs and information about the JLLC history for possible inclusion in upcoming book about Lake Charles. Accepted awards on behalf of the JLLC: 2013 National Philanthropy Day Honoree (for our work with the Leader in Me programs), Volunteer of the Year from Oasis: A Safe Haven (previously called the Women’s Shelter), and Outstanding Partner 2013-14 for Oak Park Elementary.

2014-2015

Fully implemented Issue-Based Community Impact, so that all community programs fit under the 3 impact areas of Healthy Families, Leadership Development, and Literacy. Co- hosted the Kids Can Engagement Breakfast at L’Auberge. Launched American Girl Doll project. The League purchased 20 American Girl dolls with accompanying stories from the historical series. Partnered with the Calcasieu Parish Public Library, where children may check them out and write in a journal to document their adventures with the dolls. The focus of the year was “Loving the League.” Working with Pelican Publishing to sell the rights to Marshes to Mansions. The Provisional Class successfully implemented various improvements to Education and Treatment Center’s Harbour House as their Provisional project. Helped plan SPAC’s League Day at the Capitol held in Baton Rouge. Provided speakers from the St. Nicholas Center for Early Childhood Intervention to speak to Louisiana Leagues about Autism awareness and Treatment. Accepted awards on behalf of the JLLC: 2014 National Philanthropy Day Honoree from ETC Harbour House.

2015-2016

The Fund Development Task Force researched and voted for two new fundraisers, Touch- a-Truck and a Gala Event. The focus of the year was “Planting the Seeds of Leadership in Our Community”. We used the year to remind membership of how JLLC promotes voluntarism and trains volunteers. Active membership successfully used the Cross- Committee-Experience program allowing members to experience other facets of JLLC outside of their current placement.

2016-2017

“Team Work Makes Dreams Work.” The inaugural year for both Touch-A-Truck and Gala proved to be very successful. Replenished stock of Marshes to Mansions-Treasured Recipes of the South. Adopted entire bylaw revision, charter revision, membership policy revision and Fiscal Policy. Implemented a new leadership structure that establishes a separate Governance Board and Management Team. Funded and staffed seven community programs: Fit Kids • Clifton Beautification • American Girl Doll Program • Read for the Record •

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Read to your Doll • Joy Drive and Foster Care Bags. Continued Issue- Based Community Impact programs for Healthy Families, Leadership Development and Literacy. The Junior League of Lake Charles (JLLC) continued its partnership with the Family and Youth Counseling Agency on the “Non-Profit Development Series” for the seventh year. 16-17 Provisional class completely renovated media room at Big Brothers Big Sisters SWLA as the group’s Provisional project. The Community Advisory Board awarded more than \$15,000 in grants to educators in the five-parish area, and \$6,000 in scholarships to civic-minded females. The League opened the scholarship program to include not only scholarships traditionally awarded to female high school seniors, but also nontraditional scholarships to further their education. One non-traditional scholarship was awarded. JLLC held successful Mistletoe & Moss Holiday Market and Leaguers & Links Golf Tournament fundraisers. Mistletoe & Moss was again named as a Lake Charles SWLA Convention and Visitors Bureau “Top 20 Event.” Cosmetic renovations to the interior of JLLC Headquarters were completed by our volunteers. (i.e. fresh paint, new conference table, new window covering, new benches, general organizing and cleaning, etc.) Held open house for all members to view the renovations. JLLC was honored at AJLI Annual conference for 50 years of membership to the AJLI.

2017-2018

“Membership Matters.” 1st Annual League Easter Egg hunt for all League members and their families was held at Drew Park. Completed one full year of the Split Board Rollout. Introduced new JLLC Logo. Created the “Members Only” Facebook page to engage our members on a personal level, send reminders and promote our events. Began our “Thanks & Giving Food Bag” Impact, distributing over 500 bags of food to local school children in low income neighborhoods. Held our 1st “Done in a Meeting”. Program Development worked with membership to research the different needs of the community so that the League could establish a new community program to serve the Lake Area. Membership voted to fund a new exhibit at the Children’s Museum. Held the 25th Annual Mistletoe & Moss Market fundraiser in November 2017. Continued promotion and sales of our cookbook, Marshes to Mansions, Treasured Recipes of Southwest Louisiana. Held 2nd annual Touch-A-Truck Event- name officially changed to Truck Fest. Awarded 16 “Branch Out and Grow” grants to area teachers totaling over \$17,000. Awarded 8 scholarships to area high school seniors for a total of \$4,000. Resource Development began the “One Ask” campaign. Introduced the “President’s Awards” at May meeting. Vicki Clark and Naomi Chavez Peters spoke to our membership. Karen Henning, Birkman consultant, performed the Birkman assessment on each new Provisional Member. 2018-2019 Celebrated 85 years. Outsourced all PR to Healthy Image for a trial year. Volunteer Center was turned back over to the Junior League of Lake Charles and put up for sale. Expanded efforts around “Membership Matters” to continue to refine and enhance the member experience, making earnest efforts to gather member feedback and inform our strategy for recruiting and retaining members, with a focus on developing the leadership potential of all of our members. Undertook efforts to increase the profitability and viability of our fundraisers, while diversifying our fund development strategy. Made significant investments in the expansion of our community programs, including a new exhibit at the Children’s Museum and a commitment to support an exciting new community project, Port Wonder.

2019-2020

The Community Center sold, and that money was placed in a Junior League of Lake Charles investment fund and an endowment through the Community Foundation. General meetings took a twist with monthly Impact Education focus. We raised awareness of local community needs and members were able to participate in supporting those areas. JLLC addressed food insecurity by providing 81 jars of peanut butter to Abraham’s Tent; diaper needs by giving over 1,000 diapers to ABC Pregnancy Center; and period poverty by donating 1,497 feminine products to Children’s Miracle Network. We secured a partnership with McNeese State University to host a community educational event, CHILDPROOF AMERICA: Safeguarding Families Against Sex Trafficking, but it was cancelled due to Covid-19. The Canva graphic design platform was adopted and used among councils for consistent branding internally and externally. Literacy initiatives continued with an outreach of 1,846 people. Community outreach initiatives were enhanced with a direct impact on 2,203 children. We participated in Arts Fest. We invested a total of \$30,690.66 into 3,722 students through our Grants and Programs initiatives. They include, Branch Out and Grow: \$12,006.72 touching 2,254 SWLA students; Mistletoe and Moss TEACH Grant: \$5,000 with 298 students impacted at T.S. Cooley Elementary; Community Alliance Program Grant (CAP Grant): \$13,683.94 with 1,170 community members directly impacted by those

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dollars. The JLLC's work was recognized with the Arts and Humanities Council Mayor's Patron on the Year Award and the Lieutenant Governor's Louisiana Volunteer Service Award. JLLC introduced its inaugural Casino Night (formerly Dinner/Gala) and it sold out within days of ticket sales. The 27th Annual Mistletoe and Moss was a huge success with the addition of the "Donor VIP Lounge" and Junior League's own merchant booth with socks, wrapping paper, and cookbooks. We expanded efforts of fund development strategies with the creation of an annual giving program, The Live Oak Society and a donor focused strategy. We had a record year with Fund Development and Donor Relations (even with Truck Fest 2020 cancelled) raising \$153,622.16 (NET). In March 2020, we had an unexpected ending to the 2019-2020 League year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Outreach was restricted, but the JLLC still managed to be creative and support the community. We partnered with DeWanna's Closet and supplied school supplies for the upcoming school year to Brentwood Elementary and College Oaks Elementary. We provided food bags to students at Combre Fondel and JD Clifton during the shutdown. We utilized our Emergency Relief funding to support five nonprofits in the Lake Area: Calcasieu Community Clinic, Salvation Army, ETC, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Family and Youth. We made care packages for residents at Rosewood Nursing Center since they were isolated and not able to have any visitors during the pandemic. With a focus on "Period Poverty", we made toiletry bags for SJ Welsh and FK White Middle schools. We also supported essential hospital workers' children by repainting Glad Tidings Preschool Facility- one of the only facilities to open their doors to essential worker's children during the early days of the pandemic. Our dollars and efforts for the 2019-2020 league year were able to directly impact over 11,000 SWLA residents.

2020-2021

This year was anything but typical due to the unprecedented 5 federally declared disasters in our community which included: a Global Pandemic, Hurricane Laura, Hurricane Delta, Winter Storm Uri and a 1,000 year flood. Our theme this year was "Stronger Women, Stronger Community" and despite everything that came our way, the JLLC still managed to persevere. We assisted disaster victims of SWLA in the following ways: distributed over 13,000 diapers and other baby/hygiene items immediately post-Hurricane Laura, handed out over 400 Halloween costumes and candy, distributed over 500 turkeys and Christmas trees, provided Christmas gifts for over 80 families in need, and participated in the Salvation Army toy drive. Hosted 2 blood drives at HQ. Due to Covid restrictions we were not able to host in-person events such as Fit Kids, Read for the Record, Read to Your Doll etc. Funded and assembled take-home snack sacks for over 160 local elementary students in the Fall and 336 students in the Spring. Participated in the Lake Charles Spring Clean, which aimed to tackle remaining hurricane debris. Provided \$10,000 in scholarships to local, deserving high-school seniors. Promoted and participated in the Hang Your Heart Project. Formed a Diversity and Inclusion task force made up of 8 league leaders. The purpose of the task force is to share experiences/ideas for ensuring and promoting D&I within our league and our community. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic and multiple natural disasters all fund raisers had to be canceled this year. Continued promotion and sales of our cookbooks. Adhering to Covid-19 guidelines, we successfully held the majority of our meetings, including General Meetings, on Zoom. Matt Young, Director of Cultural Affairs for the City of LC, spoke to league leaders about the importance of community service and the future of LC at our modified, in-person Spring leadership retreat. We were finally able to come together as a league and celebrate each other and our accomplishments at an in-person annual May meeting. Awarded 3 President's Awards to recognize members that went above and beyond throughout the year.

2021-2022

The theme of this League year was "Homegrown". We used the year to focus on rebuilding and regrowing our League and community following the aftermath of Hurricanes Laura and Delta. Due to a Covid spike, we livestreamed our September General Meeting from Historic City Hall with Matt Young as our guest speaker focusing on the rebuilding of Lake Charles. We used local speakers at all of our general meetings to focus on our community and/or issues affecting women and families. Kari Hankins (Truth Facts & Lies), Kimberly Griffin & Hillary Green (adoption and foster care), Julie Este-McDonald (women and stress), Nomicia Guillory (developing yourself as a woman), Erika Doshier (personal journey & growth), MaxxPT (physical therapy benefits for women), and Youth for Change (local high school students discussing their organization and how it services LC). Pause for a Cause was created for members to donate items for the local homeless community- socks, dental hygiene items, feminine hygiene items. Created a Provisional of the Year Award to recognize one

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outstanding provisional member at the May Annual Meeting. For the first time in 2 years, we awarded the Outstanding Active and Sustainer of the Year Awards along with 5 Presidential Awards. We hosted multiple summer socials for our members, a fall and spring sustainer social, and 8 Area Meetings during the month of January at local businesses and organizations. We hosted a summer board retreat and a spring leadership retreat with local educator Owen Clanton being the guest speaker at both. This was the first full League year to implement the Community Partnership Donor Packet that was created in 2018-19. Under the structure of our donor packet, we were able to secure a title sponsor for each fundraiser, a title Corporate Champion Circle sponsor, and numerous different level event sponsors and cash donors. We were able to successfully host Mistletoe & Moss, Casino Night, and Touch-A-Truck (renamed from Truck Fest) and all 3 events were huge successes for our League and allowed JLLC to greatly increase our community impact. Funded numerous community projects each falling under one of our community committees. Literacy hosted Read for the Record in 39 local schools and Read for the Record Live at the downtown amphitheater. They bought 10 new American Girl Dolls for our Read to Your Doll program and hosted literacy nights at local Head Start Schools. They passed out 1,600 free books at League and community events. Our Fit Kids program took place at Oak Park Elementary and College Oaks Elementary. The Community Outreach committee packed and donated over 2,000 Snack Sacks to local students in food-insecure households, donated 35 foster care bags for children entering into the foster care system, and donated 250 Angel Tree gifts to TLP and Harbour House youth. JLLC donated \$10,000 to the CASA program (a League legacy project), sponsored This is Home Fest Kids Zone (community event put on by Arts & Humanities Council, a legacy project), donated 50 car seats to Ticket or Click It, awarded \$10,000 in scholarships to graduating senior girls and \$12,500 in grants to local educators, and awarded 2 Della Kraus Theilen Awards at our May Annual Meeting. JLLC was in attendance at the AJLI Annual Conference in May 2022, the first in-person AJLI conference since 2019.