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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Tumbleweed Rolls Into a New Decade

I am excited and honored to be the Editor of *Tumbleweed* for the 2020-2021 League year! I have a high regard for this position and the responsibility it holds. Over the course of the year, my goal is to provide the League and our community with an insightful and eloquent view into the inner workings of the League through engaging and informative content.

By developing *Tumbleweed* into a strong platform advocating for our League's community initiatives and volunteer work in the community of Midland, I aim to focus on the following initiatives:

- Highlight our mission-based community projects by detailing the impact and depth of our volunteerism.
- Promote membership by showcasing our current Active, Provisional, and Sustaining members through engaging profiles to represent the diversity of the League.

Over the year, I would also like to reflect on our League's history on a national and local level to showcase where we have been, so we can highlight where we are going. While 2020 has been a challenge – we are living history, and in this challenge, I see an opportunity for growth. This sentiment is reflected in Candice Kendrick's thoughtfully selected theme for the year – "Keep Going, Keep Growing."

It is my honor to be a part of the *Tumbleweed* team and share this momentous time with all League members and the community of Midland.

Best,

JAIMEY SLOAN WARREN

TUMBLEWEED EDITOR
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Jaimey Sloan Warren is a 5th year Active who served last year as the Tumbleweed's Assistant Editor. Over the course of her service with the League, Jaimey has been a Provisional Trainer and a Tumbleweed Reporter. Jaimey enjoys volunteering through the League at Mission Agape, an organization that provides meals over the weekend and through the summer for children that may be food insecure.

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ON THE COVER

2020 has proven to be a new chapter in the operations of The Junior League of Midland, Inc. League President, Candice Kendrick, utilizes virtual meeting platforms to stay connected with the Board and Management teams who are guiding League members through the changes, challenges, and growth of the League. No matter the platform, the connections within the League and with the community have proven to be stronger than ever as we navigate the new norms in this pandemic.

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(Shop November 30 – December 6)

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



It's hard to believe summer is over and we are getting ready to start our 2020-2021 League year! I want to thank our amazing Board of Directors and Management Team who hit the ground running June 1, along with our community projects, which have already started planning for the new year.

I stepped into my role as President not knowing what the future holds, how we were going to navigate our placements, or what our members would be able to do. I believe we are in our roles for a reason. The Board of Directors and Management Team are here for a reason. You are in the position you are in for a reason. We are not going to let this pandemic stop us from making a difference. With all this comes change, and our Board of Directors and Management Team have spent countless hours planning and discussing how our League will look for the upcoming year.

Things that will not change are:

- We will continue to be an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism.
- We will continue to provide opportunities for women to develop their skills as civic leaders.
- We will continue to make meaningful differences in our community.

We will continuously strive to meet the needs of our members and community in a purposeful and meaningful way. The Junior League of Midland, Inc. welcomes all women who value our mission. We are committed to an inclusive environment of diverse individuals.

While we continue to face unexpected challenges, pressures, and changes, I know that the League will “Keep Going and Keep Growing,” – our theme for this year. We are diligently working to be flexible and creative as new challenges arise. Those before us left an incredible legacy, and it is critical for our mission to be carried on as it has been for the last seven decades.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank our members for their service and their time. I am humbled and honored to serve you as League President for the 2020-2021 League year.

Yours in Service,

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CANDICE KENDRICK

PRESIDENT

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MIDLAND, INC.



Candice Kendrick is serving as President for the 2020-2021 League year. This is Candice's 11th Active year and she has been instrumental in the success of the League through her direct involvement in both the Nominating Committee and as Membership Placement Advisor. These placements gave Candice an opportunity to get to know other League members better and watch them excel in their roles within their committees and placements. Volunteerism has been a big driver for Candice's long-standing commitment to the League and she feels fortunate for the opportunity to work with the best nonprofits in West Texas through Junior League of Midland.



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2020-2021 BOARD AND MANAGEMENT



Introducing Junior League of Midland 2020-2021 Leaders

"Our goal for this year is to make sure all members know how grateful we are for each and everyone one and their continued effort to serve the community during this time. We have members who are being pushed out of their comfort zones and I could not be prouder of their growth within the League and personally. Every placement position this year has changed, nothing looks the same except for the dedication our members have shown to our community everyday."

- Candice Kendrick, 2020-2021 President

We are looking forward to "Keep Going, Keep Growing" into the new League year!

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2019-2020 Annual Meeting By Brittany Crowley

The Best of the Best: Celebrating the Women who made the Greatest Impact in our League for the 2019-2020 Year

Junior League of Midland held their annual meeting virtually on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. Typically, this is held in person during the end of the League year in May, but with the current COVID-19 challenges, the League met virtually to honor the award winners for the 2019-2020 League year.

Betty Whitmire Summer Award

Awarded to Myndi Easter



The Betty Whitmire Summer Award recognizes exceptional cumulative work during a member's League career. Specifically, the award recognizes a member that embodies the Junior League of Midland's mission statement of developing the potential of women, promoting volunteerism, and improving the Midland community. This year, Myndi Easter was recognized for her outstanding dedication to the League and exemplifying what it means to be a trained leader and volunteer.

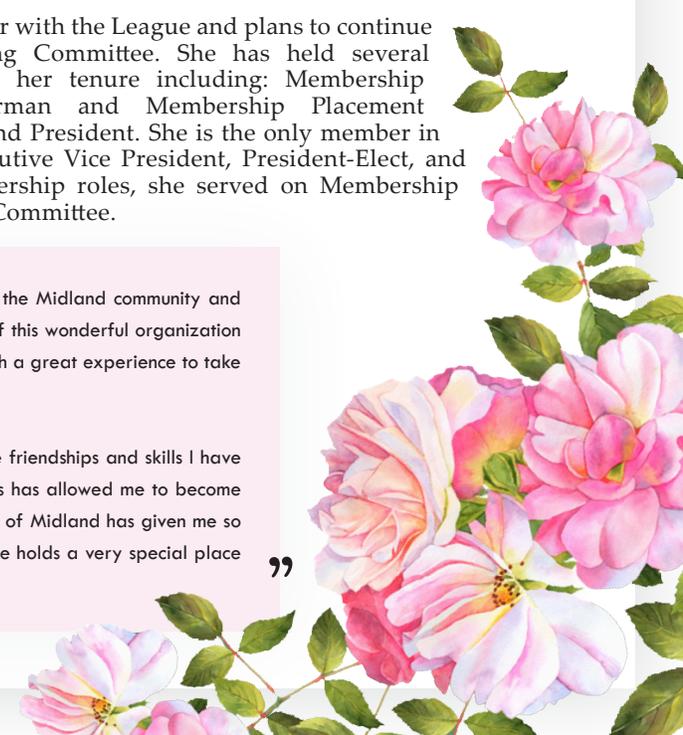
Myndi is a long-standing member of the Junior League, serving in Dallas first, then Austin, before spending the majority of her years in Midland. She has attended many national League conferences, was a big part of the Board and Management split, and served as League President in 2018-2019. She continues to stay active and pour the knowledge she has gained into the League and its members. She truly loves the League and has such a heart for it.

Not only has Myndi served in many ways through the League, she also serves her community on other boards and committees. Meghan Yenzer, her sister, said, "She has inspired me my entire life, and I know she inspires others. She has a true passion for making Midland a better place for all of its residents."

Myndi is in her 11th active year with the League and plans to continue to serve on the Nominating Committee. She has held several leadership positions during her tenure including: Membership Placement Assistant Chairman and Membership Placement Chairman, President-Elect, and President. She is the only member in our League to serve as Executive Vice President, President-Elect, and President. Before those leadership roles, she served on Membership Enrichment and *Tumbleweed* Committee.

“ The Junior League of Midland to me means community in more ways than one. It is serving the Midland community and finding way to make the place we live the best that it can be. It also is about being a part of this wonderful organization of like-minded women who want to come together to grow, develop, and learn. It has been such a great experience to take these skills into all areas of my life.

Receiving this award is such an honor, and I am so thankful for my time in the League and the friendships and skills I have made along the way. I have learned and grown so much over my time as a member, and this has allowed me to become a more effective leader and to take these skills into other areas of my life. The Junior League of Midland has given me so much, and to think that I have made a small impact on its success and the future of the League holds a very special place in my heart.

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Hand in Hand Award

Awarded to Jennifer Steadman

The Hand in Hand Award is presented each year to the League member who has gone above and beyond in her League duties for the current fiscal year. The 2019 – 2020 Hand in Hand recipient, Jennifer Steadman, was honored for doing just that. Initially, Jennifer excelled as the Project Research and Development Chairman before moving mid-year into the Shotguns and Stiletos Assistant Chairman position, when there was a vacancy in the position.

Jennifer's flexibility in each role and always being on top of her duties lead to her nomination for this award. This year, the League voted to change the annual spring fundraiser from Shotguns and Stiletos to the new Farm to Table(aux) event. In its inaugural year, Jennifer will be the chairman of the committee; her impact to the event's success will be immeasurable.

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“This award means a lot to me, because I enjoy getting involved in my community with like-minded women.”

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Sustainer of the Year

Awarded to Betty Rae Sivalls Davis



Betty Rae Davis is a shining example of a woman who carried her volunteerism from the Junior League of Midland outward – out to her neighborhood, her church, into Midland, and parts unknown. She has been married to her fifth grade and high school sweetheart, Paul Davis, for over 61 years. They have two children, Mary Jane (also a Sustainer) and Paul, along with six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Betty Rae was a Provisional and Active in the Junior League in the '60s and '70s. She had many placements, of which she always said that each one was her favorite until the next one came along. She served on the Board of Directors and finished her Active stage as Treasurer, decades before computers!

She was active in Girl Scouts and Meals on Wheels for many years. Betty Rae was instrumental with the inception of Hospice of Midland as well. She sang in the choir, served on the vestry at her church, was the first female Junior Warden, and is currently a team leader of Christ Church's ministry for Eucharist to shut-ins.

Betty Rae is an avid bird watcher. What once started out as a weekend hobby of "birding," quickly grew into a world-traveling experience that has given her many memories, wonderful adventures, and some hilarious stories. Birding led Betty Rae to study wildflowers, butterflies, reptiles, and all of God's creations. She has been a faithful member of the Midland Naturalists for a long time, and her selfless and mostly anonymous contributions to other birding communities around the country have been many.

In her devotion to her community, Betty Rae walked three miles in her neighborhood daily for over 40 years. During that time, she cared for her neighbors and even though arthritis has slowed her down, she still makes time to visit the homebound regularly and considers it one of her highest callings.

Her daughter, Mary Jane Holmes, who nominated her mother for this honor said, "I have seen my mother quietly love her family, friends, and neighbors all my life. Her selfless devotion to this community and others around our state has been an inspiration to many others, especially birders. If I were to ask my mother what skills she possesses to be nominated for this 'Sustainer of the Year' award, she would look at me, laugh at out loud and tell me she does not have any."

Betty Rae Davis is a humble, exceptional person who has made a tremendous difference in many lives.

Awarded to Sara Trevino



Each spring, the Provisional class is tasked with selecting one of its peers to be honored as Provisional of the Year. The individual honored is one who embodies what it is to be a member of the Junior League of Midland, and who has exceeded her duties as a Provisional member. This year, Sara Trevino was recognized by her peers as Provisional of the Year.

Sara went above and beyond her requirements, volunteered extra hours in planning events, and helped keep her provisional group on track for a successful year. She did a fantastic job working with our Public Relations Committee last year and will be in a leadership role with them in the coming year as the League's Communications Chairman; not a small task for a first-year Active.

Her provisional class described her as very friendly and always welcoming. She is a great asset to our League, and we are lucky to have her as a member.

“ Junior League of Midland is so important to me because of the lives that are touched and enriched by our organization. And I don't just mean the hundreds of women, teens, and children we mentor, I am also talking about the Active and Provisional members of the League. Here I've found friendships, motivation, development, opportunities, confidants, and many, many laughs. I thank God for leading me to serve in the League and I hope to be a friend to all members through the years! ”

Members Sustaining

Thank you to the following members for their years of service, as they elect to take a Sustaining Member status:

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| Sarah Brannon | Myra McKinley |
| Amber Burk | Kendall Moore |
| Randi Burseson | Rebecca Patry |
| Chelsea Davis | Kelly Popino |
| Sara Dunnam | Elizabeth Rainey |
| Bethany Etheredge | Caroline Ritchie |
| Michelle Harris | Taryn Snider |
| Amber Hoelscher | Marina Stanaland |
| Rebecca Linehan | Heidi Winkler |
| Jennifer Lopez | |

These women have served at least seven years of Active service to the League and have now elected to transition to a more supporting role in League operations.

5 Years Active Service

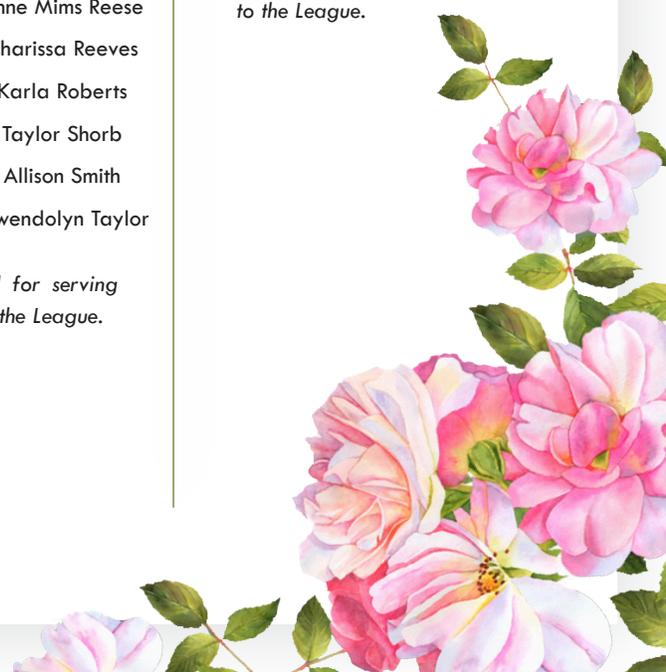
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| Ashley Barnard | Elana Ladd |
| Lauren Bradford | Mandy McCabe |
| Nikki Braun | Natalie Powell |
| Tammy Brewer | Katie Presley |
| Britnee Douglas | Rebecca Proctor |
| Stephanie Dunnam Houston | Anne Mims Reese |
| Ashley Farmar | Charissa Reeves |
| Maxlynn Futch | Karla Roberts |
| Catie Hill | Taylor Shorb |
| Lacey Holloman | Allison Smith |
| Sarah Judge | Gwendolyn Taylor |

These women are recognized for serving five Active years of service to the League.

10 Years Active Service

- Myndi Easter
Candice Kendrick
Jennifer Lopez

These women have graciously served ten Active years of service to the League.



PINK PANTRY

By Mary Susan Hunter

The Pink Pantry Committee is kicking off its second year of providing necessary hygiene products to Midland Independent School District students. At the end of a successful first year, the committee quickly adjusted to changes due to COVID-19 and was able to provide almost 600 individual hygiene bags in April, June, and July to MISD students in need. These bags were available for distribution at MISD's 27 meal distribution sites.

With the 2020-2021 school year starting, the Pink Pantry Committee is excited to add San Jacinto Jr. High and Abell Jr. High to the list of schools they will support once MISD opens schools again for in-person learning. These additional campuses bring the list to eight schools. Until then, the League will continue to provide these supplies to students learning online using the meal distribution sites. Erin Pabody, Pink Pantry Chairman, said, "We are waiting on MISD to announce reopening, but are prepared in the meantime to help supply these hygiene products as needed."

The Warren Charitable Foundation recently granted Pink Pantry with an emergency COVID-19 grant. The grant will "help us to continue to provide a much-needed service by making these supply bags stocked and accessible throughout the year," says Pabody. The committee is grateful for the support and has received positive feedback from recipients.

This fall, the Pink Pantry Committee will set up a supply box at Junior League of Midland headquarters containing feminine and other general hygiene supplies available for those in need. This will be open to the public and will be advertised once this option is available.

If you are interested in partnering with The Junior League of Midland, Inc. to support Pink Pantry including monetary and/or product donations, please visit the Junior League of Midland's website (www.jlmidland.org) or contact the Junior League of Midland's headquarters, at 902 W. Dengar Avenue, Midland, TX 79705. Junior League Active members will have opportunities to earn points this League year by delivering bags to designated drop off spots within Midland. Opportunities will be available through Digital Cheetah as needed.



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Volunteers in Midland Continues to Serve the Community Through These Challenging Times

While the COVID-19 pandemic has temporarily changed how members of Junior League of Midland live their daily lives, it has not changed the League's commitment to serving the community through our Volunteers in Midland community project. This summer, several members volunteered with Kids First at Centers, a program that facilitates bonding and communication between children and their non-custodial parents. Other members volunteered directly with Mission Agape and the Jubilee Center.

Volunteers in Midland and our community partners have faced many challenges facilitating service opportunities due to social distancing requirements and other safety protocols put in place by Governor Abbott and the Midland Independent School District. The committee is diligently working with its partners to schedule opportunities for the remainder of the year and is excited about what is in store.



Current Volunteer Opportunities for JLM Members

JUBILEE CENTER

A client choice food pantry servicing approximately 1300 people per month.

Opportunities are available for shelf-stocking on Fridays and assisting clients with shopping on Saturdays.

KIDS FIRST

A supervised visitation program that provides a safe and conflict-free space for children to build and maintain a bond with their non-custodial parents.

Thursdays 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

MISSION AGAPE

Services include delivering food to area schools for students who do not have access to meals on the weekends.

Thursdays from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm.

TEEN COURT

A youth diversion program where teen juries determine sentences for fellow students charged with minor traffic and criminal infractions.

Monday from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

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Mondays from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

Junior League of Midland members can sign up for volunteer opportunities through Digital Cheetah. Be assured that COVID-19 safety procedures will be reviewed before adding opportunities to the calendar. Safety will remain the priority as we continue to serve the city of Midland through our continued partnerships. If you would like to know more about volunteer opportunities, please contact vim@jlmidland.org.

FACE THE RACE

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MIDLAND



IS GOING DIGITAL!



The Junior League of Midland's Face the Race mentorship program is going digital! This 7-week program is designed to increase self-esteem and confidence in 7th and 8th grade girls. Active participants are provided FREE athletic gear, including tennis shoes. The program culminates in a 5k virtual race. Please contact FTRchair@jlmidland.org for more details!

"It may look a little different this year, but our mission remains the same: Increasing self-esteem in teenage girls by providing an 7-week mentorship program that ends with the final test of completing their goal to finish the race!"

- 2020 Face the Race Leadership

7-WEEK VIRTUAL MENTORING PROGRAM SCHEDULE

September 21
Goal Setting

October 12
Volunteerism

October 26
Online Safety

September 28
Fitness

October 19
College Preparedness

November 2
Female Hygiene

October 5
Nutrition

November 7 & 8
VIRTUAL 5K RACE!

While Face the Race will be 100% virtual this year, we are looking to make this first-ever virtual 5k mentoring program a success!

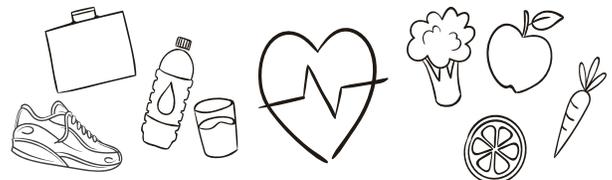
Face the Race is a mentoring program created by Junior League of Midland and held annually in the fall. The program aims to increase self-esteem and confidence in junior high girls (ages 12-14). Mentoring sessions include a speaker from the community on various topics that promote physical, mental, and emotional strength. Each Face the Race online session wraps up with Junior League mentors and participants training for the Face the Race 5k together via a virtual workout.

The participants' seven weeks of training will culminate in a virtual 5K race on November 7-8, 2020! Young ladies who complete the program will receive a new pair of running shoes and athletic gear to be used in the virtual 5K and beyond.

The first Facebook Live session will be on September 21. Students will be assigned groups and rotate their virtual learning days with the following Mondays: September 28, October 5, October 12, October 19, and October 26, with the last session on November 2. All Facebook Live Face the Race sessions will be held at 4:45 pm on these dates via the Junior League of Midland Facebook page.

Due to restrictions limiting on-campus visitors at Midland ISD schools, our ability to recruit participants this year has been challenging. While we have many young ladies returning from last year's program, we encourage any interested students or parents to contact us for more information regarding the program and how to attend by contacting FTRchair@jlmidland.org or through our Facebook page.

Save the date for the 5K Virtual Face the Race on November 7 and 8 – please support this community initiative by participating in the race and purchasing t-shirts to support these young ladies and their hard work!



Adapting to the 'New Normal' and Bizarre School Year

I'll never forget the tales my grandfather would tell me how he walked 10 miles to school every day through the snow and rain, to get an education. My grandfather was a working man and never shied away from a challenge working three plus jobs throughout his life, but the 10 miles was a bit of a stretch. It was his way of expressing the importance of doing whatever it takes to get an education. One day our children will be sharing tales of their school adventures through a pandemic, but what will seem like a stretch will be the raw reality of the pandemic.

Everything looks different in 2020. The economy is no longer 'booming' and families are struggling to make ends meet while also playing the role of mom, dad, brother, sister, husband, wife, teacher and more.

Even in the face of mounting challenges, some in our community have stepped up to become a pillar of strength, and one, in particular, is Centers for Children and Families. This nonprofit has focused on making families strong and healthy through therapy and support since 1957.

Kristi Edwards, Executive Director and therapist at Centers, along with Melanie Saiz, Marketing Director, have been incredibly involved in the community by reaching out to families to let them know they are not alone.

"We've never been more aware of our mental health than we are right now. What we are experiencing now, nobody has a road map for this, so it is really good to embrace the joys that we have," said Saiz.

More than a year ago, the team started a weekly podcast called "Centers Solutions" produced through Midland's Recording Library.

It is a free mini-therapy session addressing all things mental health. Since the pandemic, they have created the COVID-19 EDITION. The podcast includes guests with the first-hand experience on a topic with guided tips from the Centers team—their most recent discussion, the new school year.

"This is the most bizarre first week of school ever!" said Saiz. The lingering concerns and questions about what happens next are at the forefront of parents' minds. Our experts at Centers share that the best way to tackle these obstacles, build resilience, and create a strong bond with your family is to create a game plan.

"Bring your calendars back out and use lists, or a journal to map out a healthy routine with the whole family. Having everyone on the same page and giving your kids some stability and consistency will reduce anxiety," said Edwards.

In these uncharted waters, knowledge is key to staying afloat.

"Know your school's safety plans and communication protocols. For virtual students, create a structured schedule that is similar to school. Most importantly, encourage kids to find time for nature to avoid the feeling of "online overload," said Saiz.

Grounding Exercise for Anxiety

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Staying physically healthy is also just as important as mental health. Edwards encourages families to stay active whether it is taking a walk as a family or throwing water balloons outside, moving is key to getting sleep and rest because it helps you feel that natural tiredness at the end of the day. "Parents make sure everyone stays hydrated and maintains a balanced and healthy diet, including enough fruits and vegetables," said Edwards.

According to a study published by *Frontiers in Psychology*, just 20 minutes of contact with nature will lower stress levels. Edwards encourages families to spend an hour every day outdoors.

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To stay connected with loved ones, embrace technology to reach out to family and friends. "Talking with someone you trust helps create meaningful conversations that can be very therapeutic for everyone," said Saiz.

Through the planned and scheduled meal breaks or family time, it's essential to keep open communication with your children. Saiz said to check in with your children often and ask open-ended questions to see how they feel.

"It's important they know they are in a safe place to express themselves and that you want to listen and understand," said Saiz.

"We want you to equip your kids with an emotional vocabulary. We don't want them to say I'm mad, glad, or sad; we want them to say I'm embarrassed, afraid, or lonely. Help them figure out what they are feeling. So it doesn't have to fall into the category that I'm angry, and I lost control. If they can name what is going on with them, they will be able to develop the skills needed to handle all obstacles in life," Edwards said.

If children are having a hard time expressing themselves, have them draw their feeling to express themselves.

If you are struggling or need some guidance, it is okay to ask for help.

There are online support groups, options through your Employee Assistance Program, and of course, Centers for Children and Families are there for you as well with virtual therapy options for all ages. Centers is even offering free counseling to all health care workers and first-responders battling COVID-19 on the frontlines.

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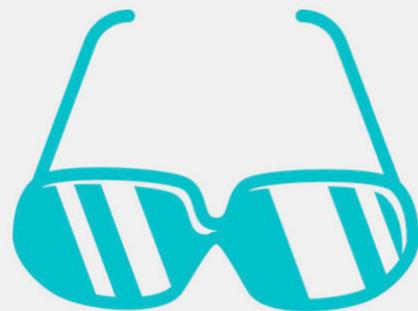
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Dear Second Tuesday Club Members,

I hope that you have enjoyed your summer and remained well since we last saw one another in March. This has been such an unusual year for us all. Due to the continued threat and the rise in COVID-19 cases, we have decided that we should postpone our 2020-21 year until the fall of 2021.

If you are signed up to co-chair or hostess a meeting, we hope that you will put it on your calendar for next year. Many of us, STC members, are at a higher risk than most and since our health and safety are of the utmost concern, we chose to not meet this year. I must say that I am so disappointed to have to wait a year to start up again. If you have paid your dues for this current year, we will hold it over for next year. Therefore, you will not have to pay club dues again for 2021-22.

I look forward to our gatherings every month and can hardly wait to see everyone. Julie Donnelly has graciously agreed to chair our club next year. I am quite sure that she will have fun ideas to welcome everyone back. Tricia Boyd will chair our Program Committee next year, so if you have any ideas for programs please share those with her. We are always interested in your ideas!

Please stay well and if you need anything please contact Jamie Goodgame at JLM headquarters or me directly at kaybaker32@gmail.com.

Best Wishes,

Kay Baker

Kay Baker
Chairman
Second Tuesday Club



Kay Baker's Hummingbird Cake

INGREDIENTS

3 cups of all-purpose flour

2 cups of sugar

1 teaspoon of salt

1 teaspoon of baking soda

1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon

3 large eggs, beaten

1½ cup of vegetable oil

1½ teaspoons of vanilla extract

1 – 8 oz. of can of crushed pineapple
(undrained)

2 cups of chopped bananas

1 cup of chopped pecans

Shortening

Cream cheese frosting

½ cup of chopped pecans

STEP 1

Preheat oven to 350°. Whisk together flour, sugar, salt, baking soda, and ground cinnamon in a large bowl; add eggs and oil, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Stir in vanilla, pineapple, bananas, and 1 cup of chopped toasted pecans. Spoon batter into 3 well-greased (with shortening) and floured 9-inch round cake pans.

STEP 2

Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool cake layers in pans on wire racks 10 minutes; remove from pans to wire racks, and cool completely (about 1 hour).

STEP 3

Place 1 cake layer on a serving platter. Spread 1 cup cream cheese frosting over cake layer. Top with second layer and spread 1 cup of frosting over cake layer. Top with third cake layer and spread top and sides of cake with remaining frosting. Arrange toasted pecan halves in a circular pattern over top of cake!

Impact on Health & Wellness in Midland

The Junior League of Midland, Inc. has a long history of helping the Midland community with their healthcare needs. The League helped install the first Midland Public School nurse on campus during the 1950s and include free eye exams for every child in school. During this same time, the League opened Midland Children's Dental Clinic. The clinic allowed underprivileged children to receive a free dental exam.

Due to demand, the League expanded the Midland Children's Dental Clinic in 1954 to provide dental care to all preschool and school-age children who could not afford to see a private dentist. This clinic was turned over to Casa de Amigos and continued to be funded by the League through 1998. In the same year, the League created a ten-bed isolated Pediatric Ward at Midland Memorial Hospital. The League donated equipment such as an incubator, bronchoscopy operating set, transfusion set, and oxygen tent to Midland Memorial Hospital.

In the 1960s, the League offered placement opportunities at the Cerebral Palsy Center, the Outpatient Department of Midland Memorial Hospital, and the Children's Diagnostic Clinic. The idea behind

these placements was to help the community where the community's needs were not being met.

In 1971, a conference was held by the Health and Welfare committee to help further understand how the League could continue to provide aid as well as what needs were not being met with existing services. Both the Children's Dental Clinic and Children's Diagnostic Clinic projects were refined to meet additional needs within the community. The League also donated additional medical equipment to Midland Memorial Hospital.

The Children's Dental Clinic helped with educating children about good dental hygiene and dental check-ups. The Children's Diagnostic

Clinic was to aid in wellness checks and auditory screenings. Both clinics were funded by Junior League of Midland until the late 1990s.

The League continues to promote health and wellness in the community through our community projects including Face the Race, I.M.P.A.C.T., Pink Pantry, and Suits with Skills by focusing on health and wellbeing of women and girls in Midland.

Projects Promoting Health in the City of Midland

- THE CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLINIC
- THE MIDLAND CHILDREN'S DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC
- THE PERINATAL CLINIC
- THE SARA WOOLDRIDGE CLINIC
- MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DONATIONS TO MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL





PBAF Scholarship Award Winners

The Permian Basin Area Foundation (“PBAF”) has awarded more than \$700,000 in scholarship funds to college students and graduate students for the 2020-2021 school year. PBAF provides funds and manages funding, as well as other resources to nonprofit organizations in our community. The foundation has created stability for charitable organizations to continue their community enrichment programs for over 31 years in West Texas. The foundation annually invites seniors graduating from high school, current undergraduate, and graduate college students to apply for scholarships with PBAF. The scholarships exemplify West Texas’s close-knit community. Jennifer Steadman, Donor and Community Relations Associate for PBAF, describes these scholarships as personal in nature: “The main catalyst for all of our scholarships is that every single one has a special story and donor legacy behind it. More than

half of the scholarships are named after a loved one that has been lost - a lot of times this is a young person. The family perpetuates their student’s memory and legacy by funding the dream of attending college for others. We are honored to continue their legacy and the families’ wishes of giving to others.” These scholarships are both honoring philanthropic families and nonprofits and providing a bright future to university students.

Due to the number of scholarships offered, the application process is online and assists with matching qualified applicants to the scholarships. These scholarships have varying eligibility criteria that cover financial need, merit, geographic area, school of choice, field of study, and employment. Upon completion of the general scholarship application, each applicant will be automatically matched with all the awards they best qualify for. There were 342 scholarship recipients for 87 individual scholarships offered during the 2020-2021 school year.

PBAF provides the community a great way to honor both the legacy of individuals and nonprofits through the gift of education to hard-working students. Grants and scholarships totaling more than \$108 million have been awarded by the foundation since their inception fostering a sense of philanthropic development in recipients.

“I only hope to make such a positive impact on someone’s life in the future like the Permian Basin Area Foundation did for me,” said Mitchell Garza, the recipient of the Permian Honor Scholarship.

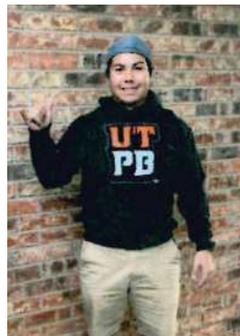
THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MIDLAND, INC. MORROW GEM SCHOLARSHIP



Madison Hartman

Greenwood High School, Class of 2020

The Junior League of Midland, Inc. Morrow GEM Scholarship is included in the PBAF’s scholarships. This year’s recipient was Madison Hartman.



PERMIAN HONOR SCHOLARSHIP

Mitchell Garza

UTPB, Finance

“I only hope to make such a positive impact on someone’s life in the future like Permian Basin Area Foundation did for me.”



JUDGE LUCIUS BUNTON MEMORIAL LAW SCHOLARSHIP

Kelly Combs

University of Texas Law School

“This scholarship has helped to lighten my financial load, and I am very appreciative for your contribution to my future. I feel my future is bright at UT Law because I am surrounded by interesting and diverse professors and students.”

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Thank you to our community for your help in making our Permian Basin Gives Day a success in exceeding our goal of \$10,000!

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Your generosity will help fund our Mission and community initiatives, including Face the Race, I.M.P.A.C.T, Pink Pantry, Reading Olympics, and Suits with Skills.



By Ellecia Randle

MEMBER TRANSFER UPDATE

We welcome our new transfer members to The Junior League of Midland, Inc. We are excited to utilize their talents and skills to promote volunteerism and further our Mission. Welcome to our League!



Ashley Barnard transferred from Junior League of Houston after taking a new career position with XTO/ExxonMobil. Ashley is married with a one-year-old son named Wells and is expecting a second baby who will be joining the family in February 2021.



Amy Stretcher Burkes was born and raised in Midland and is excited to be moving back to the friendly city after spending some time in Minnetonka, Minnesota. She is married to Jonathan and they have two daughters: three-and-a-half year-old Betsy and 19-month-old Lacey. Amy is currently a Republican National Delegate from Minnesota and was the past Texas State Free Throw Champion.



Simone Elices transferred from Junior League of Fort Worth, but has lived in Denver for the last two-and-a-half years while her fiancé attended graduate school. Simone is a huge fan of the *Defined Dish* cookbook and has slowly been working her way through the book, now that her & her fiancé have been eating at home more often. Simone has loved how welcoming the League members have been thus far and is excited to meet more women.



Alexa Farris joined Junior League of Midland in 2016 but transferred to Houston in 2018. Alexa and her husband, Matthew, are the proud parents of two fur babies that they adore. Alexa loves the League members' approachable nature and eagerness to help during this time of transition.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Introducing the 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Members of the team help to plan and develop strategic priorities for the League year. The theme for 2020-2021 is "Keep Going, Keep Growing." We asked each member of the Board what that meant to them, and here is what they said.



Candice Kendrick
President

11th Year Active

"As I look back at these last few months, I had no idea what I was going to have to face as President for the 2020-2021 year. I have to tell myself to keep going and growing because I truly believe in our mission statement of "Keeping Kids in School - Every Stage, Every

Age." I have to keep going and growing because I have two little girls who are looking up to me for direction and watching every move their mom makes. I want them to be able to look back at this time in their lives and say that their mommy was a part of something big in Midland. We will not give up, we will accept and adapt to the changes that have been thrown our way, and we will be stronger for all the hard work in the end."



Tanya Bidwell
Recording Vice President

5th Year Active

"Keep Going, Keep Growing, I am not sure there has ever been a more relevant theme. Whenever I hear the term keep going, I always imagine Dory in Finding Nemo swimming along singing, "just keep swimming, just keep swimming..." I think

so long as one is moving forward, there will be brighter days ahead. 2020, I am looking at you. It's been fun, right? Life does not stop because of a virus; it simply changes and presents unique opportunities. While some of these opportunities present challenges, it is in these challenges that I find I grow the most. It is during the hardest times that finding innovation, learning something new, or even, learning when to stay still for a moment, that I think I experience the most growing. It is not in our comfort zones that we learn or grow, but it is when we feel uncomfortable, challenged, and yes, sometimes even a bit beaten up, that the true growing occurs. This year has presented more challenges than most, whether that has come from learning to have children at home and still working, dealing with a partner 24/7, struggling with the loss of in-person socialization, or any of a hundred other ways life has changed. It is through the times of hardship and uncertainty we all find within ourselves the strength to not only survive, but to thrive."



Anne Mims Reese
President-Elect

6th Year Active

"This year's JLM theme resonates with me because it reminds me to keep pushing myself to be a good volunteer, leader, employee, and wife. I have been extremely fortunate to not be too affected by this pandemic - I want to continue to grow and share my skills and

talents to help improve the Midland community."



Thuy Baumstimler
Finance Vice President

4th Year Active

"As I look back on my years with JLM, I can't help but notice how much I've grown. Not just as a volunteer and civic leader, but as a person. We often forget to stop and celebrate our accomplishments and my biggest triumph is that I didn't give up on my

potential. My best lesson is that it is as important to grow through life as it is to go through life. Love our theme this year!"



Heather Martin
Executive Vice President

8th Year Active

"The individual who chooses to Keep Going, Keep Growing, recognizes that challenges allow for growth. They make the most of what they are given and capitalize on their strengths and talents regardless of the circumstance. We are often placed in situations that make us

uncomfortable. It is important to remember that when we are challenged, and choose to persevere, we will be presented with the opportunity to grow and thrive."



Katie McBryde
Board Member-at-Large

5th Year Active

“Being a servant leader during a pandemic and an economic downturn in your community is something no organization can adequately prepare for. However, the training and education I’ve gained in the Junior League of Midland combined with the

leadership and grace of the women I serve with has kept our organization “going” forward and “growing” in even the toughest of times to better serve our community in new and creative ways. We’ll continue to grow as an organization to better serve Midland!”



Mollye Plagens
Nominating Committee Chairman

8th Year Active

“Keep Growing, Keep Going, to me, means to constantly strive for improvement amidst adverse conditions. We can choose to see a lot of opportunity around us during these times and emerge stronger and more well-rounded on the other side.”



Cari Chaplin
Sustaining Director

7th Year Sustainer

“This year’s theme reminds us that in these uncertain times, we need to be resilient and move forward. Our plans may need to be altered, but our goals and mission can still be achieved.”




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"I want to incorporate Keep Going, Keep Growing, into Team Orchid's training this year by helping the Provisionals learn about the League, while also being flexible during these unprecedented times." - Shelbi Cude, Provisional Trainer

EMMA BOLGER

**HOMETOWN**

Midland, Texas

COLLEGE

Texas Tech University, Bachelor's degree in Retail Management with a minor in Business

OCCUPATION

Land Administrator BTA Oil Producers

FUN FACT

Bolger teaches at Lagree Fitness at Embody.

WAGNER CLARK

**HOMETOWN**

Lafayette, Louisiana

COLLEGE

Louisiana State University, Bachelor's degree in Finance and Master of Business Administration

OCCUPATION

Business Analyst, Dimension Development

FUN FACT

Clark's unique name is her middle name. She shares the same legal name as her mother, Charla Wagner Clark.

INDIA FENDER

**HOMETOWN**

Fort Worth, Texas

COLLEGE

University of Alabama, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Texas Tech University, Juris Doctorate

OCCUPATION

Associate Attorney, Dawson Parrish Springman, PC

FUN FACT

Fender has a twin brother, and she is learning to play golf.

ALI GSCHWIND

**HOMETOWN**

Houston, Texas

COLLEGE

Texas A&M, Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering

OCCUPATION

Occupation Engineer, XTO Energy

FUN FACT

Gschwind is a Potterhead, someone who loves the Harry Potter series.

MICHELLE JENNETT

**HOMETOWN**

Toronto, Canada

COLLEGE

Richard Ivey School of Business, Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

OCCUPATION

Masters of Health Sciences student at the University of Toronto

FUN FACT

Jennette attended elementary and high school for ballet.

STACY LIVINGSTON

**HOMETOWN**

Denver, Colorado

COLLEGE

University of Utah, Bachelor's degree in Marketing & Psychology

OCCUPATION

Founder of Livlen Media, a digital marketing agency

FUN FACT

Livingston ran track in high school and worked in Belgium for 2 years.

MELIDA PEREZ-ERRASQUIN

**HOMETOWN**

Houston, Texas

COLLEGE

University of Tulsa, Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering major and Mathematics and Petroleum Engineering minors

OCCUPATION

Field Engineer, Schlumberger

FUN FACT

Perez-Errasquin volunteered for a car garage that specifically aided women who could not afford a traditional auto repair shop.

JENNI RIVAS

**HOMETOWN**

San Angelo, Texas

COLLEGE

Student of Natural Resource Tourism, Colorado State University

OCCUPATION

Membership Director at Midland Country Club

FUN FACT

Rivas once flew on the same plane as Brad Pitt from Burbank, California to Las Vegas, Nevada. Pitt was with a group of golf friends.

Team Daisy



"This year, we are very excited about our new Provisional class. Even though we began this year with much uncertainty, these women have enthusiastically committed to learning more about the League. Whether we meet virtually or in person, our goal is to Keep Going, Keep Growing to empower this new class of women to better serve our community." - Katherine Kavanagh, Provisional Trainer

KAILEY BROWN

**HOMETOWN**

Krum, Texas

COLLEGE

Midwestern State University, Bachelor of Science degree in Radiologic Technology

OCCUPATION

X-Ray Technologist, Urgent Orthopedic Specialists

FUN FACT

Brown went backstage at a Backstreet Boys concert as a child and got to hold Nick Carter's hand.

MISSY HAESE

**HOMETOWN**

Austin, Texas

COLLEGE

Texas State University, Curriculum and Instruction

OCCUPATION

Sales, Republic Promos

FUN FACT

Haese enjoys travel, needlepoint, and gardening.

NICOLE MORRISON

**HOMETOWN**

Winters, Texas

COLLEGE

Texas Tech University, Bachelor of Science in Biology and Master of Science in Forensic Science

OCCUPATION

Litigation Paralegal/ Personal Assistant

FUN FACT

Morrison loves to explore the great outdoors with her husband and two dogs, Gypsy and Banjo.

ALLISON RHODES

**HOMETOWN**

Houston, Texas

COLLEGE

Louisiana State University, Bachelor of Science in Fashion Management

OCCUPATION

Facilities Consultant, Cintas

FUN FACT

Rhodes is a big New Orleans Saints fan.

KAILEY WALSH

**HOMETOWN**

Albuquerque, New Mexico

COLLEGE

Texas Tech University, Bachelor's in Petroleum Engineering

OCCUPATION

PSM Engineer, EnLink Midstream

FUN FACT

Walsh figure skated competitively through high school.

EMILY EDELMAN

**HOMETOWN**

Katy, Texas

COLLEGE

Texas A&M University, Bachelor of Science in Education and the University of Oklahoma, Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology

OCCUPATION

Mother to her one-year-old son, Hudson

FUN FACT

Edelman was born in Soldotna, Alaska.

KATI KRAUSE

**HOMETOWN**

Stephenville, Texas

COLLEGE

Texas Tech University, Bachelor's degree in Marketing and Master's degree in Personal Financial Planning

OCCUPATION

Associate Financial Advisor, FJY Financial.

FUN FACT

Krause loves to travel to Texas Tech athletic events to support the Red Raiders.

ALEXANDRA PRUDENCIO IRIZARRY

**HOMETOWN**

New York, New York

COLLEGE

Texas A&M/ University of Texas, Bachelor's degree in Radio, TV, and Film

OCCUPATION

Director of Product at Adlucent LLC, a digital advertising agency and a Master of Business

FUN FACT

Irizarry can do a very convincing MAD TV impressions.

BRITTANY SOCHA

**HOMETOWN**

Birmingham, Alabama

COLLEGE

Jacksonville State University, Bachelor's degree in Communications and Birmingham School of Law, Juris Doctorate

OCCUPATION

Landman, Listo Land Management

FUN FACT

Socha and her fiancé honeymooned in Finland where they enjoyed a Christmas Day visit to Santa himself in the Santa Claus Village in Rovaniemi, Finland.

UPCOMING PROVISIONAL MEETING DATES

September 22, October 6, November 10
7:00 PM

Provisionals are members in their initial year of service with the Junior League of Midland.



ACTIVE SPOTLIGHTS ON OUR EDUCATORS

By Ellecia Randle

JORDAN MILLING



KINDERGARTEN TEACHER
2ND YEAR ACTIVE

Jordan Milling, a 2nd-year Active, is currently a kindergarten teacher at Trinity School of Midland. She has truly enjoyed her placement in Reading Olympics because, as each new book is introduced, the child has the opportunity to experience a new world. The joy on each child's face when they receive their book is truly priceless. Being a member of the League has opened many doors for Jordan. Her involvement has provided the opportunity to learn about the Midland community as well as form wonderful relationships with other League members.

What challenges have you as a teacher faced with COVID-19?

"The biggest challenge I've faced as an educator during COVID-19 has been navigating new technology. However, I am confident that as the first few weeks of school progress, we will all find a level of comfort with the "new normal" and make the best of the incredible technology available to us. Trinity has provided several technology sessions to assist teachers and parents during this time of transition, and with each passing day, I find it is getting easier."

What encouraging words do you have to offer parents of virtual learning & also in-class learning?

"Whether a child is in class or virtually learning, they should be given the opportunity to socialize, which is crucial in child development. Students need to have social interaction either from the screen or in-person to learn how to work well with others, communicate effectively, and become contributing citizens of our world."

Do you have suggestions on how to help children adjust to this unusual school year?

"As the teacher or an adult, it is up to you to set a positive example for students. Children are always watching, and they will feed off of your emotions. One suggestion is to listen to what your children or students are saying. They have a right to feel confused or even a little scared. We need to encourage children to express their emotions as well so that we can better support them. A student recently told me that he felt like a superhero in his mask, and that's the attitude I think we should all strive to have! Making life as normal as possible for our children will ensure that they continue to progress educationally and socially at the rate we would expect without COVID-19."

CARLA PEARSON



GUIDANCE COUNSELOR
5TH YEAR ACTIVE

Carla Pearson, a 5th-year Active, is currently a counselor at Greathouse Elementary in the Midland Independent School District. During her time as a Junior League member, Carla helped start I.M.P.A.C.T., a community project that works with high school level girls and educating them on various topics. Carla has also been a Provisional Trainer, a position that helps guide new members through their first year of service with the Junior League of Midland. In her professional and League tenure, Carla has enjoyed developing relationships while growing as a person helping others.

What challenges have you faced as a school counselor during COVID-19?

"The largest challenge is not being able to have face-to-face interactions with my students. I have provided services over Zoom, but I don't feel like the sessions are the same as they would be in real life. Many students don't seem to open up as well over video because the level of confidentiality is completely different. They may have siblings or family members that are in the room with them or in the room next door, which can make it a lot harder to truly open up."

What encouraging words do you have to offer parents of virtual learning and also in-class learning?

"You are doing a great job in such a hard time and to keep it up! Our kids learn from our actions and attitude, so if we are constantly negative about a situation, they will be too. We have to remember to teach our kids to find the good in every situation, even if the situation is not ideal. It's hard sometimes to find the silver lining, but our kids need this from us when things are hard. Kids are more resilient than we give them credit for!"

Do you have any suggestions on how to help children adjust to this unusual school year?

"One of the best ways to help children adjust for such an unusual school year would be to start a routine with them from the beginning of the year. During the school year, families have routines and kids have school routines, they know what to do and what to expect, which eases their minds. No matter what school looks like this year, kids still need structure and routine to help them know what is coming up and to give them a sense of stability during this crazy situation. Every family's routine might look different depending on their home situation, but routine is key in helping our kids!"



Karmen Hendrix Bryant

2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment’s ratification – The Women’s Right to Vote. We should take the opportunity especially during an election year and exercise this right! The right for women to vote has a long history of pioneers, trailblazers, and advocates - both women and men, working to give all the opportunity to have their voice heard. This long journey should be honored by doing our civic duty and VOTING!

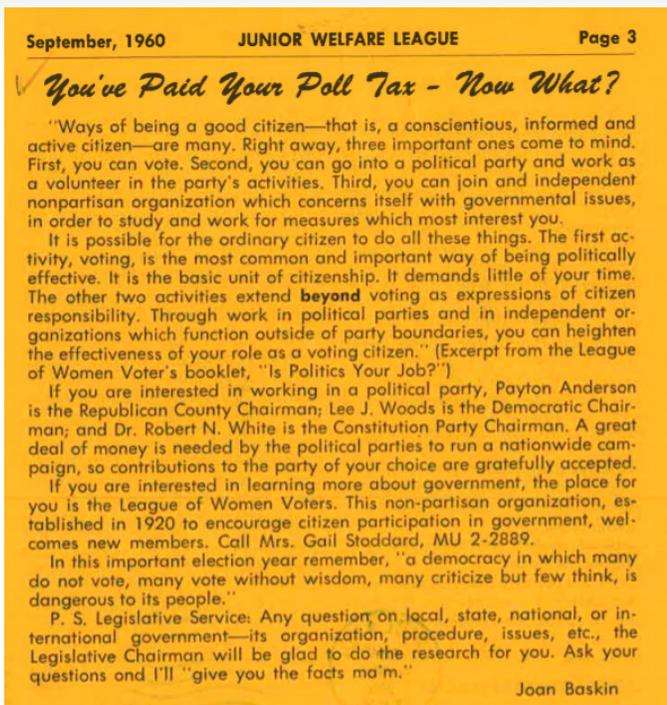
Reflecting on the past and looking towards the future, current President of the League of Women Voters for Midland County, Karmen Hendrix Bryant, also a Junior League of Midland Sustainer, encourages all League members to educate themselves in advance of voting and strives to promote voter turnout in all elections. The League of Women Voters, in which Karmen is acting President, is a nonpartisan organization that neither supports nor opposes candidates or political parties at any level of government. Their mission is to educate voters on vital issues or concerns to members while encouraging all to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

In her current role, Karmen is employing her years of training and preparation as a Junior League of Midland member to develop membership and awareness in her position at the League of Women Voters. As a Junior League member, Karmen states, “The Junior League is a supportive environment for members to explore civic duties through volunteerism, develop their leadership potential, and strengthen their abilities to communicate within the public arena.”

Karmen served in the Junior League of Midland for eleven Active years and was the League’s President from 2009 –2010. Karmen has enjoyed working with Junior League legacy partnerships including non-profits like Centers for Children and Families and the Museum of the Southwest where she previously served as the Executive Director. “These long-standing partnerships have ingrained the Junior League into the fabric of the Midland community. Many of these non-profits were first started by support from the League and we continue to be an advocate and partners for these organizations.”

Karmen will be serving as the President for Centers for Children and Families this year as well as on the Board for the Museum of the Southwest; roles in which she is proud to be a continued advocate for the Junior League. Karmen encourages all members to utilize their experience in the Junior League to expand their community involvement, develop their civic leadership skills, and make your voice heard.

As Sustainer Emeritus Junior League member Joan Baskin’s call to arms article from the Junior Welfare League’s September 1960 issue states - “a democracy in which many do not vote, many vote without wisdom, many criticize but few think, is dangerous to its people.” These words are just as poignant now as they were sixty years ago during this landmark anniversary year of the Women’s Right to Vote. Research, get involved, and VOTE!



VOTER EDUCATION TOOLS

RESEARCH THE CANDIDATES

Midland County Elections Office

Visit the Midland County Elections Office website at www.co.midland.tx.us/328/elections-office.

League of Women Voters

Explore the League of Women’s Voters at www.lwv.org.

VOTE411.org

VOTE411 provides both general and state-specific nonpartisan resources to the voting public, including a nationwide polling place locator, a ballot lookup tool, candidate positions on issues, and more.

MAKE A PLAN

Don't forget – your right to vote is a priority! Create a plan to educate yourself on candidates and key dates to be successful in exercising this right.

Voter Registration Deadline Monday, October 5, 2020

Early Voting Starts Tuesday, October 13, 2020

General Election Tuesday, November 3, 2020

TIMELINE OF THE WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

1848

First Women’s Rights Convention held in Seneca Falls, New York, calling for equal treatment of women and men under the law and voting rights for women.

1866

Formation of the American Equal Rights Association, an organization for white and black women and men dedicated to the goal of universal suffrage. They petition Congress for “universal suffrage.”

1878

Introduction the Woman Suffrage Amendment into Congress.

1913

Formation of the Congressional Union for Women Suffrage focused on lobbying for a federal constitutional amendment to secure the national right to vote for women.

1919

The Woman Suffrage Amendment is reintroduced in Congress.

1920

The 19th Amendment to the Constitution is certified as law, guaranteeing that “the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.”

1965

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is signed into law. This Act prohibits any election practice that denies the right to vote to citizens on the basis of race giving Women of Color the right to vote.

JLM AROUND MIDLAND

By Jaimey Sloan Warren



Theodore and Charlotte, children of Active member Samantha Voss, enjoy a backyard tea party to celebrate the end of summer vacation!



Sustainer Amber Hoelscher and her family Aaron, Raelye, Heston, and Oreo enjoy an afternoon card game quarantine style.



On August 22, Boomtown Boss Midland, owned by Jaslyn Kwayu, hosted a female-owned business fair at Second Story Coworking located at 223 West Wall Street. The event aims to educate and promote female entrepreneurship while encouraging collaboration. Sustainer Myra McKinley of Fathom Realty and Active Crystal Rau of Beyond Balanced Financial participated in the first event of many for this successful endeavor!



Our Annual Kick-Off Social looked a little different with social distancing and masks this year, but the feeling remained the same! Our Drive-by Social was held on Thursday, August 27, and allowed our members to socialize at a safe distance.

Mini-charcuterie boxes were available from Knife & Board, a local charcuterie business owned by Active Member Mandy McCabe.

Socials are held throughout the year to help build a strong community within the organization.





Elizabeth Hopper and Matthew McCormick were married on July 25, 2020, in Fredericksburg, Texas at The Lodge at Country Inn and Cottages. Then on July 29, 2020, Elizabeth and Matthew made their marriage official in the Catholic Church at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland, Texas, at which time Elizabeth was also confirmed and received into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. Both ceremonies were witnessed by family and friends. The McCormicks will continue to live in Midland - a place they both consider home and a wonderful place to raise a family.



Kristin Whittenberg married Martin Board on June 20, 2020, at First United Methodist Church in Midland with a reception that followed at Midland Country Club.



Meredith Kroschel graduated from Texas Tech Health Science Center in May 2020 with a Masters of Science in Nursing. Her degree focused on pediatric nurse practitioner primary care. Meredith hopes to serve the Midland community as a pediatric nurse practitioner.



Lauren Party and her husband, Robert, welcomed their first child, a son named Charles Kane, born on January 29, 2020. Charles Kane Party weighed 8 pounds and measured 20 inches long.



Catie Matthews and her husband, Jason, are thrilled to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Blair Alexandra. Blair arrived fashionably late by nine days on July 17, 2020, weighed in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and measured 20.5 inches long. The Matthews, including big brother Luke, are immensely proud and over-the-moon in love with their blessing.



Carla Pearson and her husband, Clayton, welcomed their twins Colter Craig and Callie Mae, on March 2, 2020. Colter weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and measured 18 3/4 inches long. Callie weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces, and measured 18 3/4 inches long.

What We Have Been Up To

Our Management Members-at-Large, Bri Bertelson and Suzy Prucka, plan to offer a full spectrum of training and socials for members, Sustainers, and Provisionals on a weekly basis for the upcoming 2020-2021 League year. These development training will improve the League's volunteer skills and promote a sense of community and connection within the League while observing precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Additionally, there will be more light-hearted social events under the umbrella of personal development such as a wine tasting seminar with Texas Sun Winery, Fall Cocktail Making with Blue Door, Flower Arranging 101, Media Interview Training, "Who is Our Community that We Serve", and "Getting to Yes" negotiation training.

The first development training webinar was "How to be an Effective Mentor" hosted by Dr. Rebecca Stelter, a Development Psychologist and Research Scientist at iRT. Dr. Stelter taught the class research-based standards and benchmarks for effective youth mentoring programs. The training is expected to benefit our League and the community we serve by highlighting the effects of mentoring development. Prucka highlighted the significance of mentor training: "the key aspect of our League's community impact projects and it is important that our members have a good foundation of the behaviors and attributes of positive, productive mentoring. By offering this training, I hope to provide that foundation to those committees and other interested members so that our programs make a difference to those we serve." This improved understanding of mentoring youths is sure to make an impact on many individuals' lives.

JLM Active, Keri Vaught, a financial advisor with Edward Jones, also held a training on building your investor IQ, an understanding of the basics of investing. Whether you are new to investing or need a refresher, this presentation discussed the

importance of developing a strategy, the impact of asset allocation and the influence of inflation on your long-term goals whether you are new or a seasoned investor. Vaught emphasized her five basic rules of forming a strong foundation in investing to include:

1. Develop a Strategy
2. Stick with Quality
3. Diversify
4. Invest for the Long Term
5. Focus on What You Can Control

A virtual cocktail-making class was hosted by Erica Mann, co-owner of Blue Door. Mann has a history of experimenting and perfecting cocktail recipes.



Erica Mann

When asked how long she has been experimenting, she replied: "The original Blue Door menu was created in my home kitchen in 2012. Prior to opening, owners of the Blue Door traveled to Houston, Seattle, San Francisco, and New Orleans to get ideas." She also recommended the *Tipsy Texan: Spirits and Cocktails from the Lone Star State* by Alan David for cocktail recipes authentic to our Texas roots. The class covered bar techniques such as how to use the muddler, how to measure with a jigger, how to properly strain liquids, and proper cocktail shaking. The first cocktail recipe Mann taught was a Strawberry Gimlet. Along with the recipe, the class learned the proper ratios, different variations, and substitutions for gimlets. The second was a Sandia, which is a refreshing watermelon and vodka concoction.

Both Bertelson and Prucka are working hard to develop engaging training and seminars that will reinforce connections within the League and enhance personal development.



Keri Vaught

Cocktail Recipes

Gimlet

- 2 ounces Gin or Vodka
- 1 ounce Lime Juice
- 1 ounce Simple Syrup

Add ingredients into a shaker.
Shake over Ice.
Strain.
Enjoy!

*add any muddled fruit or herbs that sound good to you!

Remember that you can sub rum and you will have a traditional daiquiri.



Sandia

- 2 ounces of Vodka
- ¾ ounce of St Germain
- 1½ ounces of Melon Water
- ¾ ounce of Lime Juice
- ¼ ounce of Agave Syrup or Simple Syrup

Add ingredients into a shaker.
Shake over Ice.
Strain.
Enjoy!



Future Training & Socials

Will Include:

- BOOK CLUB
- CAREER GUIDANCE
- COCKTAIL MAKING
- FINANCIAL PLANNING
- FLOWER ARRANGING
- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- MENTORING SKILLS
- WINE TASTING
- CRAFT COFFEE BREWING
- GRANT WRITING
- GOLF
- TENNIS

Please check Digital Cheetah for event dates, times, and registration.

AJLI RACIAL EQUITY CHALLENGE



If you are interested in participating in upcoming sessions of the AJLI 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge, please email mmal2@jlmidland.org.

With the Association of Junior League International's strategic priority to promote diversity and inclusion within all Leagues, they have developed a training tool offered to all Active members, the AJLI 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge. This intensive learning experience is done in a small group setting on a national level virtually. The purpose is to engage in discussions about racism and the member's individual role in achieving racial equity in their communities.

This training provides an opportunity to build an organization that commits to and acts on anti-racism and promote diversity. The League has an opportunity in front of us to be a part of change and we encourage our Members to be brave, take risks, get uncomfortable, and to take this actionable step with us today!

By Brittany Crowley



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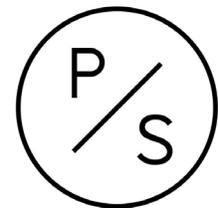


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TO DO IN MIDLAND

DAY DATE

NATURE WALK

Museum Tour at the Turner Art Museum at the Museum of the Southwest

Reserve a private visit to the museum for an hour by visiting www.museumsw.org.

I-20 Wildlife Preserve

The I-20 Wildlife Preserve located at 2201 S. Midland Drive is a 100-acre wild space that provides nature trails and the ability to explore regional wildlife in the natural habitat. Current hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 8am to 8pm.

UNDER THE STARS INTERACTIVE LEARNING

Blakemore Planetarium at the Museum of the Southwest

Open for private household (up to 8 people) dome screenings and interact with Cimarex Science on a Sphere. To learn more and reserve your spot, please visit www.museumsw.org.

Hello everyone!

While it might seem early, it is important to start thinking about your interest in **Board and Management positions for the 2021-2022 League year**. You will be able to start peer-nominating and self-nominating for these positions in October! The following positions will be available:

President-Elect	Membership Vice President-Elect
Executive Vice President-Elect	Public Relations Vice President-Elect
Finance Vice President-Elect	Community Vice President
Recording Vice President	Community Vice President-Elect
Board Member-at-Large	Management Members-at-Large
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Mollye Plagens
Nominating Chairman

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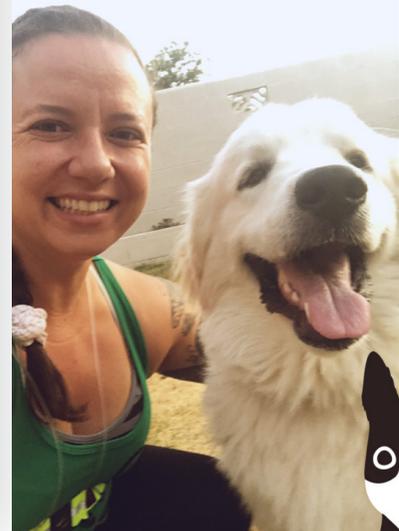
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