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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



September – what an exciting time of year! School has begun, extracurricular activities are back in session, and football season is kicking off. The energy is palpable. September has always felt to me like the ‘start of the new year,’ more so than January. Even though I am no longer in school, there is something about the launch of the school year that feels like a new beginning. I can emerge from the hazy, lazy days of summer refreshed and ready to jump into the busyness of activities, events and holidays. It is a great time to reflect and set an intention for what I would like to do,

how I would like to grow and who I want to be for the year.

The theme for the Junior League of Midland this year is ‘Be an Unstoppable Change.’ It challenges every member to do what she can to make a difference, to create change. In this issue, we profile many inspiring members who have created incredible change within the League and in our community. Casey LeBlanc created change for Shotguns and Stilettos by spearheading the successful adoption of fundraising software. Christine Foreman is creating change for the Midland Independent School District with the ‘MISD Values’ project. Carla Pearson creates change in the lives of high school girls through her leadership of IMPACT. These ladies have created change in big ways, but small changes can be equally meaningful when they work together for the greater good. No contribution is too small, no effort goes unnoticed. What makes the Junior League a powerful force is the commitment each member makes to creating her own change, in her own way.

So, we must all ask ourselves, “How will I ‘Be an Unstoppable Change’ this year?” We can’t wait to find out!

JENNIFER HURD

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Be An Unstoppable Change



Welcome! It is an honor to serve as the 2018-2019 President for the Junior League of Midland. The Junior League of Midland is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism and improving the community. This League year, our organization will celebrate a 70 year legacy of commitment to voluntarism and providing high quality training and education to its membership. The Junior League Legacy starts with a past and builds a foundation for our future. It is a gift instilled in the women of this League and passed down through our projects and service. It is a gift we give the community and give ourselves as we carry out projects and make a difference in the lives of others.

We are proud to have a legacy of women purposed at helping better the lives of Midland families for seven decades through voluntarism and fundraising. From 1949 to 2018, the Junior League of Midland has remained relevant while continuing forward with our vision to “Hand in Hand, build a better Midland.”

For nearly 70 years, the Junior League of Midland has been committed to building a healthier, more educated and safer community for Midland’s children and their families. The 244 Active and Provisional members currently provide more than 16,000 hours of service to the community each year, and the League spends nearly 65% of its annual budget on mission-based spending. Our commitment has helped to establish meaningful relationships with community partners, and our partners understand the value of working with our members. Over the years, certain ‘perceptions’ about the League have developed: We are progressive. We provide training and opportunities. We are trusted, supported, and encouraged to take risks. The Junior League has evolved into one of the oldest, largest, and most effective women’s volunteer organizations in the world, encompassing more than 140,000 women in 291 Leagues in four countries.

Throughout this coming year, as we work to be the best organization and agent for positive change that we can be for our community, we will focus on community needs by investing our time and resources into our five community programs: Face the Race, Reading Olympics, new and expanded IMPACT, Suits with Skills Buckner and Safe Place and Volunteers in Midland.

Fortunately, we have the power to make a difference, to follow our dreams and to be an unstoppable change that others will want to emulate. When the Junior League of Midland recognizes a need in the community, we don’t just sit around and dream, ponder, plan or wish... we show up and follow through with character, integrity, and grace. May we be bold, may we use our power well, and may we all be unstoppable!

My deepest thanks to each of you for allowing me to serve you this year. I will work hard to be responsive and supportive as we work together to be innovative, member-centered, impact-driven and mission focused. I welcome and encourage your feedback and insights, and I respectfully request your support, whether time, talent or treasure. Thank you!

Regards,

MYNDI EASTER

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MIDLAND, INC.
PRESIDENT



BOARD SPOTLIGHTS

By Ashley Swendig

The Junior League of Midland's Board of Directors is comprised of eight incredible women who work tirelessly to make an impact in our League and in the community. We asked them:

What Does it Mean to Be an Unstoppable Change?



Myndi Easter
President

Number of Active Years: 9
Change can come in many forms and should be viewed as a positive force for good in our community. Change the way you view yourself and those around you. Change and help to advance the lives of those we are serving in our community projects. Be an unstoppable force that will bring change for tomorrow.



Marina Stanaland
President-Elect

Number of Active Years: 7
Just like a drop of rain creates a tiny ripple, one person is limited in their capacity to create change. Together, we can combine our talents to create an unstoppable change within our community.



Christine Hager
Executive Vice President

Number of Active Years: 7
The Junior League offers women a chance to get connected while realizing their service and leadership potential. These women grow and become unstoppable and continue to serve throughout the community even after their League career is over. We are making a difference and creating a change.



Anne Mouton
Sustaining Director

Number of Active Years: 12
Number of Sustaining Years: 6
Being an unstoppable change means you have the mindset to want to change the world! You encourage those around you, you move things forward, and you do it with lots of energy, effort, attitude, and elegance. You inspire others around you and you help to drive the Junior League to be the best it can be. You're not afraid of change, you welcome it!



Abby Magness
Recording Vice President

Number of Active Years: 4
Being an unstoppable change means that despite any adversities or hurdles that may cross my path, I will always continue to fight to leave a footprint and help enhance in any capacity I am able. Creating a true change doesn't happen overnight or suddenly but takes many consistent decisions and actions to create that change. Being apart of JLM does just that in our community and I love it!



Taryn Snider
Finance Vice President

Number of Active Years: 6
To me, being an unstoppable change means giving more than you expect in return and always leaving a situation better than how you found it. Apply those principals and you can't go wrong.



Ashley Warne
Board Member-at-Large

Number of Active Years: 7
Being an unstoppable change to me means never settling for what is easy or for what has been done before. It's about forging a new path and working for a better solution to whatever you're doing, be it big or small.



Elisabeth Christensen
Nominating Committee Chairman

Number of Active Years: 5
I believe being an unstoppable change means working tirelessly to create a positive impact because it's the right thing to do despite any pushback, inconveniences or obstacles that will most certainly arise.

2018-2019 BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

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Candice Kendrick



Candice was born in Lubbock and raised in Lake Jackson TX. She attended Texas A&M University and graduated in 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communications and minor in Coaching. She received her Masters in Special Education from the University of Texas Permian Basin and is an Educational Diagnostician for MISD.

Candice met her husband, Midland native Jason Kendrick, at A&M, and they married after graduation. Candice and Jason moved to Midland in 2006, where Candice began her

career at MISD as a Special Education teacher. Jason and Candice have two beautiful girls, Micah Joy (7) and Melodee Brooks (4), that keep them busy and on their toes.

Candice is in her ninth Active year, and her recent placements include Nominating Committee Chairman and Volunteers in Midland Chairman. She is now a Membership Advisor. Candice enjoys a good glass of wine, traveling, volunteering, and making Midland her home.

Samantha Voss

Raised in both Lubbock and Dallas, Samantha Voss is a graduate of Texas Tech University. She moved to Midland six years ago after marrying Matthew Voss. Samantha and Matthew have two children: Charlotte (5) and Theodore (2). Samantha currently works as the Program and Outreach Manager for the Museum of the Southwest, where she designs educational programming that helps children and adults explore their potential as artists and makers.

This is Samantha's first active year in the Junior League of Midland, and she looks forward to serving her placement as Reading Olympics Half Park Assistant Chairman.

Samantha says of her experience in the Junior League, "The Junior League of Midland not only empowers the women that participate in the organization, it also makes a tremendous impact on the individuals that are served through its various placements and programs. The League's work aims to foster a vibrant and compassionate community within Midland, and it's an incredible honor to get to play a small role in that."



DeLayne Brown Wellen

DeLayne Brown Wellen was born in Fort Dix, New Jersey into a military family. Her family moved often, and DeLayne attended four different high schools before graduating from Fairfax High School in northern Virginia. Her Mom and Dad were from Lubbock and they would often visit family in Lubbock during the summer months when the weather was beautiful. DeLayne fell in love with Texas Tech during those visits and was so surprised that the wind blew and blew after she moved to Lubbock to attend Tech. After graduation, she married fellow Tech graduate, architect Mark Wellen. DeLayne worked part-time for TB O'Brien for 30 years. DeLayne and Mark reared their children in Midland. They have three daughters: Erin Kidwell, who lives in Dallas with her husband Zach and their son Jack; Blair Porter, who lives in Austin with her husband John and their sons, Thom and Sam; and Emma Wellen, who lives in Denver.



DeLayne's favorite things about Junior League were finding life-long friends, timed agendas and organized notebooks. These days, DeLayne can be found traveling to Virginia to check up on her parents and traveling to Dallas and Austin to spend time with her grandsons.

D'Ann Norwood



D'Ann Norwood grew up in Houston and graduated from Texas Tech University. D'Ann married her husband, John, once she graduated. She and John have 3 sons: William, who will graduate from Texas A&M this December, Andrew, who is a junior at the University of Oklahoma, and Philip, who will attend Aspen High School in the fall. Philip is an avid mountain biker and will race for a local team in Aspen. Philip plans to race in Texas in the spring and graduate from Trinity High School in May.

D'Ann is looking forward to extending her time in Colorado this fall. She enjoys running, playing tennis and hiking.

D'Ann is thankful for the friendships that she made in the Junior League.

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AS OF MAY 2018



Actives 203
Provisionals 47
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FACE THE RACE



Number of
Race Participants

98

Number of
Junior High
Girl Participants

MISSION FOCUS



In 2017-2018, the Junior League of Midland dedicated 70% of its budget to mission-based spending

READING OLYMPICS

83

Number of Child
Participants



Number of Books
Given to Children

 **16,224**

Total Number of Hours
Volunteered by Members
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Number of
Freshman Girl
Participants

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CELEBRATING CARLA PEARSON

By Rian Grimes



Carla Pearson has been a Midland resident for six years. After graduating from New Mexico State University with a degree in Psychology, she married her high school sweetheart, Clayton, in 2011. Carla and Clayton moved to Midland for Clayton's job six years ago, and Carla has since taught within MISD at Burnet Elementary and Santa Rita Elementary. She is currently working towards a dual masters to be a school counselor and a licensed professional counselor (LPC) at the University of Texas Permian Basin.

Carla has dedicated her time to the Junior League of Midland in several ways. As a Provisional, Carla served the Kids First program before becoming the Assistant Chair of IMPACT at Midland Freshman as an Active. This year, she will lead as Chairman of IMPACT at Lee Freshman High School. Carla says that her favorite part of IMPACT is seeing the girls' growth throughout the year and watching them gain more confidence.

Carla has already been recognized multiple times for her service

and dedication. Last year, Carla was awarded the GEM (Giving, Empowering Member) Award, which is given to a League member who has gone above and beyond in her work within the League. Carla was also chosen to attend a five-month training in Midland by the Nonprofit Management Center called "Generations – Past, Present and Future" that trained her to be a successful board member for non-profits in the community. "I was able to gain a vast amount of knowledge during the training and I feel fully prepared to be an active board member and to better serve the community," Carla said.

When asked what she likes best about Midland, Carla said "the people are hands down the best part of Midland. I have met so many amazing friends, colleagues and volunteers that have really helped make Midland home for me and my husband."

She enjoys being a part of the Junior League because of the like-minded women serving the community. Thank you, Carla for all you do for Midland and the Junior League. We are lucky to have you.

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CONVERSATION WITH MYNDI EASTER

Myndi Easter is the President of the Junior League for 2018-2019. We sat down to talk with her about her path in the League.

Why did you join the League?

I originally joined the Junior League of Dallas to network in the community and to meet new people. When I moved home to Midland, I was excited to transfer into this League to meet people and be active in the community where I grew up.

What does the League and being a member of the League mean to you?

It means serving others and the community where I live. It is a time to meet new people and encourage others to use their talents and time to help improve the community through our projects and placements. I love the chance to give back and make Midland the best it can be.

What has been your favorite and most meaningful experience with the League?

My experiences working directly with our members in Membership Placement and then serving on the Board of Directors have been my favorite. I have loved the experience of leading and helping others find the best place for them to serve as well. I love encouraging others to try new things and to find their own way to serve the community. It has been so rewarding for me to help move the League forward through changes in structure and to watch people grow in their roles!

How have your experiences in the League changed since you first joined?

I have learned a lot about the League and its place in the community but also a lot about myself. I have received training and experience in nonprofit operational areas outside my professional life. I am very proud of what the League offers to its members in the form of trainings and the chance to grow in leadership skills that can be used in other areas of your life. Each placement has taught me something new and also gives me the chance to encourage and help others to grow and learn as well.

What are your hopes for the League this year?

I am excited to celebrate JLM's 70th year of service in the community and to engage the community and our past, present, and future members in the celebration. I am working hard to lead this year with commitment and passion for serving Midland and all of the organizations and people with whom we will come into contact. I look forward to great things from each of our committees and to watching our members grow and learn in their experiences.





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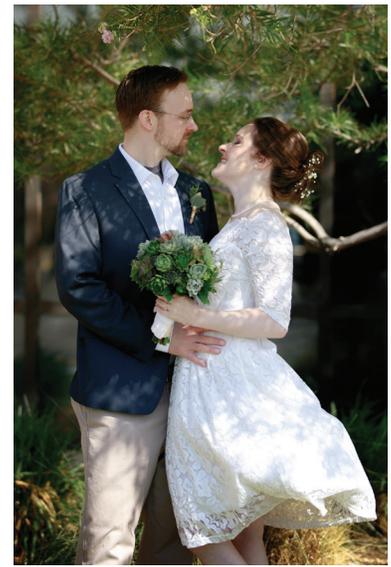




Jennie Martin married Rob Roy McDonald on June 23, 2018 in Horseshoe Bay, Texas.



Andra Lancaster married Kyle Jones on February 10, 2018 in Lajitas, Texas.



Katy Taylor married John Hoyng in a private ceremony this summer in Midland, Texas.

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WELCOME PROVISIONALS

Welcome to the 2018-2019 Provisional Class!

Bianca Acosta	Mandy Gregg	Stefanie Masters	Kelly Schoolcraft
Tina Atkins	Kristin Groner	Rachel McDown	Allie Sclafani
Anna Bernardo	Stacy Grosse	Micah McGhee	Audrey Sirgo
Allie Bullock	Hannah Hadley	Tiffany Means	Elizabeth Sitka
Lyndsey Campbell	Kathryn Hand	Courtney Midkiff	Lauren Sonka
Abby Chapman	Mae Hargrove	Ina Miller	Meghan Spivak
Michelle Cohrs	Eleanore Harrison	JoJo Milling	Blair Sullivan
Mary "Elizabeth" Courtney	Lindsey Harvey	Ashley Morales	Allie Tindol
Brittany Crowley	Maggie Hegenbart	Tara Nagel	Abbey Travelstead
Adrian Cusimano	Mandy Hill	Phoenix O'Connor	Hilary Tuel
Jessica Deardorf	Angela Hunt	Lauren Party	Danielle "Dani" Valdez
Marissa Diaz	Mary Susan Hunter	Carlye Pittinger	Sarah Vines
Candes Dotson	Paget Jones	Christy Pope	Tandy Weaver
Kelsey Estes	Alexa Locke	Cecelia Quinn	Danielle Wilson
Cara Everts	Kat Lopez Shelby	Claire Ramirez	Kinsey Wyatt
Jordan Floyd	Brittany Mabee	Ellecia Randle	Angie Yang
Amanda Gamel	Mallory Marcoux	Madison Rose	Ryann Yazbeck



2018-2019 Calendar of Events

September 18, 2018

Annual Sustainer

Luncheon and Style Show
presented by Studio Soho

Location: Midland Country Club

October 9, 2018

FBI Uncovers Human Trafficking Here

Location: JLM Headquarters

November 13, 2018

Let's Hit the Target
with Ally Outdoors

Location: Ally Outdoors

December 11, 2018

Christmas Come & Go Brunch

Location: Home of Ellen Ramsey

January 8, 2019

Winter Delight
with Floral Designer Dennis Gilmore

Location: JLM Headquarters

February 12, 2019

Let's be Frank! Ben Franklin's
Candor, Wit and Wisdom

Location: JLM Headquarters

March 5, 2019

Legacy of Lace

Presented by Jan Cook

Location: JLM Headquarters

April 9, 2019

Dressing Hollywood Stars

with Steve Porterfield of The Cat's Meow

Location: JLM Headquarters

The Annual Meeting for the 2017-2018 League year was held on May 15 at Green Tree Country Club. Provisionals, Actives and Sustainers gathered to celebrate a wonderful year and to recognize outstanding members who distinguished themselves in their service to the League. Christine Foreman was recognized as Sustainer of the Year. Casey LeBlanc received the Hand in Hand award. Tricia Seth was awarded the Betty Whitmire Sumner Award. Kelsey Felio was recognized as Provisional of the Year.

Elizabeth Maybin spoke about how meaningful her year as President had been before officially handing the gavel to Myndi Easter, who gave a speech accepting her role as President. The Provisional Class of 2018-2019 was recognized, as were members who were celebrating five years of League membership and those who were transitioning to Sustainers. The evening was a reminder of the power of the Junior League, the impact that a single woman can make and the joy that can be found in serving the community together.



Active members celebrate five years of service. Back (L to R) Sarah Semer, McKensy Hoisager, Rebecca Linehan, Taryn Snider, Diana Martin, Bethany Etheredge, Michelle Harris, Heidi Winkler; Front (L to R) Amber Hoelscher, Kendall Moore, Casandra Maher, Elizabeth Maybin, Heather Martin, Morghan Roach



(L to R) Marina Stanaland, 2018-2019 President-Elect, Myndi Easter, 2018-2019 President, and Elizabeth Maybin, 2017-2018 President



(L to R) Breanne Reeves, Laura Nodolf, Kelly Reese, Tricia Seth and Ellen Wheeler celebrate their transition from Actives to Sustainers.



Elizabeth Maybin gives her last speech as President of the Junior League of Midland.

HAND IN HAND AWARD

By Jennifer Hurd



Casey LeBlanc (R) and Anne Reese (L), who presented the Hand in Hand award to Casey.



Casey with her husband Chris and boys (from L to R) Logan, Max, and Sam.

The Hand in Hand Award is given by the Junior League of Midland each year to a woman who “through the spirit of commitment to the standards, ideals, and purpose of the Junior League has contributed in an outstanding manner.” This year’s recipient, Casey LeBlanc, was recognized for her incredible contribution to the Shotguns and Stilettos fundraiser.

Originally a member of the Junior League of Lafayette, Casey transferred to the Junior League of Midland in 2016, having moved to Midland for her husband’s job. Though she was busy taking care of her family, which includes husband Chris, 3 sons and her grandmother, Casey jumped head first into the Junior League as an active member of the Transfer class and a member of the Shotguns and Stilettos committee. This past year, she was asked to put her background in event planning to good use as the Coordinator of the Shotguns and Stilettos Bash.

As Bash Coordinator, Casey went far above and beyond what her role required. She single-handedly researched and coordinated the adoption of Greater Giving, an auction software that was used for the silent auction with huge success. She spent weeks setting up and testing the software, spending hours on the phone with tech support. Her hard work ensured that the software worked perfectly at the event, setting the stage for a successful auction and helping contribute to a record-breaking gross profit for the Shotguns and Stilettos fundraiser.

The party itself was incredible, and Casey’s talent as an event coordinator was on full display. Casey arranged thoughtful details like hand-passed hors d’oeuvres, signature cocktails, and late-night snacks that made the Bash a night to remember. Casey’s dedication did not end when the party was over. After everyone had departed, she stayed at the Petroleum Club until the wee hours of the morning to ensure all items were locked away and safe and that all orchids were loaded into her car. The following morning, she delivered the orchids to seniors who lived in her grandmother’s retirement home. Casey’s attention to detail is inspiring, as is her care for others. Casey has been a part of the Junior League of Midland for a relatively short time, but her tremendous impact is unmistakable. JLM is proud to recognize Casey LeBlanc and her work with the Hand in Hand award.

BETTY WHITMIRE SUMNER AWARD

The Betty Whitmire Sumner Award recognizes exceptional cumulative work during a Junior League of Midland member's League career. The award winner should embody the Junior League of Midland's mission statement of developing the potential of women, promoting voluntarism, and improving the Midland community. This year's winner, Tricia Seth, is an amazing example of this and so much more.

A native Midlander, Tricia joined the Junior League of Dallas in 2010, following advice from her Mom, a former member of the Junior League of Midland. She moved to Midland in 2012, where she transferred into our chapter. She has served in the community on various placements, including the Family First Committee and the Kids First Committee, which she chaired. She also served as Treasurer, Finance Vice President-Elect, and, most recently, Finance Vice President.



Tricia Seth (center) celebrates with Mandy McCabe (left) and Ellen Wheeler (right).

Each of Tricia's seven years of active service to the League has been impactful, but it is her work in the past two years that has set her apart. Tricia has truly helped better our League's financial position in the present and for the future. She performed tasks and took ownership of topics that were above and beyond the typical responsibilities for her placement. Her organizational skills and ability to execute, as well as her knowledge and background in accounting, have been a driving force for positive change and an asset for our League.

Tricia worked side by side with Finance Vice President-Elect Taryn Snider, who says of Tricia: "I didn't know Tricia Seth before I was slated as her successor last year, but I simply can't imagine working with anyone else under more pleasant circumstances. Besides being easy to work with, Tricia has inspired me not only with her professionalism and expertise in her role, but also with her dedication and work ethic. I have no doubt that she is leaving me in an exceptionally capable position. My only unease in following Tricia is the enormous shoes she's leaving me to fill."

When asked about her favorite "takeaways" from her Junior League career, Tricia was stumped because she has enjoyed so many of her placements and experiences. A few that came to mind were serving on the inaugural Management team, seeing parents and children interact and grow through Kids First, meeting First Lady Laura Bush, serving with this year's Shotguns and Stilettos team and its very successful fundraising effort, sharing and teaching finance information with League members, and most of all watching and learning from others that she loves and admires.

Tricia says that this quote from Smile Anyway, by Richelle Goodrich, embodies her feeling about her time in the League: "It's impossible to be involved in all situations, but there's no excuse not to be involved in something, somewhere, somehow, with someone. Make an ounce of difference." Tricia has made SO much more than an ounce of a difference, and the Junior League of Midland thanks her for representing, embodying and implementing our mission statement. Congratulations!

SUSTAINER OF THE YEAR

By Jennifer Hurd

Christine Foreman

The annual Sustainer of the Year Award is presented to a Sustaining Member of the League who best exemplifies the League's purpose and spirit of commitment to values, ideals, and service to the community as set out in the Junior League of Midland's mission statement. This year's recipient, Christine Foreman, has lived out the Junior League's values both as a League member and as an indispensable contributor to the broader community of Midland.

Christine grew up in Midland and distinguished herself as a volunteer from a young age. Her journey as a volunteer began with Girl Scouts, which she was involved in from 1st grade through high school, earning the Girl Scout Gold Award. As a student at Texas A&M, Christine planned a community project for her Chi Omega pledge class at a boys and girls ranch and received the 'Model Initiate' award. Returning to Midland, Christine joined the Junior League of Midland. She served in a variety of roles and leadership positions, including Provisional Trainer, Face the Race Chairman, Spring Fling Chairman, and Chair of the Placement Committee. Christine continued to give back to the League as a Sustainer, serving for one year on the Board of Directors as Sustaining Director.

Christine's volunteerism in Midland, rooted in her experience in the Junior League, blossomed into significant contributions to major area non-profits and city-wide improvement efforts. Christine has volunteered for the Midland Children's Rehab Center, MARC, Bynum School, Girl Scouts, COM Aquatics, First Baptist Church and eTeen and A.S.K. Community Bible Studies. She currently sits on the Round Up Advisory Board for the American Cancer Society, the Greathouse and Rea Charitable Trust Advisory Boards, the MISD Education Foundation Board, the Educate Midland Leadership Team, Midland Students First, Midland Symphony Guild, MHS Volleyball Booster Club and multiple PTAs. She has also recently been collaborating with other like-minded volunteers on the MISD Values Project.

Sustainer April Marshall says of Christine, "[She] truly inspires me in her dedication to the community and her desire to give back. She is a breath of fresh air and makes Midland a better place. I can always count on Christine not only for her time in volunteering but also for her advice as a friend. She has always been a person that cares about our community." Christine credits the Junior League with providing a foundation from which she could grow in her role as a community volunteer. "The Junior League was really the organization that gave me the training to feel confident to go out in the community and continue working for the things I am passionate about. In addition to the training, the connections that I made with many League mentors, who are stellar Midland community members, have been instrumental in helping me connect to and make a difference in organizations and causes in our community."



Christine Foreman (left) with April Marshall (right).



Christine Foreman with husband, Kevin Foreman.



Christine Foreman (center) with (L to R) Sharla Hotchkiss, Vicki Jay, Joan Baskin, Shawna Boren

By Jennifer Hurd

PROVISIONAL OF THE YEAR

Kelsey Felio



Each year, the Provisionals of the Junior League of Midland select one of their own as Provisional of the Year. This year's recipient is Kelsey Felio. Kelsey grew up in Santa Fe, Texas, near Galveston, and earned her Bachelor of Science in Marine Environmental Policy & Law from Texas A&M at Galveston. Following graduation, she worked for Ardent Services as a Project Control Specialist in the Houston area. She married Paul Felio in March 2017, and after the wedding, the couple moved to the Permian Basin. Kelsey now works for Ardent as the West Texas HSE Manager.

Kelsey was an enthusiastic force within the Provisional Class from the very beginning. She was the first to arrive at the first Provisional meeting and never missed a meeting throughout the year. She earned three times the number of service points that were required of her and volunteered for both the holiday social committee and the graduation social committee on top of that. Kelsey contributed to the Shotguns and Stilettos Clay Shoot committee, and many Active members took note of her efforts, emailing Provisional Trainer Morghan Roach about the amazing job she did. The Provisional Class voted her to be the Provisional of the Year because she is a friend to everyone, genuinely loves the League, and performed excellent service to the League. Congratulations Kelsey!

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GETTING TO KNOW THE JUBILEE CENTER

By Jaci Cunningham

The Jubilee Center's mission is to provide food and share God's bounty with those in need. After visiting its facility the day before a Saturday food pantry day, it is evident the Jubilee Center is doing just that in our community. The Jubilee Center first opened its door in Midland in 2004 serving 14 families. Today, hundreds of families are served each month. The Junior League of Midland works with the Jubilee Center to provide volunteers through JLM's Volunteers in Midland program. I met with the Director, Keith Gibbons, to learn about The Jubilee Center of Midland and asked a few questions.

Please tell me about the Jubilee Center in your own words.

The Jubilee Center is a faith-based food pantry in partnership with the West Texas Food Bank. Jubilee has helped meet the food needs of individuals and families in Midland County since 2004.

What do you think the Jubilee Center means to the Midland community?

Midland and the Permian Basin are blessed with incredible natural resources. We are currently experiencing one of the most robust times in history. However, there are many senior adults, working families, and single parents who find it difficult to make ends meet. Approximately 53% of those receiving food assistance from the Jubilee Center are under the age of 18 or over age 60. A significant number of individuals on fixed incomes have to choose between purchasing necessary medications or basic groceries. The Jubilee Center helps by providing basic groceries and fresh produce twice a month.

With the current local economy, have you seen the number of families needing assistance increase or decrease?

In recent months, the Jubilee Center has seen the number of individuals and families seeking food assistance increase. Many new residents to Midland seek help because they have exhausted their resources by obtaining housing while seeking employment. With the high cost of living, we are also seeing more established residents who need food assistance.

What is the biggest need you see today?

The biggest need that I hear from those who come to the Jubilee Center is affordable housing. That, with the high cost of other necessities, makes it difficult for those who work in service and general labor industries to have their needs met.

What made you want to work for the Jubilee Center?

I have been involved in ministry and service positions for almost 40 years. Serving others is a part of who I am and what I am designed to do. Working with the Jubilee Center has allowed me to continue my life's work of caring for others and has given me the opportunity to do what I enjoy.

What is your favorite part of the job?

Without a doubt, my favorite part of my work is being able to give generously to those in need without question. Jubilee Center does not delve



into the various reasons or causes for food insecurity. We simply seek to "Share God's Bounty" with those who need it. Those who come to the Jubilee Center are appreciative of the encouragement and acceptance they receive.

How can people get involved with the Jubilee Center?

We are always seeking additional help from individuals, businesses, service organizations, schools and church groups. We welcome donations through food drives, volunteering at the center, monetary donations, or individual food donations. Contact Jubilee at 432.520.0671, via Facebook, or email director@jubileemidland.org. We would welcome the opportunity to share the work of Jubilee with businesses, churches, service and/or social organizations.



Is there anything I have not asked you today that you would like to tell me?

Jubilee is blessed with incredible volunteers who help unload food from West Texas Food Bank, stock shelves, and assist with our food distributions. We are especially thankful for our long relationship with volunteers from the Junior League. The Jubilee Center of Midland truly provides a service to our community. It also provides a great opportunity to volunteer and give back to members of our community and The Junior League of Midland.

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Team Orchid



Introducing 2018-2019 Provisional Team Orchid - Kelsey Estes, Mandy Hill, Alexa Locke, Micah McGhee, Tara Nagel, Madison Rose, Audrey Sirgo, Elizabeth Sitka and Danielle Wilson!

Led by their Provisional Trainer, Naomi Cobb, this spectacular team of professional ladies are excited to kick off their Provisional year. With the exception of one member originally from Midland, this team's members moved to Midland to advance their careers or the careers of their significant others. This diverse group of women are all the first in their families to pursue membership in the Junior League. Their drive to become members was inspired by their desire to utilize their passions and skills volunteering in Midland and furthering the mission of the Junior League while of course meeting new people and making new friends. Their trainer is excited to guide them through their Provisional year towards active membership.

Team Peonies



Introducing 2018-2019 Provisional Team Peonies - Elizabeth Courtney, Adrian Cusimano, Jessi Deardorf, Stacy Grosse, Angela Hunt, Ashley Morales, Meghan Spivak, Allie Tindol, and Ryann Yazbeck!

Led by their Provisional Trainer, Madison Dobbs, this exceptional group of Provisionals are committed to serve their community while meeting like-minded women in the league. After attending a few social events together, this group's mix of new and native Midlanders have found commonality in their desire to serve their community through volunteerism. With the leadership of their trainer. Team Peonies's goals are to be organized, open-minded, and dedicated to their future within the Junior League and the community it serves while achieving success in their Provisional year.

PROVISIONAL SPOTLIGHTS

Team Orchid

Naomi Cobb, Provisional Trainer

KELSEY ESTES



Kelsey is married to Jace, a landman, and has two furbabies, Cooper and Ellie. Kelsey's hobbies include yoga, paddle boarding and hiking.

Profession: Registered Dietitian
Hometown: Sweetwater, TX
Favorite Flower: Rose
Best Advice she has been given: *It's okay to make a mistake, but never make the same mistake twice.*

MANDY HILL



Mandy and her boyfriend, Mitch, have two furbabies, Velveta and Brody. Mandy enjoys cooking and going to the movies every Tuesday with Mitch.

Profession: Teacher
Hometown: Buffalo, NY, Mobile, AL, Tulsa, OK
Favorite Flower: Orchid
Best Advice she has been given: *Be patient.*

MICAH MCGHEE



Micah is married to Chris, who does Inside Sales, and has two children, Hank and Molly. Micah's ideal 'night out' is a relaxing evening with wine and cheese on the porch.

Profession: Teacher
Hometown: Spring, TX
Favorite Flower: Any
Best Advice she has been given: *Stay humble and kind.*

TARA NAGEL



Tara is married to Matt, her high school boyfriend, and has two children, Luke and Tyler. Tara's hobbies include watching Texas Tech sports and running.

Profession: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
Hometown: Houston, TX
Favorite Flower: Sunflower
Best Advice she has been given: *Don't be afraid to ask questions.*

MADISON ROSE



Madison is married to Andy, who is also an attorney, whom she met in college at Texas Tech. Madison is expecting her first child in December.

Profession: Attorney
Hometown: Monahans, TX
Favorite Flower: Tulip
Best Advice she has been given: *Try not to take anything personal, no one thinks about you as much as you do.*

AUDREY SIRGO



Audrey is married to Grant, her high school boyfriend, and has one furbaby, Lady Bird. Audrey's hobbies include crocheting, knitting, and embroidery.

Profession: Teacher, Librarian
Hometown: Midland, TX
Favorite Flower: Yellow Rose
Best Advice she has been given: *Eat dessert first!*

ELIZABETH SITKA



Elizabeth is married to Brooks, her high school boyfriend, and has one furbaby, Duke. Elizabeth's hobbies include spending time near the water and yoga.

Profession: Teacher
Hometown: Schulenburg, TX
Favorite Flower: Orchid
Best Advice she has been given: *Do not spend your time on worrying about things you cannot control; spend your energy on solutions.*

DANIELLE WILSON



Danielle enjoys hiking and all things A&M. She has a keen sense of humor and describes herself as an adventurous introvert. Danielle is excited to be involved with Junior League community projects.

Profession: Geologist
Hometown: Breckenridge, TX
Favorite Flower: Peonies
Best Advice she has been given: *Be kind to everyone.*

ALEXA LOCKE



Alexa moved to Midland with her fiancé, Bryan, and has one fur baby, Mildred. Alexa enjoys spending time with her fiancé, cooking, and planning for her upcoming wedding in December.

Profession: Teacher
Hometown: Dallas, TX
Favorite Flower: Ranunculus
Best Advice she has been given: *Always look for the bright side in any tough situation; there is usually an important lesson hidden.*



PROVISIONAL SPOTLIGHTS

Team Peonies

Madison Dobbs, Provisional Trainer

ELIZABETH COURTNEY



Elizabeth is engaged to her college boyfriend, Travis, who is also an attorney, and has two furbabies, Beau and Manu. Elizabeth is a second-generation Junior League member.

Profession: Attorney
Hometown: Midland, TX
Favorite Flower: Orchids
Best Advice you have been given: *Always be yourself, because that's why people love you.*

ADRIAN CUSIMANO



Adrian is married to Josh, an Engineer, and has two children, Joshua and Connor. As a new resident of Midland, she enjoys all that the city has to offer and looks forward to meeting new people through the Junior League.

Profession: Dental Hygienist turned Stay-at-Home Mom
Hometown: Baton Rouge, LA
Favorite Flower: Hydrangeas and Peonies
Best Advice you have been given: *Be in the moment!*

JESSI DEARDORF



Jessi has an unusual herd of furbabies - bison! She enjoys hunting and traveling in her free time and is excited to volunteer with Junior League.

Profession: Corporate Recruiter
Hometown: Spokane, WA, Dallas, TX, Oklahoma City, OK
Favorite Flower: Lilies
Best Advice you have been given: *All it takes is everything.*

ANGELA HUNT



Angela is married to Bryant, a Manager with Schlumberger, and has one daughter, Samantha, and one fur baby, Maggie. Although originally from Midland, Angela is excited to connect with new friends through the Junior League.

Profession: Clinical Social Worker/Therapist
Hometown: Midland, TX
Favorite Flower: Iris
Best Advice you have been given: *Listen twice as much as you talk.*

STACEY GROSSE



Stacey is married to Brian, and has one child, Crawford. Besides her entrepreneurial endeavors including commercial real estate development and a successful boutique pop-up business, Stacey is working to achieve an MBA through the University of Texas.

Profession: Entrepreneur, Commercial Real Estate Development
Hometown: New Braunfels, TX and Midland, TX
Favorite Flower: Hydrangeas
Best Advice you have been given: *Regarding parenting - It's okay for babies to cry, they won't die.*

ASHLEY MORALES



Ashley is married to Chris, a restaurateur, and has two children, Jedda and Silas, and one fur baby, Chanel. Ashley enjoys reading and running in her free time and is excited to get involved in the community through Junior League.

Profession: Accounting Specialist
Hometown: Midland, TX and Fort Payne, AL
Favorite Flower: Ranunculus
Best Advice you have been given: *Regarding marriage - Find someone who annoys you less than anyone else.*

MEGHAN SPIVAK



Meghan recently move Midland for her job as a Production Engineer. She is dating Elijah, who she met at the University of Tulsa. Fun fact - she is an accomplished tap dancer!

Profession: Production Engineer
Hometown: Overland Park, KS
Favorite Flower: Orchids
Best Advice you have been given: *If we only do what we are familiar with, we might miss what we've been made for.*

ALLIE TINDOL



Allie is married to Will, a drilling engineer, and has one fur baby, Ajax. Allie is a Junior League Legacy as her mother, aunts, and cousins have all been members of the Junior League of Dallas.

Profession: Recruiter
Hometown: Dallas, TX
Favorite Flower: Hydrangeas and Tulips
Best Advice you have been given: *Make choices out of love, not fear.*

RYANN YAZBECK



Ryann recently moved to Midland for her position as a Reservoir Field Engineer. She is engaged to Michael, whom she met at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Profession: Reservoir Field Engineer
Hometown: Houston, TX
Favorite Flower: Peonies and Lilies
Best Advice you have been given: *Cherish time with your loved ones and just be you!*



JLM AROUND MIDLAND



(L to R) Andra Lancaster Jones, Brittany Tracis, Natalie Kendrick, Zane Walton, Kristen Kendrick, Debbie Wise (former JLM member), Karissa Keinast (JLM) enjoy a wine tasting at Bean & Grape.



Michelle Gerald, David Chancellor, Lisa Smith, and David Smith at the 2018 Boys & Girls Club Gala.



(L to R) Diana Martin, Brandy Wrangham, Heidi Winkler play a game of tennis at Midland Country Club.



Eloise and Lorelei Steadman, daughters of Jennifer Steadman, wear their Junior League shirts with pride.



Ashley Farmar and Carla Pearson discuss IMPACT over lunch at La Bodega.



(L to R) Brittany Brewer, Andra Lancaster Jones, Bridget Green, Courtney Barry, Elizabeth Kidney, Emily Rittenburg have fun at a backyard BBQ.



Heidi Winkler and Elliott Winkler pose with Rocky the Rockhound.

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He weighed 5 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19 inches long. He was welcomed by parents Clay and *Carena Sears*.



Lilly Claire Hightower

Born on February 7, 2018.

She weighed 7 lb 15 oz and was 20.75 in long. She was welcomed by parents Jake and *CC Hightower*.



Harlan Mac Plagens

Born on June 28, 2018.

He weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 inches long. He was welcomed by parents Drew and *Mollye Plagens* and big brother Luke.



Tucker Allen Szot

Born on June 28, 2018.

He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20.25 inches long. He was welcomed by parents Jake and *Lauren Szot*.



Sally June Dunnam

Born on June 5, 2018.

She was welcomed by proud parents Matt and *Sara Dunnam*.



H. Rhodes Robison

Born April 30, 2018.

He was welcomed by parents Drew and *Katie Robison* and big brothers Archer and MacLain.



Collins Leigh Lawlis

Born June 21, 2018.

She weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19 inches long. She was welcomed by parents Adam and *Lauren Lawlis*.

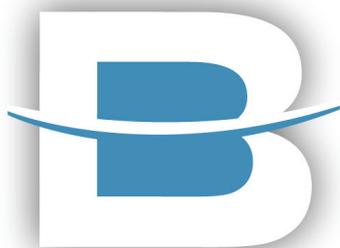


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September

— 18 —

September General Meeting

7:00 pm at JLM HQ



October

— 16 —

October General Meeting
Satellite Meetings

7:00 pm at Assigned Locations

— 27 —

Rummage Sale

at JLM HQ

November

— 13 —

November General Meeting

7:00 pm at JLM HQ

— 17 —

Face The Race

9:00 am at JLM HQ

By Catherine Bassett

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