



League Log

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF WATERLOO-CEDAR FALLS

Women building better communities

October 2010

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.

General Membership MEETING

Monday, October 4
Location: Waterloo Schools
ESC Boardroom
1516 Washington St.

6:45 p.m. Networking
7:00 p.m. Meeting

Monday, November 1
Location: Cedar Falls
Tourism and
Visitors Bureau
6510 Hudson Road

6:45 p.m. Networking
7:00 p.m. Meeting

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Ready, Set, Move!

Last month we asked our members and community supporters for information and ideas about space that would accommodate Junior League's needs. Thank you to the many people who contacted us and offered suggestions. We have made a decision, signed a lease and, in October we will be calling The Community Services building, "home".

The Community Services Building was built to house only non-profit organizations and it is a perfect fit for Junior League. The offices are currently being renovated to suit the needs of our League into the future. A wall was taken down to accommodate our conference table; there is new paint everywhere and new carpet. The entire building was given a facelift with new windows, HVAC and other infrastructure updates this past year.

Our neighbors include the Girl Scouts of America, Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Northeast Iowa, American Red Cross, American Red Cross Blood Services and Visiting Nurses Association.



Photos of The Community Services Building and future home of the Junior League office. The new office address will be:
**Community Services Building
2530 University Ave.
Waterloo, IA 50701**

President's Message

2010-2011 Leadership Team

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SUSTAINER REPRESENTATIVE

Robin Loes

It was great to see everyone again at our first General Membership meeting of the year!

Before we got started there were various mini-meetings going on and all of the wheels that need to be rolling are in action. I was able to stick my head in on a few of the meetings and was delighted to find:



Cindy Braatz, President

The Fall Fundraiser gals are well on their way to a successful inaugural event and their corner spot was a very busy place. They have things well under control, but do need each and every one of our assistance to make the Touch-A-Truck event the best that it can be.

Charity Ball committee's creative juices have been flowing. They already made announcements about the Ball coming up in March and they are ensuring that we have a successful fundraising event. Thank goodness I have plenty of time to fit in a French lesson or two before the Ball!

I stopped in to say hello to the New Member class— thrilled to see *so many* new faces. They were already working together and well into planning their class event. Welcome to each and every one of you!

Junior League women know what to do, and how to do it. Even more, they know how to do it right, and do it successfully. The energy that is created when you put this many inventive, intelligent, motivated women together is amazing to watch in action.

I am thankful every day to be a part of it.

Cindy

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Membership

Enabling Grant

The applications for the second 2010-11 Enabling Fund grants are due Oct. 11, 2010. The grants are available to groups for the sole purpose of helping to fill immediate community needs. Applications are available under the Community section of the JLWCF website: www.jlwcf.org. Please contact Laura Lockert at lklock@cfu.net for more information.

Fall Fundraiser—First Annual “Touch-a-Truck” Event



Date: Saturday, Oct. 9

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: River Loop Plaza in Waterloo



Get up close and personal with over 20 vehicles including a police car, dump truck, John Deere tractor, bulldozer, race car and many more! Food vendors, raffle prizes, and a variety of children's entertainment will also be a part of this family-friendly event. There is no additional charge to participate in the children's activities.

Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. Advanced tickets are available by contacting the JLWCF office at (319) 232-8687 or jlwcf@jlwcf.org. Proceeds for this event go towards fulfilling the Junior League mission.

A rain date is scheduled for the following Sunday, October 10 in the same location. Rain cancellation will be made prior to 8am on Saturday.

Contact Mary Watson mwatson@cfu.net or Emily Cabbage cabbee68@hotmail.com for more details.

“Bring a Friend” General Membership Meeting

Date: November 1

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Cedar Falls Tourism and Visitors Bureau on Hudson Road

Meeting will feature a sustainer panel.

Appetizers and drinks will be provided!

Fall 2010 New Member Class



Ashley Schrage

Hobbies: Swimming, walking, photography and food.
Emp: Professional Photographer-Children and Families



Autumn Hurley

Hobbies: Cooking, reading, antique shopping and attending Hawkeye football games.
Emp: McGladrey-Senior Associate Risk Assurance



Danielle Stiegemeier

Hobbies: Reading, SCUBA, hiking and camping.
Emp: Endodontist—Root Canal Specialist



Diana Diaz

Hobbies: Running, photography and swimming.
Emp: Allen Memorial Hospital



Elyssa Shapiro-Thomas

Hobbies: Playing with son, shopping, reading, exercising and community involvement.
Emp: Currently job seeking

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Fall 2010 New Member Class



Holly Risetter

Hobbies: Reading, travel, working out, shopping and playing with my three children.

Emp: Stay at Home Mom



Jill Becker

Hobbies: Family time, being outdoors, being creative/artsy stuff like painting and drawing.

Emp: Struxture Architects



Jill Waddle

Hobbies: Traveling, listening to music and family events.

Emp: VGM



Lori Beckman

Hobbies: Kickboxing through OXF classes, running, shopping, reading and singing in the church choir.

Emp: Century Finance, Inc.—
Finance Manager

Photos unavailable for the following New Members at the time of printing.

Amanda Roth

Hobbies: Exercising, teaching kickboxing and shopping.

Emp: Northeast Iowa Food Bank

Ashley Charmichael

Hobbies: Reading, cooking and baking, running and traveling.

Emp: Edwards & Smith Family Dentistry

Kellie Punelli

Hobbies: Walking, reading and children's sporting events.

Emp: Facets by Susong Part-time and Stay at Home Mom

Jenette Weinberger

Laura Skogman

Leah Crouse

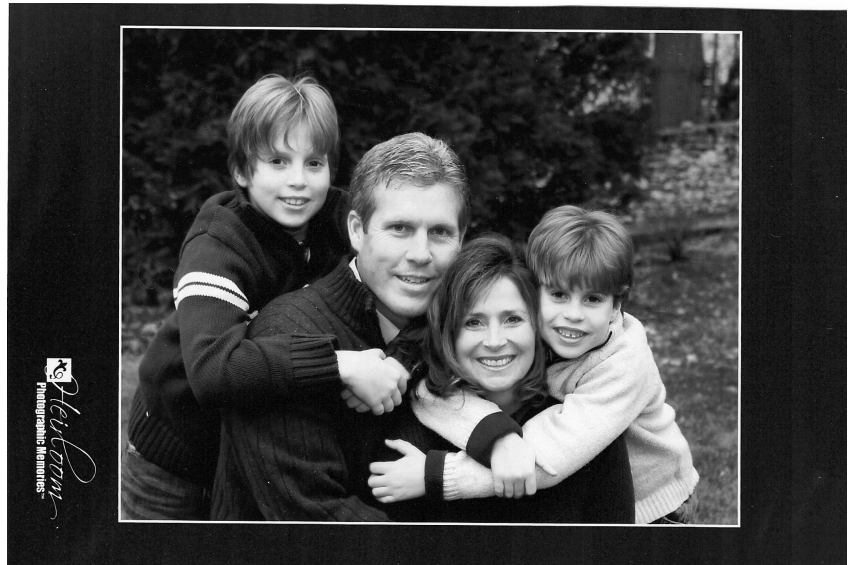
Hobbies: Spending time with family and friends, reading and learning to cook.

Sustainer Spotlight—Meet Julie Ritland

Julie has had MANY positions in league...President, President Elect, VP Community Impact, Chair Recruitment/Provisional, Charity Ball Committee (she did this twice because she thought it was so much fun) and many others. Julie said that all were great learning experiences that she has taken with her to other parts of her life.

Julie couldn't recall the year that she joined League, but she was an Active Member for about eleven years! She went to graduate school and had two kids while she was a member. Julie stated, "this demonstrates that League can fit your life no matter what else is going on."

She decided to join when she was in her twenties. She wanted to meet some people and knew that this would be a good way to get that accomplished. She is originally from Waterloo, but when she returned her high school friends had not. Junior League was a great social outlet as well as a wonderful training/learning experience.



Matt, Eric, Julie and Nick Ritland

Julie said she enjoyed most all of her league involvement. Because League can adapt to what is going on in other parts of your life, she was able to scale back when needed and enjoy what she could get out of it. In retrospect, the years that she was heavily involved proved to be more satisfying. Julie stated, "so it must be true...the more you put in to something, the more you get back!"

She just completed her doctorate in nursing at the University of Iowa in July. She works at Allen College, teaching pediatric nursing. She is also a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and recently started to do some work with the Allen Child Protection Center which serves children who have been abused. She says she has a lovely family...all boys!! Eric is her husband and she reported that he is a very talented architect. Matt (13) is her oldest son (loves sports) and is in seventh grade at Hoover and Nick is an active 9 year old in fourth grade at Kingsley. Julie said that she feels like she chases her children around to their activities, but she loves being a part of their busy lives! Keeping her family on the right path has become her priority and her most important job. As far as hobbies, Julie likes to golf (but she says she stinks at it), she also enjoys traveling and has developed a love for scuba diving. Her family also downhill skis together...she says she is now the slowest in the family...but she is not bothered a bit by that status.

Junior League planted the volunteer seed in her and she has continued to lend her time to several organizations...Waterloo Community Schools (primarily Kingsley), Westminster Church, the Visiting Nurses Association, the Northeast Iowa Foodbank, Habitat for Humanity, Boy Scouts...and there still may be more :-). JL instilled in her a belief of giving back to the community. She feels that her life is blessed in many ways and she has a responsibility to improve the lives of others!

JLWCF Announcements

Happy Birthday!

October Birthdays

Gloria Congdon-10/11



New Arrivals

Congratulations to Mandy Gesme (A) and her husband Jayson on the birth of their son Lars Luther on September 2.

Membership

48 Active Members

1 Non-resident Active Members

0 Leave of Absence

15 New Members

64 Total Members

231 Sustainers

26 Emeritus

257 Total Sustainer Members

Sympathy

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Jackie Malecek (A) on the passing of her grandmother Marilyn Saathoff.

Change of Address

Sarah (A) and Bryan Pauls
2011 Parrish St.
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Fritz Leigh
7573 La Jessica Circle
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Home # 269-365-0845
Cell # 910-690-5497

Know a League Member that has gone "Above and Beyond" for Junior League. Recognize them in the next issue of the League Log. For details, contact Mandy Gesme at amandagesme@yahoo.com.

Correction

The last Log identified Lincoln Park as the recipient of the \$50,000 play area. The park that received the funding was actually Lafayette Park. We regret the error.

Thank You, Dr. Ross Christensen

On behalf of all of the Junior League members, past and present, we would like to thank you, Dr. Ross Christensen, for the generous support you have given to our League. We have had the pleasure to call the lower level of your dental practice our home for many years. As we move on to a new location, we will miss you and look forward to continuing our wonderful relationship.

Have a name, address, phone, or e-mail change? Know of marriages, births, deaths, job or volunteer accomplishments? Contact

Assistant VP of Membership

Christa Mieke

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Have a question, comment, suggestion, or concern regarding League?

If so, the **Director-at-Large** is your connection to the Board.

Michele Jensen

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Need to miss a General Membership Meeting? Don't forget to contact the **Executive Secretary**

Betsy Ratchford

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**Dates To
REMEMBER**

October

**2 New Member Bus Tour
9:00 AM**

October

**7 GMM
Waterloo Schools ESC
7:00pm**

October

**9 Fall Fundraiser
10 AM-4 PM
River Loop Expo Plaza**

October

**25 Board Meeting
Junior League Office**

November

**1 GMM
Cedar Falls Tourism
and Visitors Bureau
7:00pm**

**Please send Log articles
to Mandy Gesme at
amandagesme@yahoo.com**

**Submissions must be
received by the 10th of
the month.**

Meet Laura Lockert



Mick, Laura, Carter and Caitlin Lockert

Laura joined League last fall. After completing the new member project, she was on the family fundraiser ad-hoc committee, which became the first annual Touch-a-Truck fundraiser for this year. This is Laura's first active year and she is currently Assistant VP of Community Impact.

Laura heard about League through a number of people. She initially heard about it through her friend Dodie Young a few years ago. Then again when Deb Young, League President at the time, came and spoke about League at a meeting she was at. Angie Stafsholt then encouraged her to join last year. She joined League to meet new people and become more involved in the community.

Laura stated, "Without a doubt, I enjoy the people I have met and the fact that we as a group do so much good for the community." She looks forward to many more years of League experience.

Originally from Nebraska and a graduate of South Dakota State University, careers took Laura and her husband Mick to Kentucky for 4 ½ years. They moved back to the Midwest almost seven years ago. They live in Cedar Falls. She worked at GMAC Mortgage until her son was born. She and her husband, Mick have two children, Carter (4) and Caitlin (2).



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