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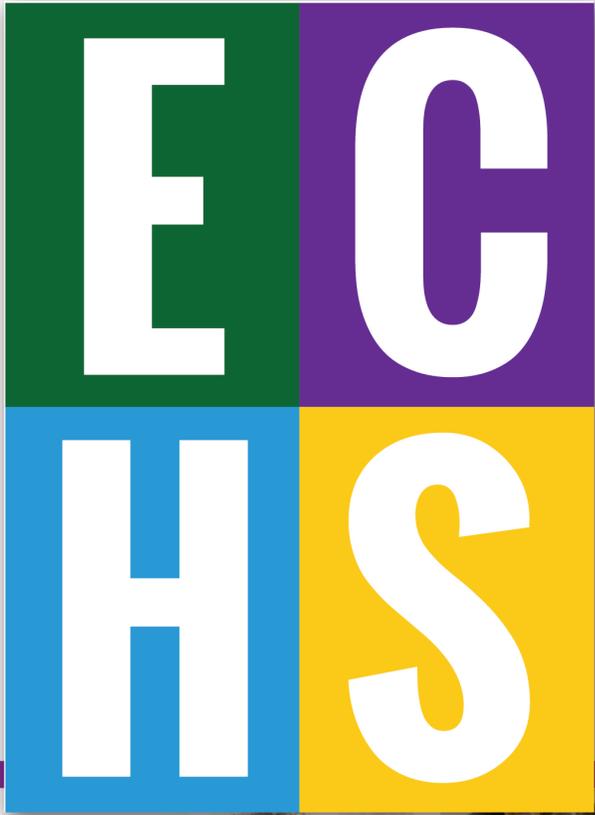
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# LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT EDITOR



Spring brings exciting newness and transition not only in life in general, but also in the Junior League of Midland. What the League most looks forward to most each spring is Shotguns & Stilettos, our three-day fundraising extravaganza. This year's events will be held March 21 through March 23 and include Annual Luncheon, Clay Shoot, and Buckshot Bash. The weekend will have something to appeal to every Midlander. We hope to see you there!

The spring also means the beginning of the end for this League year. Recruitment for next year's provisional class is underway. Current

provisional members are exploring placements to determine what interests them most for their first Active year. Active members are searching out new volunteer interests, some even in leadership roles, through our annual committee placement selection process. Oh, and plans for the Annual Meeting are being announced. Despite this energy about the upcoming year, our members still work hard to succeed in our spring programs and events.

I am proud that our members have not slowed down their service commitments between the fall and the spring. Through Volunteers in Midland, members are continuing to spend hours volunteering at Mission Agape, Jubilee Center, Teen Court, Habitat for Humanity, and Midland Community Theatre's Open House. The League has trained volunteers anxiously awaiting to help other nonprofits at a one-time event or with ongoing program assistance.

This issue looks back at the several successful programs and events we have had over the fall: Face the Race 5k, Suits with Skills at Safe Place of Midland, Reading Olympics at Boys & Girls Club-Half Park, I.M.P.A.C.T., and the 70 Years of Service project at Gifts of Hope. We also highlight a few of our dedicated Actives, Sustainers, and Provisionals. Hopefully, reading about these community programs will encourage you to join us at a Shotguns & Stilettos event or an upcoming new member informational session, so that we can continue to be an "Unstoppable Change" for Midland.

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# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT



s the Executive Vice President, I have the privilege of working alongside eleven very talented women on our Management Team. It is with these women that I am able to oversee and execute the daily operations of our entire League. We work directly with our amazing Leadership Team to make sure their needs are being met, their voices are being heard and they are empowered daily. Our chairmen have already completed several community projects with great success. Even though our League year is more than halfway complete, there is still so much for us to accomplish. We have approved an additional location for our Suits with Skills program at Centers for Children and Families, which will launch in the 2019-2020 League year. Our membership has also just approved a brand-new community placement that will fulfill a huge need, called Pink Pantry. This placement was developed by our talented Project Research and Development Committee.



All of our members have been working hard to execute an amazing second half of our League year. Suits with Skills, Reading Olympics, I.M.P.A.C.T. and Shotguns & Stilettos are some of our projects in full swing. Shotguns & Stilettos is our largest fundraiser and, being that we are celebrating our 70 years of service this year, it is going big! The Shotguns & Stilettos Committee has raised the bar once again to bring our community an amazing experience. Our desire to volunteer, educate, and do more for the community is stronger than ever and we are so excited!

Let's not forget some of our other in-League placements that are also working hard and dedicating countless amounts of hours! Our Project Research and Development Committee has been diligently assessing community needs along with our Advisory Planning Committee which has helped us navigate through some much-needed changes. So many other committees have blessed the League with their time and knowledge, and I could not be prouder of the progress we have made.

As a League of predominantly working women, we have continued to structure our organization to fit many lifestyles. Members can expect to achieve a variety of personal goals like serving the community, obtaining leadership skills, meeting new people, and so much more! The Junior League can foster long-lasting friendships and enrich your life through giving back to those in need. I hope that those reading this will either feel a sense of pride for being a current member or feel compelled to join if you are not a member.

CHRISTINE HAGER  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT  
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# FACE THE RACE

*By Allison Smith & Maxlynn Futch*

Face the Race is a seven-week mentoring program available to young ladies at all four Midland junior highs, which ends with the running (or walking) of the Face the Race 5K. During the program, mentors from the League and community volunteers covered many different topics including nutrition, women's health, different exercise programs, and self-defense. A typical session includes a snack, icebreaker, speaker on the week's topic, and a bit of training for the 5K.

All participants celebrated the end of the program on Monday November 12, 2018 with a party at their respective school. The girls were fed by Johnny's BBQ and created tutus in anticipation of the race. All the participants received gear for finishing the program which included a brand-new pair of running shoes, neon shoe laces, two Face the Race t-shirts, a pair of shorts, a sports bra, and a drawstring backpack.

On Saturday, November 17, 2018, the 11th Annual Face the Race 5k was held at the Junior League of Midland Headquarters. Participants included 84 junior high girls who had completed the program. Joining these young ladies were 54 League members, 23 Face the Race mentors, 4 coordinators, 2 chairmen, and 189 participants from the community.

Race day began with a simple online check-in and a hearty breakfast provided by Chick-fil-A and Gandy's. The participants were led to a glitter station which included several types of glitter, face paint, gloves, and head warmers for them to customize. A photo booth with props took their pictures before they lined up for the race. The DJ played a great warm-up mix and after an invocation led by Kimberly Reeves, the runners were off racing through Windlands Park next to League headquarters.

All junior high participants received a medal for finishing. One lucky young lady from each school was drawn to receive a Cinergy gift card. Top runners received Midland Athletic Company gift cards and medals.

Support of the community was crucial to Face the Race. A special thank you to the amazing sponsors: Stellar Drilling Fluids, LLC, Hedloc Investments, FTS International, Phoenix Technology Services, Nova Mud, Inc., Optima Land Services, LLC., Dan Bertelson Allstate Insurance, David Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc., First Basin Credit Union and David Nicholson of Weitzman Group. Face the Race also wants to give a huge thank you to Midland Yard Greetings

for donating a yard sign for the race, Gandy's for donating several hundred cartons of milk on race day, Johnny's BBQ for providing all our junior high girls with food for their program graduations, and Midland Athletic Company for the girls' new shoes and race coordination.

The League is so proud of all of our Face the Race participants this year! Every girl set goals and accomplished them. Face the Race Co-Chairman Allison Smith stated, "It is so incredibly rewarding for all of us in the Face the Race program to be a part of watching these young girls learn new skills, discover their potential, meet new friends, and develop healthy habits that last much longer than our short time with them!"





## Morghan Roach

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Morghan Roach was born and raised in Midland. She attended Midland College then interned at Walt Disney World through the Disney College Program at The Grand Floridian resort.

Morghan married her high school sweetheart and native Midlander Ross Roach. They will be married eight years in May. Ross and Morghan have two precious children, Pailynn (3) and Payne (7 months).

This is Morghan's 6th Active year in the Junior League of Midland. She is currently a Membership Placement Advisor and on the Nominating Committee. She loves the Junior League and is proud to be a part of the organization.

## Michelle Cash

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Michelle Cash is a Midland native and attended Midland High School. She attended Texas Tech University studying Exercise Sports and Science. Michelle received a Master's degree in Occupational Therapy from Texas Women's University in Dallas. She stated she has the best job in the world working at Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center working with children with special needs.

Michelle started her Junior League adventure in 2017. She has been a committee member for Reading Olympics Half Park and Suits with Skills Safe Place.

During her free time, Michelle enjoys traveling, working out, reading, hanging out with friends and family, going to the lake, and binge-watching TV shows. Michelle and her husband, Wilson Cash, have a spoiled but very sweet miniature Australian Shepherd named Addie. They are expecting a baby boy in May 2019 and could not be more excited.



## Cari Chaplin

Cari Chaplin is originally from Lamesa, moving to Midland nearly 17 years ago. Cari has an undergraduate degree in Accounting from The University of Texas at Austin and an MBA from Texas Tech University. She is a Certified Public Accountant and works for Trey Resources, Inc. as its Chief Financial Officer. Cari has two children: Reid (16) and Patrick (13).

Cari joined the Junior League of Midland in 2003. Her favorite placements during her nine years as an Active were her time as a Placement Advisor and as President. In 2014-2015, she served on the JLM Board as the Sustaining Advisor. Cari also served as the treasurer of JLM's Second Tuesday Club for 6 years. Currently, Cari is on the Board of Directors at Midland Memorial Hospital, volunteers at her church, and with other local non-profits. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, reading, traveling, and watching movies.



## Jaime Alexander



Jaime Alexander is a Sustainer in the Junior League of Midland as well as member of the Second Tuesday Club. During her Active years, she served as the *Tumbleweed* Assistant Editor, *Tumbleweed* Editor, and a placement advisor. As a Sustainer, Jaime has been an operations chair for Second Tuesday Club. Her favorite placement was with the *Tumbleweed* because she felt it gave her great insight into all the League activities. Jaime has served and currently serves on several boards in the community and utilizes her League training on a daily basis.

Jaime and her husband, Roger Alexander, have lived in Midland for nearly twelve years, and when they aren't in the desert, they are enjoying their beach house in Florida. Jaime has two stepchildren (Joni and James), two grandchildren (James and Catherine), and two adorable fur babies named Kai and Ziva. Jaime enjoys traveling with her husband, reading, and exercising at Define.

# MAKING AN IMPACT

By Ashley Farmar and Carla Pearson



Imagine meeting your girlfriends on your lunch hour for a quick meal and catch-up on your life events. What starts as simple chit-chat progresses into more vulnerable and deep conversation as the lunch continues. Relationships often form and grow over a shared meal, whether it is professional, familial, romantic, or platonic. The I.M.P.A.C.T (Inspiring Mindful Progress in Academics and Community Together) program utilizes the rapport established in sharing a meal to build a mentoring relationship with participants.

The I.M.P.A.C.T. program started at Midland Freshman High School in September of 2017 and has doubled in size since then. I.M.P.A.C.T is now at both Midland Freshman and Lee Freshman, the only two exclusively freshman high school campuses in Midland. The program has been connecting members of the Junior League of Midland with freshman female students over good food and conversation. As with any social gathering, the lunch provided to the participants not only motivates them to attend, but meets a physical need. On the first and third Tuesdays of every month from September to April, committee members meet at both campuses with participants. Each lunch period has an average attendance of 10-20 girls with 8-10 committee members present. In the spring, both I.M.P.A.C.T committees are lucky enough to add mentors from the Junior League's provisional class which helps to make the sessions more interactive for the mentees and gives the

Provisionals a chance to learn more about the Junior League's community placements.

A typical meeting starts with the lunch bell. Each school has two lunch periods, and we have committee members who serve girls during each lunch period. The girls rush into the classroom where the Committee meets every week, grab a plate of food, and take a seat to eat family style with their small group. During the first session, mentors are assigned a small group made up of three to five girls who they will consistently sit and meet with in a more personal setting throughout the course of the entire year. The Chairmen have found that meeting with the same group of girls from month to month builds great rapport early on, therefore fostering more meaningful relationships between the mentors and the girls. Each month, the committees focus on a different topic that is meaningful to freshman girls. The topics for this year include conversation etiquette, stress management, appropriate dress, substance abuse, bullying, healthy bodies, and cyber safety. Typically, there is a speaker who leads a group discussion during the first Tuesday of the month and then we continue to talk about the topic of the month amongst small groups during the following session that month.

Whether it is putting on a "What Not to Wear" Fashion Show or sharing vulnerable stories from our own lives, being an I.M.P.A.C.T. mentor has given us all the feelings! The girls

come from all walks of life: some are athletes, some are involved in zero extracurriculars, some come from broken homes, and some simply just need someone who they can confide in who will not judge them. The diversity within the small groups has allowed the mentors and the girls to learn from and relate to each other even though everyone seems so different on the outside.

It is no easy task to feed 60-80 hungry teenagers and the I.M.P.A.C.T. Committee could not provide this need without the help of our community. The Committee is so fortunate for the generosity of several League members as well as local restaurants who have provided food for all four lunch sessions between the two schools. Meals have ranged from sandwiches, to barbecue, to pizza (a favorite of course) but the message to the participants is the same: The League cares about you, wants to hear your story and also help you navigate the difficulties and hardships that ninth grade girls face.

The Junior League has seen and heard firsthand how I.M.P.A.C.T. has made a difference among freshman girls in the Midland community. The Committee has heard directly from the girls themselves about how helpful it is to have someone to talk on issues they feel they cannot talk about with anyone else. Parents have also approached committee members in public to let them know the changes they have seen in their children due to the mentorship of I.M.P.A.C.T. The Junior League is truly making an IMPACT at Midland and Lee Freshman.





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# CELEBRATING HEATHER MARTIN

By Rian Grimes

**I** had the pleasure of getting to know Heather Martin, a recent GEM Award recipient, and I loved hearing about her passion and dedication to the Junior League of Midland.

Heather graduated from Texas Tech University in 2003 with a BS in Multidisciplinary Studies and a minor in Mathematics. She taught eighth grade mathematics at Goddard Junior High until making the decision to stay at home with her children in 2009 and has since added “Devoted Volunteer” to her resume.

*How long have you been in Midland and how long have you been part of the Junior League?*

My family moved to Midland in 1996, the middle of my freshman year of high school. Crazy to think I’ve called Midland home for 23 years! I joined the League as a Provisional in 2012 and this is my sixth year Active as a member.

*Please tell us a little about your family.*

I’ve been married to my high school sweetheart, Lee, for 15 years. I’m very lucky he’s been so supportive of my time in the Junior League. We have two boys that keep us very busy with sports and school activities. Kaden is 11 and in the sixth grade. Kameron is 8 and in the second grade. They’ve grown up participating in events and love helping me support Junior League programs.

*What positions have you held in the Junior League of Midland and which has been your favorite?*

Face the Race Mentor, Face the Race School Coordinator, Face the Race Chairman, Membership Placement Assistant Chairman (now called Membership Vice President-Elect), and Membership Vice President; I’ve loved all my placements and have grown so much as a result of each one, all have enriched my life in one way or another. I’ve especially enjoyed my role as Membership Vice President. It has provided me the opportunity to implement changes I know will benefit the League for years to come. As Membership Vice President, I was able to work on transferring our applications and survey packets to a digital format.

*What is your favorite thing about the Junior League of Midland?*

I love the way the League brings women together. I’ve met many amazing women that I would have never crossed paths with otherwise. I am extremely thankful for the friendships I’ve made and the relationships I’ve developed over the years.



*What do you like about living in Midland?*

I love that Midland is overwhelmingly generous. The Midland community never ceases to amaze me when it comes to the desire to help those in need.

*You were a recent Giving, Empowering Member (GEM) Award recipient. Congratulations! What does that mean to you?*

Receiving the GEM Award was very unexpected. It was never something I had on my radar. I am honored the Board recognized me with the award and humbled to be in the company of other recipients who have worked so hard to support the Junior League of Midland. The ladies on my council are amazing! It’s been through their support, dedication, and readiness to put up with my crazy ideas that ultimately put me in a position to be considered for the award. They are the real GEMs.

*What would you like to accomplish in 2019 in the Junior League?*

I look forward to serving as Executive Vice President-Elect in 2019 and fostering continued positive relations between the Board and Management teams. I hope to continue to implement new ideas and activities that increase our efficiency as League members and enhance the membership experience.

*Tell us of a time when you were proud to be in the League.*

I am always proud of the League and what we stand for, but nothing is more rewarding than observing individuals who have been touched by the Junior League of Midland. Whether it is a smile of accomplishment as a Face the Race participant crosses the finish line or tears in the eyes of a Suits with Skills participant as she buttons up a new blazer, I am mindful of the impact our projects have on the community. It is the look on their faces that make me proud and a major factor in my continued support of this wonderful organization.

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*When asked about Heather, President Myndi Easter said, “She is such a valuable member of the League. She leads with such grace and understanding, as well as being a wonderful teacher to others to encourage their success and growth on their own path within the League. I am so thankful I have been able to know and work closely with her for the last few years. We are blessed to have her leadership in the years to come.”*

*We thank you for your time and service, Heather!*



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# NOVEMBER SECOND TUESDAY CLUB

By Crystale Galindo

The November Second Tuesday Club at Ally Outdoors proved to be the most well-attended of 2018, welcoming more than 60 sustaining members of the Junior League of Midland. Ally Outdoors is a premiere shooting sports retail and gun range that opened its doors in December 2017.

Event chair Michelle Gerald, along with hostesses Cindy Ford, Fran Billingsly, Allison Peeler and Sheree Robb welcomed guests as they arrived to have lunch at Ally Café. Chef Kalie Davis prepared steak, chicken and all the necessary topping for the ladies to create a salad. Attendees also had a choice of a variety of desserts.

Isaac Urias, Range Director at Ally, presided as the guest speaker of the day. Urias talked about gun safety, the National Rifle Association for Women, and shared a video about gun ownership and safety. The video touched on the importance of knowing how to use a firearm, understanding owning a gun is not just recreational, and having the proper training skills to use a firearm. Urias also explained all the amenities Ally Outdoors has to offer including a retail store, archery ranges, gunsmith, shooting ranges, pellet gun ranges, and more.

Face the Race Co-Chair Maxlynn Futch took the time to speak to guests about the Face the Race 5K event and Shotguns and Stiletos Chair Katie McBryde also shared information about the annual Shotguns and Stiletos fundraiser.

Once the lunch and learn wrapped up, all the ladies in attendance were invited to practice shooting CO<sub>2</sub> air guns (similar to BB guns) in a reserved, controlled environment. The lines formed quick to take advantage of the unique opportunity.



# DECEMBER SECOND TUESDAY CLUB

By Shandie Wild



Hostesses L to R: Sarah Lauritzen, Cari Chaplin, Kitty Chalfant, Gretchen Davis, Bettye Jones, Sara St. Clair, Anita Gamertsfelder, Ellen Ramsey

On December 11th, 2018, Ellen Ramsey opened her gorgeous home to Sustainers for a Second Tuesday Club meeting. This meeting was much less formal than usual as the ladies celebrated the holidays with a come-and-go social. Sustainers were able to grab a quick bite, mingle, and discuss their holiday plans.

Ellen's halls were decked for Christmas and her beautiful tree lit up the entryway. Ladies socialized throughout the house while snacking on sandwiches, fresh green salad, pasta salad, and delicious holiday treats.

Hostesses for the event were Beverly Muire, Anne Mouton, Sarah Lauritzen, Cari Chaplin, Kitty Chalfant, Gretchen Davis, Bettye Jones, Sara St. Clair, Anita Gamertsfelder, and Ellen Ramsey.





# Second Tuesday Club

## Upcoming Event

*April 9, 2019*

Dressing Hollywood Stars  
with Steve Porterfield  
of The Cat's Meow

*at JLM Headquarters*

*By Catherine Bassett*

# JANUARY SECOND TUESDAY CLUB

Second Tuesday Club met on January 8th, 2019 at the Junior League of Midland Headquarters. The monthly event was co-chaired by Karmen Bryant, Cheryl Behrmann, Nancy Burnes, AnnaRee Downing, Nancy Hull, Sally Melzer, Debbie Owen, Sandra Staley, Sharon Webb, and Barbara Young. Hostesses were Karmen Bryant and Leah Robertson.

Sustainers in the Club were treated to a lunch catered by Jason's Deli and each table was adorned with lovely centerpieces put together by Sustainer Leah Robertson.

Special guest for the event was Dennis Gilmore, Floral Manager at HEB Blooms as well as President of Permian Basin Bridal Association. He spoke to the attendees about caring for houseplants, gave tips on arranging fresh flowers, as well as discussed new trends and colors in arrangements. A floral ring David had made was given away as a door prize.



Dennis Gilmore sharing floral expertise.

# SUITS WITH SKILLS AT SAFE PLACE

By Kelli Tipton

The Junior League of Midland, Inc. recently concluded its annual fall session of Suits with Skills at Safe Place of Midland. During the 10-evening mentoring program, JLM mentors and the Suit with Skills participants had the opportunity to bond, grow, and learn with each other. The ladies enjoyed dinners together and heard from speakers from the around the community who encouraged and empowered them. Speakers included then-Midland County Judge Mike Bradford who discussed financial planning, JLM President Myndi Easter who introduced our League's mission, Active member Lauren Lawlis who spoke on resume and interviewing skills, and certified yoga teacher Vasudha Prasad who spoke on meditation and stress management. They also learned about self-defense, building and maintaining self-confidence, and dressing for success.

Prior to graduation, JLM mentors took the nine women from this fall's program to Kohl's for a night of shopping. Each participant was provided with confidence-boosting outfits for future interviews and employment opportunities. Special thanks to Kohl's for hosting the shopping and assisting with purchasing of workwear. The program ended with a graduation ceremony at JLM Headquarters on November 12, 2018.

Committee Members were Marron Gebremeskel (Chair), Patricia Donald, Sarah Walker, Kelli Mayo, Amy Hughes, Carena Sears, Rebecca Proctor, Michelle Cash, and Myra McKinley.





# READING OLYMPICS

By Katie Disher, Chairman of Reading Olympics Half Park

## *Fostering Excitement for Reading at Boys & Girls Clubs in Midland*

Do you remember being a young kid and loving the smell of a new book? Does the sound of a book spine cracking open evoke fond memories for you? How about the feeling of excitement you recall as an eight-year old when you were told it was time to go to the library to pick out a new book?

These are feelings that not every young child has about reading, or books in general. Not every kid is excited about reading, for many it's just another aspect of school. Access to a support system and new books creates an experience where reading is fun. This is the goal of Reading Olympics: inspiring children to read.

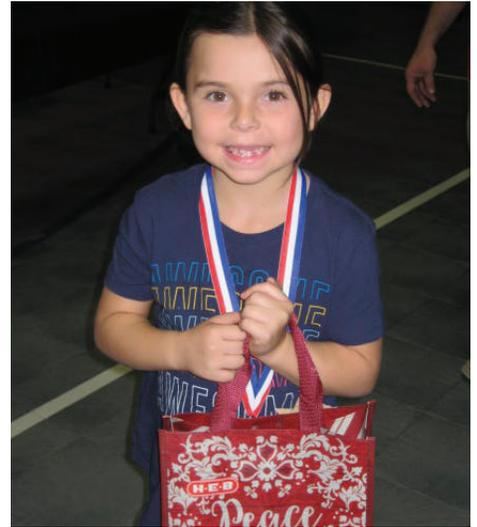
In order to support this, Junior League members embark on a nine-week reading program placement at Boys and Girls Club locations Half Park and Taylor Park. Each week children, kindergarten through sixth grade, are grouped together by grade and then read an age appropriate book, participate in a fun craft project, and have a snack. At the end of each session, every child goes home with the book they read that week. For one hour a week, our League members are also able to be many things for these children. Our members are cheerleaders, sounding boards, and role models for our youth, truly helping the youngest members of our community.

One session, the book of choice was *Fly Guy Presents: Firefighters*. The kids were ecstatic when Midland Fire Department brought a shiny red firetruck for them to explore, bringing the book to real life for them.

For the 2018 fall session, Reading Olympics-Half Park graduated 75 children. The committee was led by chairmen Katie Disher and Assistant Chairman Samantha Voss. Committee members included: Katie Coffman, Stephanie Dunnam, Michelle Harris, Karen Herzog, Brianne Jones, Andra Jones, Sarah Judge, Andrea Reynolds, Taylor Shorb and Gwendolyn Taylor.

The spring placement for Reading Olympics at Taylor Park will begin February 4 and is led by Chairman, Jamie Bacon with Assistant Chairman Sara Dunnam.

“Having participated in the program for three years, once as a committee member, then Assistant Chairman and finally as Chairman, I have such an appreciation for this program and the impact it has on our community’s kiddos. I get teared up thinking about the joy we bring the kids at the Boys and Girls Club,” said Half Park Chairman Katie Disher. Reading Olympics is a program that reflects the vision of the League; hand in hand, we build a better Midland.



By Candace Kaspar-Smith

# LITTLE LEAGUERS



*Miller Ray Smith*

Allison Smith, husband Chad, and big sister Chandler welcomed Miller Ray on August 6, 2018. He weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz and was 21.25 inches long



*Preston Andrew Semer*

Sarah Semer, husband Andrew, and big brother Owen, welcomed Preston Andrew on October 15, 2018. He was 8lbs 9oz 22in.



*Elaena Jo Means*

Tiffany Means, husband Sam, and big brother Rylan, welcomed Elaena Jo on December 28, 2018 She was 8 pounds 11 ounces 19 inches.



*Emily Austin Stephenson*

Katie Stephenson, husband Robert Stephenson, and big brother Robert Allen welcomed daughter Emily Austin on September 11, 2018. She weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20.5 in long.



*Ross Payne Roach*

Morghan Roach, husband Ross Roach, and big sister, Pailynn welcomed Ross Payne June 14, 2018. He was 6 lbs. 11 oz and 20.5 inches long (left).

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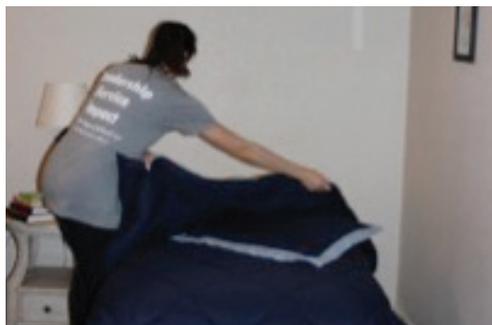
## *Partnership with Gifts of Hope*



Fatima Castillo, Executive Director of Hope House



Thomas Gray and Carol Hambricht previously stayed at Hope House for 2 months in 2018 as Carol underwent cancer treatment.



Bethany Etheredge making a bed with new linens from Target.

As part of the League's year-long celebration of its 70 years of service in Midland, League members have been undertaking monthly service projects with various area nonprofits around the Permian Basin. In January, the League partnered with Gifts of Hope, Inc. Gifts of Hope is a nonprofit organization that was started to meet emotional and physical needs of cancer patients and family members of patients being treated at Allison Center in Midland or the West Texas Cancer Center in Odessa through Texas Oncology.

One of the great things that Gifts of Hope provides is Hope House, an eight-bedroom, eight-bathroom home which includes a self-serve pantry, living room, and library where patients and family members can stay during treatments. Many of the patients live in small communities within the Permian Basin and travel to Midland and Odessa for cancer treatment. This home away from home meets a huge need. The alternative would be a hotel, which can be costly and not nearly as private or accommodating to patients. Hope House is their refuge in an uncertain time.

On Saturday January 19, 2019, the Junior League of Midland worked with Gifts of Hope to update and refurbish the Hope House by providing new bedding, shower curtains, bath mats, and a few other accessories. Volunteers painted a few accent walls and rearranged furniture to help give the space a more updated, warmer feel.

Active member Bethany Etheredge chaired this day of service and had 20 volunteers help with the makeover. This service project was funded in part by a generous donation of home goods and linens from Target. Active members Marina Stanaland and Erin Pabody graciously monogrammed pillow cases for the bedrooms.

This was the League's first service project with Gifts of Hope. Previously, the League donated to the Look Good Feel Good Shop at Allison Cancer Center, now a part of the Texas Oncology network, through the Fund for Community Assistance in the 1990s. Some of the same forerunners that had recognized the need for the Look Good Feel Good Shop started Gifts of Hope a few years later.

Bethany Etheredge stated "It is my hope that the updates we do and the time spent serves as a blessing to all who come through the doors of Hope House!"

## CELEBRATING

# 70

YEARS

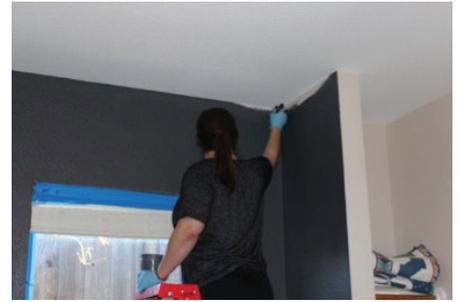




Updated bathroom linens and shower curtain courtesy of Target.



Monogramming was graciously provided by Marina Stanaland and Erin Pabody.



Katie Wright painting an accent wall.



Anna Bernardo helping to organize pictures.



Bethany Etheredge hanging a photo in one of the bedrooms.



Raising of the flag.

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## Team Sunflowers



[Standing, L to R] Ashley Chapman, Michelle Cohrs, Christy Pope, Kimberly Reeves (trainer); [Seated, L to R] Mae Hargrove, Dani Valdez, Amanda Gambel

### Introducing 2018-2019 Provisional Team Tulips

Abby Chapman, Michelle Cohrs, Amanda Gamel, Mae Hargrove, Jojo Milling, Christy Pope, Ellecia Randle, Dani Valdez.

All members of Team Sunflower moved to the great city of Midland for their husband's or family's career advancement and joined JLM to not only meet new people but advance their connection with the community through volunteering.

Kimberly Reeves, their provisional trainer, is excited to see this team flourish in their provisional year and advance into their first active year this Spring.

## Team Roses



[Standing, L to R] Eleanor Harrison, Allie Sclafani, Kathryn Hand, Brittany Mabee, Tina Atkins; [Seated, L to R] Hannah Hadley, Lacey Holloman (trainer), Mandy Gregg

### Introducing 2018-2019 Provisional Team Lillies

Tina Atkins, Mandy Gregg, Hannah Hadley, Eleanor Harrison, Brittany Mabee, and Allie Sclafani.

A mix of true Midlanders and new transplants, Team Rose members joined the League to expand their commitment to the community through volunteerism and connect with like-minded women.

Their Provisional Trainer, Lacey Holloman, is proud of the accomplishments achieved so far by the team and is excited to see these Provisionals develop into successful Active members.

## Team Sunflowers

Kimberly Reeves, Provisional Trainer

### ABBY CHAPMAN



Abby and her husband Jordan Chapman moved to Midland for their careers with their 10-year-old fur baby, Mijo. Abby enjoys traveling, antiques, and interior design while her ideal night out is one spent dancing with her husband.

Profession: Occupational Therapist  
Hometown: Santa Rosa, NM  
Favorite Flower: Hydrangea or Peony  
New Year, Bucket List Goal: Visit every country in Europe.

### JOJO MILLING



Jojo and her husband Kyle Milling moved to Midland for her husband's career and she looks to expand her involvement in the community through JLM. Jojo enjoys reading and baking, but she really enjoys cheering on Auburn football.

Profession: Kindergarten Teacher  
Hometown: Macon, GA  
Favorite Flower: Pink Roses  
New Year, Bucket List Goal: Spend Christmas Day in New York City.

### MICHELLE COHRS



Michelle and her husband Freelynn Cohrs moved to Midland for their careers with their 6-year-old fur baby, Kera. Michelle enjoys outdoor activities with her husband including camping and cycling. Her unique trait is her height and always jokes that she is actually 5'13".

Profession: Production Engineer  
Hometown: Katy, TX  
Favorite Flower: Not into flowers  
New Year, Bucket List Goal: Hike all the 14ers in Colorado

### CHRISTY POPE



Christy and her husband Clay Pope moved to Midland with their two children and one fur baby to advance their family's career. Christy has a passion for photography and enjoys a time spent with her family.

Profession: Insurance Broker  
Hometown: Nederland, TX  
Favorite Flower: Hydrangea  
New Year, Bucket List Goal: Visit all of the National Parks.

### AMANDA GAMEL



Amanda and her husband Rob Gamel have a 6-year-old fur baby named Chaplin and enjoy traveling when they have the opportunity. Amanda has traveled to over 26 countries to date and hopes to continue her adventures abroad with her husband. Amanda and her husband also enjoy going to the movies and dancing in their free time.

Profession: Professional dancer and fitness instructor  
Hometown: Houston, TX  
Favorite Flower: Gardenia  
New Year, Bucket List Goal: See the Himalayas

### ELLECIA RANDLE



Ellecia and her husband Michael Randle moved to Midland for their careers with their 13-year-old fur baby, Daisy Kaye. Ellecia enjoys horseback riding, home improvement projects and traveling with her husband.

Profession: Intensive Care Unit Registered Nurse  
Hometown: Azle, TX  
Favorite Flower: Lilies  
New Year, Bucket List Goal: Attend Oktoberfest in Germany

### MAE HARGROVE



Mae and her fiancé Whit O'Brien moved to Midland with their fur baby, Dooley, for career advancement. Mae and her fiancé enjoy traveling and time spent with family and friends. Mae is an avid runner and hopes to complete a half marathon in the future.

Profession: Kindergarten Teacher  
Hometown: Shreveport, LA  
Favorite Flower: Hydrangea  
New Year, Bucket List Goal: Run a half marathon.

### DANI VALDEZ



Dani and her husband Michael Valdez moved to Midland with their 7-year-old fur baby named Cheyenne. Dani is a self-proclaimed foodie that enjoys finding new unique restaurants with her husband and a night out with family and friends.

Profession: Paralegal  
Hometown: Cedar Park, TX  
Favorite Flower: Peonies  
New Year, Bucket List Goal: European Vacation

## Team Roses

Lacey Holloman, Provisional Trainer

### TINA ATKINS



Tina is a native Midlander who returned to her hometown after 20 years to be closer to her family and friends. Tina has two fur babies and loves remodeling homes, traveling abroad, and reading. Her ideal night out is a potluck dinner and trivia night with close friends.

Profession: Realtor  
Hometown: Midland, TX  
Favorite Flower: Stargazer Lily  
New Year, Bucket List Goal: Find a man with good character and marry him.

### ELEANOR HARRISON



Eleanor and her husband, Cole Harrison, moved to Midland for career advancement and she joined JLM to expand her desire to volunteer and meet new people. Eleanor and her husband enjoy any and all outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, running, and hiking.

Profession: Human Resources  
Hometown: Corpus Christi, TX  
Favorite Flower: Red Rose  
New Year, Bucket List Goal: Travel to Scotland and Ireland

### MANDY GREGG



Mandy, husband Jace Gregg, and their two children are all true Midlanders – born and raised. Mandy joined JLM to expand her involvement in the community she loves and to meet those who also love this town. Fun fact about Mandy is she has two different colored eyes.

Profession: Airbrush Tan Technician  
Hometown: Midland, TX  
Favorite Flower: Lily  
New Year, Bucket List Goal: Travel to Italy

### HANNAH HADLEY



Originally from Midland, Hannah is the epitome of a real West Texas belle as she attended Odessa College on a Rodeo Scholarship. She graduated from OC with an Associate of Science degree in Law Enforcement Forensics. Hannah is furthering her education pursuing an Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Care at Midland College. She enjoys riding horses with her family, spending time with her boyfriend Josh Szot, and her two fur babies, Chief and Ella. Hannah is looking forward to helping her beloved hometown through volunteering with the JLM.

Profession: Student  
Hometown: Midland, TX  
Favorite Flower: Peonies  
New Year, Bucket List Goal: Graduate with honors and celebrate with a trip to Hawaii

### BRITTANY MABEE



Brittany and her husband, Jeff Mabee, both true Midlanders have one daughter and one fur baby. Brittany is excited to meet new people through JLM and share her love of her hometown.

Profession: Retired Dental Hygienist/Full Time Mom  
Hometown: Midland, TX  
Favorite Flower: Dahli  
New Year, Bucket List Goal: Spend quality alone time with her daughter before their newest one arrives



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*Brittany Kelm* married Stephen Everett November 10, 2018, in San Antonio at La Cantera Resort.



*Kalee Lancarte* and Sam Perry, with the blessing of their families, decided to elope on the Amalfi Coast of Italy this past fall.



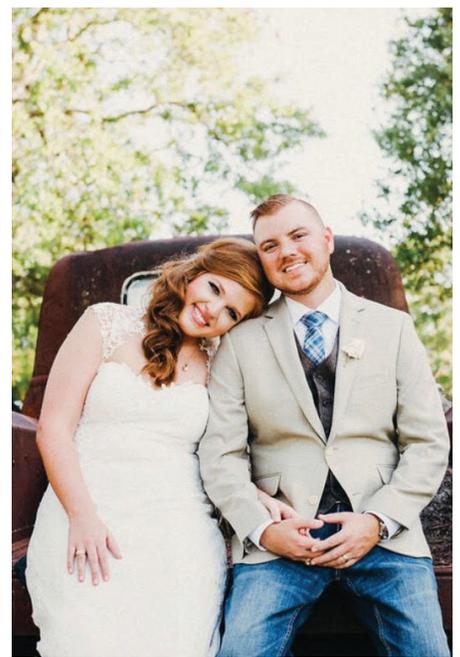
*Laura Quinn* married Shane Sonnenburg September 22, 2018 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland.



*Hayley Stenger* married Hayden Craig on November 17, 2018, at the Belo Mansion in the heart of downtown Dallas.



*Angie Yang* married Austin Underwood on September 8th, 2018, in Austin.

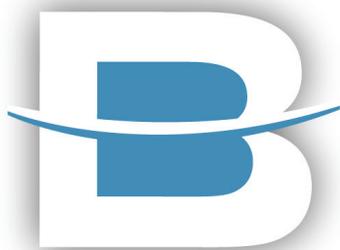


*Dani Yero* married Michael Valdez June 14th, 2018, at Vista West Ranch in Dripping Springs.

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Shotguns & Stilettos  
Annual Luncheon  
*Midland Country Club*

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Shotguns & Stilettos  
Clay Shoot  
*Windwalker Farms*

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Shotguns & Stilettos  
Buckshot Bash  
*Petroleum Club of Midland*

## April

16

General Meeting  
*JLM Headquarters*  
7:00 pm

23

Prospective Member Social  
*JLM Headquarters*  
6:30 pm

25

70 Years of Service Reception  
*Museum of the Southwest*  
4:30 to 6:30 pm

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*Midland Country Club*

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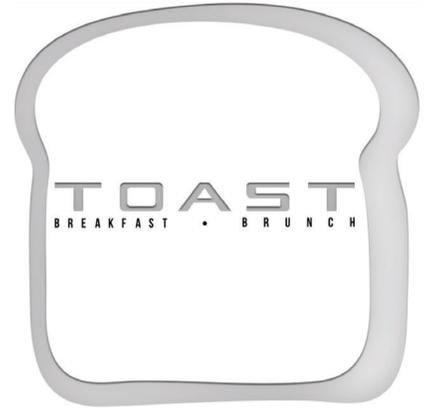
# NEW IN MIDLAND

By Catherine Bassett

Breakfast and brunch are served at **Toast**. Appropriately named serves various toast options ranging through avocado toast, French toast, fruit toast, and many others. There are also breakfast sandwiches on the menu, including classic eggs and sausage, huevos rancheros, and a waffle sandwich. Delicious pastries are also served including cinnamon rolls and homemade pop-tarts. For those looking for a less breakfast-food focused meal, Toast also has burgers, soups, and salads with plenty of options for any taste.

*Open Monday through Friday, 7am to 2pm.*

*Located in the lobby of One Wall Plaza in Midland.*



Base	Flavors		Toppings	
R Regular	Vn Vanilla	Ch Chocolate	Sb Strawberry	B Banana
Sm Soy Milk	DI Dulce de Leche	Cf Coffee	N Nuts	Br Brownies
S Soylent	Hc Hot Chocolate	Bb Banana Bread	Pb Peanut Butter	A Almonds
A Almond	M Mango	Mg Mango	Ck Caramel	Mm M&M's
Sc Soylent	Mt Matcha	Pc Pineapple	Sp Sprinkles	Gm Gummy Bears
	B Banana	Pn Pineapple	C Caramel	Cf Cinnamon
				Sc Soylent
				Cm Cinnamon
				Wc Whipped Cream
				Ns Nuts
				Tj Tiramisu
				Cr Cherries
				Ac Apple Cinnamon

A new ice cream shop that opened in January, **Creamlab N7** uniquely serves ice cream made in front of the customer using liquid nitrogen and fresh ingredients to make custom flavors. For those with a dairy sensitivity or allergies, alternative milk options are available so you are able to indulge as well. Many classic, sweet, and fresh toppings are available to truly customize your ice cream.

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