

THE SENTINEL

Letter from the President

As I sit to write this greeting I am grateful for the cool and brisk start to my morning, a very productive week of JSL committee meetings, and of course all of you bold and courageous women! This week I was reminded of all the amazing things that we as JSL women are doing, planning, leading, and working towards. Our Bingo, Brunch and Bubbly event planning is in full motion, the 75th Anniversary celebration is receiving great attention, and our annual Christmas Tea is shaping up to be one of our best yet!

We are movers and shakers. We are leaders. We are women of a deep line of legacy for leadership in our community. This season of planning has me excited and in eager anticipation of our activities!

Just as the weather is transitioning to a beautifully vibrant season so is our historically rich organization. The dedicated women of JSL are in the intentional process of interviewing and hiring a strategic planning consultant. The consultant will be an unbiased person to listen and learn from all members, and provide support and ideas, all in an effort to support our efforts of moving forward into the future. Your JSL Board will be in active communication regarding this very important process. Please do not hesitate to ask questions, engage in positive conversations, and seek out ways to support this effort.

"Dreams and reality are opposites. Action synthesizes them." -Assata Shakur

"You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it." -Maya Angelou

Celebrating a season of transition with you all!
Catherine Franssens
JSL President, 2019-2020

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN THE JSL 75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE!

We had **a great turn out** at the September 30th Kick-Off Meeting for the 75th Anniversary Committee – but there are opportunities for **additional members to participate!**

If you are interested in serving on a subcommittee and joining in the **camaraderie and fun** – please contact the 75th Anniversary Co-Chairs: **Nancy Mayhall**, 816-223-5730 or **Joy Hobick**, 816-679-9754.
We hope to hear from you!



OCTOBER SUSTAINER MEETING

Mayor Eileen Weir will speak to Sustainers on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 at 5:30PM at the newest event space in town, “The Swan Dive”.

Chef Whit Ross will prepare some heavy hors d’ouvres and our hostess Cindy Foster will join the Mayor in sharing exciting news about the Englewood Art District. Your admittance is \$25 plus a gift card* (amount of your choosing) that will be donated to the Bingo, Brunch & Bubbly committee to use for prizes.

Please make your reservations now by contacting Liz McClure 695-2354 or Terri Kalbfleish at terrik5674@comcast.net or cell phone: 816-589-1803.

*disregard the gift card if you’ve already donated at the September meeting.

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BINGO, BRUNCH, AND BUBBLY AUCTION BASKETS

Denim & Diamonds: Bingo Brunch & Bubbly is set for November 16 at Adams Pointe Conference Center. Please meet with your committee and decide on an item or basket of items to donate. All auction items should be turned in by November 1.

SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS	EMERALD \$1,500	PRINCESS \$800	MARQUISE \$400	OVAL \$250
CORPORATE LOGO OR NAME ON ALL EVENT PUBLICITY				
PODIUM RECOGNITION AT EVENT				
EVENT TICKETS	10	8	4	
DRINK TICKETS	20	16	8	
EXTRA BINGO SHEETS	18 PER GUEST	12 PER GUEST	6 PER GUEST	
VIP TABLE LOCATION				
SIGNAGE RECOGNITION AT EVENT				

Historically Speaking...

You do not need to be a Legacy or relative of a Junior Service League member to join Junior Service League! No, I am not a Junior Service League of Independence Legacy. In fact, I was born in the bootheel of Missouri and did a brief stint in the Raytown School District, before moving to St. Joseph where I graduated from high school. My early ties to the Independence area include my mom teaching at Truman High School, my third-grade presidential report on Harry S Truman, and then an unexpected opportunity to work as a key grip for a documentary about Harry S Truman which lead me “behind the scenes” of the Truman Library during my high school years.

I moved to Independence after graduating from Southwest Missouri State (now Missouri State) in Springfield. My impression of Junior League or in our case Junior Service League was that it was strictly for high society ladies with money and connections. I only wore white gloves for marching band and pearls were only worn for the sorority composite photo, this was going to be interesting.

After living in Independence for a while I wanted to become more involved in the community and start connecting with like-minded women. I started to hear about an organization called Junior Service League however you had to have a connection for an invitation to join. I didn't know a soul in Junior Service League and since Google wasn't a thing yet... I had no idea how to go about finding my connection. But finally, it happened!!

I am in another organization with Helen Hatridge and through conversation the planets aligned, I held my mouth just right and I received an invitation to join League! Words cannot express how humbled and honored I was that Helen felt I would be a strong member. I guess in a way I am kind of a legacy. Helen and I are P.E.O Sisters!

In 2006 our Provisional Class, a strong but mighty group of 8, started out wide eyed and little bit clueless into the world of Junior Service League. A core group were already friends and legacies leaving the rest of us to get up to speed. We bonded quickly and after the historical tour, the Provisional Reception, our interpersonal meeting and retreat we started working on our “project”. We were a bit torn on what to do. We received feedback from membership that we should put on a social event, but in our hearts, we wanted to do some type of service project. After brainstorming we put together a Trivia Night at the Clubhouse to socialize and raise money! Trivia Night was the last event in the Clubhouse before the big renovations and the evening was capped off with our members leaving messages and signing the walls! (how fun not to get yelled at for writing on the walls!!)

So here I am almost 13 years later, still an Active member of Junior Service League. I will never be a Legacy, but I hope to leave a little piece of my legacy as a member of Junior Service League.

Kerry Cornett
(JSL President, 2017-2018)

OCTOBER BOARD ACTIONS

Board Actions: October 7, 2019 Board Meeting

The Board moved to hire 'SANDERS TREE CARE LLC' (Mike Sanders - Owner Licensed and Insured) to trim the birch trees on the east side of the Clubhouse.

OCTOBER BOARD REPORTS

MEMBER AT LARGE – Lynne Baker

The following correspondence was sent during the month of September, 2019:

- Beverly Powell, JSL's CPA - note of encouragement for her recent surgery
- Jim and Paula Gamble, Mike and Joy Hobick, and Nancy Mayhall -note of thanks for "rescuing Truman memorabilia" from destruction.

BYLAWS AND LONG RANGE PLANNING – Cindy Pritchard

The Bylaws and Long Range Planning Committee met on September 16th to discuss our organization and where JSL is going in the future. We had lots of discussion and brainstorming about the possibility of hiring a strategic consultant who specializes in non - profit organizations. We want to be more relevant in our community and feel like we need help in this area. We have more meetings coming up and will keep everyone in the loop.

PROGRAM – Michele Demoss, Kelly Freeland (co-chair)

We cancelled the October meeting at George Owens Park. The Parks department forgot about the Enchanted Forest which is going on at the same time. This program has been moved to November at the JSL Club House. The October 21 program is TBD and will be at the JSL Club House.

COMMUNICATIONS – Alexis Grubb

The Communications committee is hard at work at updating the Blue Book and will have it ready for membership soon. Please make sure that your directory information on the website is correct. If you have moved, married, or updated your phone number, please make those changes online, OR, send them to alexiskgrubb@gmail.com.

If you are not sure how to update your directory information on the website, look for instructions to shared via email and the private Facebook group.

FINANCE – Janice Cheatham

Treasurer's Report: Please note that End of Quarter balances for Truman Heartland Funds are not available as of this date.

	Sept 30, 2019	Sept 30, 2018	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Checking/Savings				
Accounts at THCF - Comm Trust				
Community Trust Acct at THCF	25,492.06	25,242.53	249.53	0.99%
Total Accounts at THCF - Comm Trust	25,492.06	25,242.53	249.53	0.99%
Administrative Accts at THCF				
THCF Admin Savings	23,364.21	23,133.85	230.36	1.0%
THCF BWT Scholarship	124,397.26	109,802.38	14,594.88	13.29%
THCF Hink Memorial	36,245.02	35,890.26	354.76	0.99%
THCF Martin Endowment	213,040.49	197,251.81	15,788.68	8.0%
THCF Memorial Fund	2,012.38	1,992.53	19.85	1.0%
Total Administrative Accts at THCF	399,059.36	368,070.83	30,988.53	8.42%
Administrative Checking Account				
Admin Cash - Blue Ridge	35,168.76	32,680.56	2,488.20	7.61%
Cash - Capital Improvement	13,559.19	26,123.33	-12,564.14	-48.1%
Total Administrative Checking Account	48,727.95	58,803.89	-10,075.94	-17.14%
Community Trust Checking Accts				
BR Bingo Checking	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.0%
BR Checking Community Trust	22,706.16	38,854.03	-16,147.87	-41.56%
Total Community Trust Checking Accts	22,806.16	38,954.03	-16,147.87	-41.45%
Total Checking/Savings	496,085.53	491,071.28	5,014.25	1.02%
Other Current Assets				
Receivable from Admin Fund	603.79	0.00	603.79	100.0%
Total Other Current Assets	603.79	0.00	603.79	100.0%
Total Current Assets	496,689.32	491,071.28	5,618.04	1.14%

NOMINATING – Stephanie Hall

The Nominating Committee is already planning for the election of the 2020-2021 Officers. Our committee nominates a single slate of candidates for the following elective Offices: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Nominating Committee is comprised of members that were voted on by JSL membership and the Board. The committee discussions are completely confidential. Our desire is to select the best team that will help JSL create an impact on our community and fulfill our mission.

To be eligible to serve as an elected Officer you must meet the following criteria:

- ☐ Active member
- ☐ Member in good standing
- ☐ Served at least one term on the Board

As JSL's Nominating Committee, we want to ensure that the best leader is placed in the best possible position. Please use the descriptions below as a guide to learn more about the elected Offices. The current and past Officers are happy to answer any questions you may have about each Office!

President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the League, and shall have the power to transact all of the usual, necessary and regular business of the League as may be required

and, with the prior authorization of the Board of Directors, to execute, with the joinder of the Treasurer, all contracts and other documents as shall be required by the League, appoint the Advisor from the sustaining membership, and in general, perform all other duties incident to the office of president. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all League committees, except the Nominating Committee.

Vice President: The Vice President shall assist the President and shall act in the absence of the President and when so acting, shall have all the power and authority of the President. The Vice President shall serve as the chairperson of the Bylaws and Long Range Planning Committee and perform all other duties incident to the office of the Vice President.

Secretary: The Secretary shall record and preserve the minutes of all Executive Committee, Board of Directors and General Membership meetings. She shall submit an annual report of the League records in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and shall perform all other duties incident to the office of secretary. The secretary shall record the attendance of members, keep membership records including placement and service information.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for all League funds, shall direct that such funds be deposited in such financial institutions as the Board of Directors determines, keep accurate accounts, and present a monthly financial statement to the League. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and fines, receive donations to the League, notify all members of dues obligations and penalties, and provide receipt of contributions. The Treasurer shall present a proposed budget to the members for approval at the first business meeting of the fiscal year, shall be the chairperson of the Finance Committee, an ex-officio member of the Resource Development Committee, an ex-officio member of the Property Committee and shall perform all other duties incident to the office of Treasurer.

Willingness to Serve Form • (Form on page 10)

This year we are asking members to complete a Willingness to Serve Form as a communication tool between members and the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in serving in a leadership role, we want to know! Please begin thinking about how you want to serve as a member of JSL next year. The Willingness to Serve Forms are available now. The Nominating Committee will accept completed forms by email, mail or in person through December 8th. The form has been included in the Sentinel and will be available at Business Meetings. Our Committee encourages all active members to complete this form. The Nominating Committee will review the completed Willingness to Serve Forms in December 2019.

Nominating Form

This year the Nomination Form will be based on the members that are eligible as well as the members that indicated they are interested in the elected Offices. The Nomination Form will be available in January 2020. The Nominating Committee depends on input from membership in order to present a slate of officers. If an active member or committee chair has impressed you with their abilities, be sure to let the Nominating Committee know.

What Happens Next?

The input from members will be given careful consideration when the Nominating Committee meets in February 2020. The Slate of Officers will be proposed to membership in March 2020.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Nomination Committee.

Stephanie Hall - (913) 708-4981 or stephanie.meints@gmail.com

Stephanie Merriott - (816) 213-9939 or stephaniemerriott@gmail.com

Terri Kalbfleish - (816) 589-1803 or terrik5674@comcast.net

Kelly Freeland - (660) 988-0322 or kreeland59@gmail.com

Cynthia Leutzinger - (816) 616-7458 or cynleutzinger@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEEDS – Cassie Lara, Maureen Freeland (co-chair)

Upcoming volunteer projects:

- Saturday, October 26 1-3p: We will be spending time at Harvesters packing and unpacking donations. This opportunity is limited to 15 volunteers.
- Saturday, November 9th 1-4p, we will be at Hope House in Independence sorting and organizing donations. Any number of volunteers is welcome.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT – Susan Wray

Denim & Diamonds: Bingo Brunch & Bubbly is approaching fast. Do you have your ticket(s) yet? All invitations have been mailed and RSVPs are due October 25th. This is a great opportunity to invite potential new JSL members to meet other members and get a feel for what we do. If your invitation didn't arrive, please contact Susan Wray at suluwray@msn.com. If you know of organizations or businesses who would be interested in sponsorships, contact Susan.

We want to thank the Sustainers for their generosity in giving gift cards for the bingo prizes. There is a wonderful variety and something for everyone.

The Committee continues to collect donations for the Silent Auction. If you'd like to donate, any item, big or small, is welcome. See any committee member for more information or contact Susan.

SUSTAINER REPRESENTATIVE – Liz McClure

The next Sustainer meeting is October 15, 2019. See the Sustainer Connection on page 9 for details.

SUSTAINER CONNECTION

Next meeting of the year: Tuesday, October 15, 5:30 PM – The Swan Dive



The Swan Dive is next to Vivilore Restaurant – 10815 E. Winner Road, Englewood Business District

Please join us for some delicious hors d'ouvres prepared by Chef Whit Ross and learn first-hand from Mayor Eileen Weir and our hostess Cindy Foster about the exciting Englewood Art District plans.

Your admittance is **\$25 plus a gift card** (amount of your choosing) that will be donated to the Bingo, Brunch & Bubbly committee to use for prizes.

Call Terri Kalbfleish at 816-589-1803 or email her at terrik5674@comcast.net with your reservation.

Announcing the 2019-2020 Sustainer Meetings and Events you'll want to put on your calendar.

- Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 11:30 AM: Lunch at Beth Kapke's Home in Golden Acres
- Saturday, November 16, 2019: Bingo, Brunch & Bubbly at Adam's Pointe Conference Center
- Saturday, December 7, 2019: Christmas Tea
- February, TBD: Valentine Themed Event
- Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 5:30 PM: Salad Supper at the Clubhouse
- April: TBD
- Saturday, May 2, 2020: Annual Meeting hosted by Sustainers at Uptown Independence Market

Tom Franklin (son of former member Donna Franklin) and his wife Emily of Redwood, California blessed grandmother **Elaine Franklin** with a new great granddaughter. Her name is Rose Kimberly and she was born on August 31, 2019. Congratulations to the Franklin family.

Shepherd's Center of KC Central announced plans for their signature event "70 Over 70" and **Helen Hatridge** is one of the 70 outstanding individuals to be recognized for making great impacts in our community. Helen has volunteered hundreds of hours for organizations like Community Services League and Truman Heartland Community Foundation where she has served as board chair. She has been a leader throughout her career as a teacher, school counselor and caring connections coordinator for her church. Congratulations Helen!

Judy Forrester successfully chaired another Toast to our Towns gala for the Truman Heartland Community Foundation on September 28th. Judy has shared her expertise as event chair for the last four years. This December she completes her 9-year term on the board where she has served in many capacities including board chair in 2015. Congratulations Judy!

Congratulations to **Melanie Moentmann** for being elected incoming chair of the Truman Heartland Community Foundation board of directors for 2020. Melanie has served in many capacities since joining the board in 2015 including that of Treasurer. As treasurer she was responsible for financial reports of the Foundation with assets currently at \$49.5 Million.

Joanne and Gene Cable celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 14th at the InterContinental Hotel on the Plaza. The party attendees were all family members with nieces and nephews traveling from Arizona and Oklahoma and grandchildren from Omaha.



The display table included many original photos from their wedding day, including the honeymoon car with cans tied to the back. The tablecloth was from their wedding and the display featured Joanne's china place setting and crystal. Also displayed were pillows made from the fabric of Joanne's wedding gown which was silk and lace. The couple were married in Joanne's childhood home in Glasgow, Kentucky.

It was a very special celebration for a couple who is greatly admired by all family members and are held in high esteem for the example they have set for enduring love and the importance of marriage.

If you have news you'd like to share, please let me know. You can send to my email: mcclure@thcf.org or call or text me at 816-695-2354.

Willingness to Serve Form

This form will be used to help the Nominating Committee as well as the 2020-2021 Executive Board to fill leadership positions for 2020-2021. Please indicate your interest in the positions listed below by checking the corresponding box.

Name: _____

Elected Officers	
President	
Vice President	
Secretary	
Treasurer	
Not this Year	

Committee Chairs	
Communications	
Community Placement	
Program	
Property	
Provisional	
Resource Development	
Not this Year	

Comments: _____

Thank you for your interest and for saying yes to being a leader in Junior Service League!

Please return completed forms no later than December 8th to:
Stephanie Hall, 304 North Pleasant Street, Independence, MO 64050 or stephanie.meints@gmail.com



3122 S. Crysler Ave
Independence, MO 64055

Upcoming Business Meeting, Oct 21

6:30 p.m. Social

6:45 p.m. Meeting

Service Opportunities

Oct 26 1-3 PM Harvesters

Nov 9 1-4 PM Hope House