THE AGUELOS Junior League of Waterloo-Cedar Falls



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INFORMATION

Be sure to check your email every Friday for the Weekly Update containing the most up-to-date information including upcoming events, volunteer opportunites, and reminders.

MEETING SCHEDULES

GMM SCHEDULE March 4, 2013 April 1, 2013 May 6, 2013 (Annual Dinner) BOARD SCHEDULE March 25, 2013 April 29th, 2013

OUR MISSION

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



It is hard to believe how quickly this year has progressed. The Junior League of Waterloo-Cedar Falls has been busy seeking new ways to impact our community, training our Members and planning our major fundraisers which both occurred before the end of 2012!

Our 75th Anniversary Charity Ball, Diamonds in December, took place on December 1st at Sunnyside Country Club in Waterloo. Junior League Members and supporters spent the evening dining on fabulous food, dancing to music by the Brazilian 2Wins and the Wicked Andersons, and bidding on exciting live and silent auction items. By evening's end, the Junior League of Waterloo-Cedar Falls raised over \$40,000 to support our mission and community programs! Tremendous thanks to everyone that supported our event, and to Katy Harbaugh, event chairperson, and her wonderful committee for all of their hard work.

On January 12th several Members of our leadership team attended training in Cedar Rapids with the Junior Leagues of Cedar Rapids and the Quad Cities. Attendees had the opportunity to network and share ideas with other League Members. A highlight of the day was professional speaker, Gale Mote. Gale presented different ways to effectively implement change within organizations. Each person came away with different ideas to bring back to their respective Leagues!

There is still much to be accomplished before our Annual Dinner meeting in May. Our Prom's Closet event took place on March 15th and 16th at Crossroads Mall in Waterloo. At Prom's Closet, new and gently used formal dresses were available to high school girls for \$10 each, along with shoes and accessories. Each year we have been a part of this event; there has been a line of girls waiting in excess of one hour before we open our doors to find dresses. Prom's Closet allows all girls to feel beautiful at their prom, regardless of their means, and is a tangible example of just one of the

ways the Junior League of Waterloo-Cedar Falls is improving the lives of women and children in our compounity.

in our community.

We are also currently in the process of determining our new Community Impact focus.

To better educate ourselves, a Community Advisory ad-hoc committee consisting of Junior League members as well as two community representatives, Sheila Baird (Cedar Valley United Way) and Lauren Finke (Volunteer Center of the Cedar Valley) has been established to research and define the real needs in our Community.

At the same time, our Community Impact Council is focused on finding out what issues excite and engage our Members. Combining the information obtained from our Advisory Committee and Member feedback, we will determine three pilot projects to initiate next year. It is an exciting process and a great time to be a Member of the Junior League of Waterloo-Cedar Falls!

Yours in Voluntarism,

Katy Susong 2012-2013 President Junior League of Waterloo-Cedar Falls

Diamonds in December

An evening where Active and Sustaining Members traded their volunteer tools, fundraising skills and boardsmanship knowledge for glitzy gowns and heels.

Over 200 Junior League Active Members, Sustainers and Community **Supporters** gathered Saturday. December 1st at Sunnyside Country Club in Waterloo to celebrate The Junior League of Waterloo-Cedar Falls' 75th (Diamond) Anniversary Charity Ball. "Diamonds in December" featured live musical entertainment by the Brazilian 2wins upon arrival and dancing to the sounds of the Wicked Anderson's. **Event** attendees enjoyed complimentary wine donated by Hollen Family Wines and dinner consisted of either Champagne Chicken or Filet Medallions with delicious special edition 75th anniversary cupcakes provided by Scratch Cupcakery for dessert. Beautiful Silver and White

handmade decorations adorned the ballrooms and were accented by a white Christmas tree decorated by attendees purchasing ornaments to hang.

The committee, headed by Event Chairperson, Katy Harbaugh and Assistant Chairperson, Traci and McCausland, consisting of Active Members: Dodie Young, Julie Gardner, Sam Barrett, Sarah Clark and Diana Diaz, was small but mighty and was able to collect over \$38,000 worth of donated items that were auctioned off in the impressive silent auction as well as the live auction, courtesy of the auctioneering talents of Jodi Sweeney Egeland. Highlights of the Live auction included: original

artwork by Paco Rosic and Gary Kelley as well as a 30 Person Wine Tasting Party, 3 Gourmet Dinners and trips to Keystone, Colorado, Minneapolis and the Sonoma Wine Country in California. In addition, a beautiful Diamond Pendant, donated by Facets by Susong was won by JLWCF supporter, Ben Borgmann. In all, we raised over \$41,500 for our community and had a wonderful time celebrating our anniversary!

Many thanks to our Business and Individual donors and Charity Ball attendees for making this year's event such a success and make sure to mark your calendars now for Charity Ball 2013, happening December 7th! •••



At the February General Membership Meeting Members of the Charity Ball Committee showcased the amazing grand total raised from the Charity Ball. (Pictured from left to right: Katy Harbaugh (Event Chairperson), Dodie Young, Sam Barrett, Traci McCausland (Assistant Chairperson), Julie Gardner, & Diana Diaz - missing from photo Sarah Clark)





Top Photo: A group of beautifully dressed Active Members.

Middle Photo: Members of the Charity Ball Committee busy working at the entrance table. Bottom Photo: A group of stunning Sustainers.



Diamonds in December

















Actives 'HOLIDAY' PARTY

The 'Holiday' Party for Active Members was held on Monday, February 11th from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Montage in Cedar Falls. The Holiday Party was delayed until after the hustle and bustle of the holiday season came to an end. There was a great turnout of Active Members! All enjoyed appetizers and socializing. Below are photos of Active Member's at the event.









Fiesta Fun

Fall New Member Project

The fall New Member class spent an evening with five girls aged 11 to 17 at Quakerdale Cottage on Wednesday, October 24 for a Mexican Fiesta. The Ouakerdale Cottage was chosen because their mission, "Encouraging hope, faith, and growth in the families and communities we serve" closely aligned with the Junior League mission. The Quakerdale Cottage offers a structured environment with services necessary to contribute to resolution of a child's placement outside of the home. Services are designed to assess the child and families social, emotional and family functioning; develop a treatment plan; and provide skill building with the goal to reunite the family. The Cottage also provides transitional living services for older adolescents who need to develop life skills to prepare for self-sufficiency.

The six fall New Members Shaylin Marti, Stacey Simmer, Dana Johnston, Shannon Kazynski, Teri Briggs, and Julie Sapko along with New Member Committee Members Emily Cabbage and Leah Crouse started the evening out by doing a few little ice breakers with the girls to get to know them a little better. Each girl was presented with a gift bag with supplies for a craft, candy, nail polish and a recipe book for the items they made that night.

The girls had a chance to make tissue paper flowers and decorate their rooms. Then it was time to get cooking! They were introduced to guacamole and learned some cooking preparation basics. Then girls rolled up their sleeves to make tacos for dinner. As the evening drew to a close, we had a little Dolce de Leche with cookies and fruit.

The women of Junior League had a chance to sit and talk with many of the girls. The girls at Quakerdale were quiet at first ... but, by the time we had to leave, they were sad to see us go. It was a great experience for everyone involved. •••

Making the Holidays Brighter

Thirteen Active Members—were able to help two struggling families of Lowell Elementary have a brighter holiday season. Each adopted family provided a wish list to the school. Items on the lists included clothing, personal items, household items, and a few toys such as baby dolls, musical toys, and coloring books. Active Members went shopping for these items, wrapped the gifts, and labeled with the family's name and delivered to Lowell Elementary. The items were placed in the gymnasium, which was set up as "Holiday Central". The adopted families then came to the school in the evening to pick up the items, meet the people who donated the items and have the opportunity to personally thank these individuals. •••

Prom's Closet

An event any High School girl won't want to miss!

The Junior League has once again been collecting gently used dresses, shoes and accessories for local high school girls. Dresses are being prepped for display for just \$10 along with formal shoes for \$3 and accessories including purses and jewelry for only \$1. All proceeds from the sale will go directly to the Junior League of Waterloo-Cedar Falls to further support their mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Dresses and other prom related donations were collected until Friday, March 8. Drop off sites for new and gently used formal dresses, shoes and accessories were located in Cedar Falls at ME&V, Heartland Vineyard Church, College Square Hy-Vee, Prestige Dry Cleaning and the University of Northern Iowa-Wesley Foundation. In Waterloo at Crossroads Center-Customer Service Center, Hawkeye Community College-Brock Student Center, Cedar Valley Community Church, Prestige Dry Cleaning. In Waverly, at Wartburg College-Volunteer Action Center.

The sale will take place Friday, March 15, from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, March 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Crossroads Center lower level next to Sears. Only cash will be accepted for payment at the sale.

"Everybody loves a great deal," said current Junior League President Katy Susong. "Prom's Closet gives local ladies an opportunity to purchase all their prom wear at a huge discount and supports a great cause here in the Cedar Valley." •••

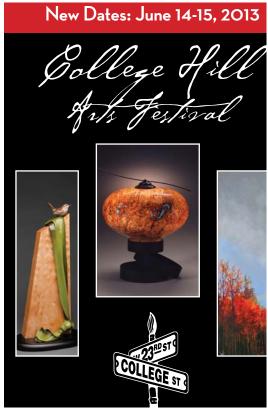


On Sunday, March 10th Active Memers picked up dresses and accessories at the drop off locations and the League Office and delivered them to the Crossroads Center lower level and began to set-up for the event!



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Golden Rose

Honoring an outstanding Sustaining Member who has committed their time and efforts to improving Junior League and the Cedar Valley.

Each year, Junior League honors an outstanding Sustaining Member who has contributed her time and efforts to improving Junior League and the Cedar Valley with the Golden Rose Award. Nominations for this prestigious award can be submitted by New, Active and Sustaining Members. Nomination forms will be accepted until Friday, April 1, 2013. The recipient will be announced at the Junior League Annual Dinner on Monday, May 6, 2013.

Golden Rose Nomination Forms can be found in the Members Only section of our website, www.jlwcf.org, under Documents/Forms & Surveys.

Please return nominations by Monday, April 1 2013, to Sara Moore at P.O. Box 568, Waterloo, IA 50704 If you have any questions, call Sara Moore at 319-230-6535 or e-mail jlwcfmarketing@gmail.com •••

Scholarship Opportunity

High School female seniors who demonstrate the qualities that Junior League values: voluntarism, leadership, & academic achievement

The Junior League of Waterloo-Cedar Falls is offering a scholarship opportunity to current high school female seniors.

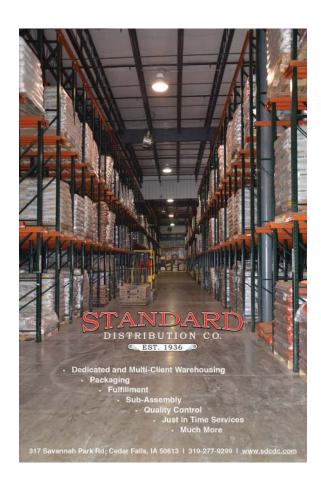
Two \$1000 scholarships will be given to two students who demonstrate the qualities that Junior League values including: voluntarism, leadership, and academic achievement.

An application can be found under quick links on our website, www.jlwcf.org, under scholarship application.

Two letters of recommendation, the application completed by the student and a copy of transcripts and ACT/SAT scores must be sent to the Junior League office and postmarked by April 1, 2013. Please mail two copies of all documents together in one large envelope. The winner will be notified in April and will be recognized at Junior League's Annual Dinner in May.

Please direct any questions to Sara Moore at 319-230-6535 or via email at jlwcfmarketing@gmail.com. •••





Winter Training

An opportunity for Members to network & share ideas with neighboring Junior Leagues

On Saturday January 12th, Members off the Junior League of Waterloo-Cedar Falls leadership team attended Winter Training with the Junior Leagues of Cedar Rapids and the Quad Cities. The event featured professional speaker, Gale Mote, who spoke on positively and effectively impacting change within our organizations. In addition to hearing Gale's presentation, attendees had the opportunity to network and share ideas with League Members in similar leadership roles. Feedback after the event was very positive, and we hope to continue to do combined League trainings in future years. •••



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Shanlee McNally



Being out of the community for ten years and finding a way to re-connect was why Shanlee McNally decided to join Junior League. She also thought it would be a great opportunity to work on her leadership skills.

While an Active Member of Junior League Shanlee was a Cookbook Chair, on the New Member Committee, Charity Ball Chair, President, and a Membership Mentor. Shanlee's favorite things about Junior League were the friendships that she made, as well as being able to spend time with such a dynamic and committed group of women. One of Shanlee's most memorable experiences was a trip to New York, for the Junior League National Convention to sell the "First Impression" cookbook. While at the convention Shanlee was so proud to share a beautiful book with so many people and hear all their favorable comments. She even made Texas Caviar in her hotel room so people could sample a recipe! She also found it very fulfilling to see the cookbook come full circle, with the loan being paid off in her final active year.

Advice that Shanlee offers to current Active Members is that 'you get out of Junior League, what you put into Junior League'. She goes on to explain, the more things you experience and expose yourself to, will lead to a bigger reward and satisfaction. Working with peers in an organization is an awesome opportunity to develop yourself. Junior League is a great group to take a risk with and maybe take a role that is out of your comfort zone.

Shanlee and her husband, Sean, met her senior year in college and they've been together ever since, married for twenty-one years to be exact! They have three children, Jackson is 16, Parker is 13, and Anna is 10. She says that the kids keep them 'hopping'! Shanlee loves college football, reading, and wine. She enjoys cooking, especially for her family and friends. She tries to play golf. And, she adores kitties! Shanlee is also involved with the Waterloo School Board, Friends Board of the Waterloo Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra, YWCA Board of Trustees, Orange Parent Association, and Cedar Valley Unitarian Universalists. •••



Shanlee with her husband, Sean, and three children Jackson, Parker, & Anna

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Holly with her husband, Ryan, and three children Brady, Addison, & Ben

Holly Risetter

Holly heard about Junior League through friends who were Active Members, as well as some that were Sustainers. They all had such good things to say about their involvement in Junior League and highly recommended it. Holly had recently stopped working after the birth of her third child and wanted a way to keep involved and connected with other women and the community.

Holly joined Junior League in fall 2010. This is her second Active year. She has been a Committee Member on Community Impact, Charity Ball, and Fall Fundraiser (Touch a Truck).

What Holly enjoys most about Junior League are the numerous volunteer opportunities that are offered, as well as a chance to spend time and develop new friendships with intelligent, inspiring, supportive women who are trying to make our community a better place to live.

Holly has been married to her husband, Ryan, for eleven years. She's a stay-at-home mom to three children: Brady(7), Addison(5) & Ben(2) as well as two lovable, but needy dogs, Maggie & Milo. Holly enjoys spending as much time as she can with family and friends. She also enjoys kickboxing, golfing, reading, shopping, and volunteering at her children's school.

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