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editor's note.

Happy Spring, Sandspur Readers!

In strange times like these, it may seem difficult to even consider the thought of being happy. You may have had to become a teacher in addition to a working parent. You may be temporarily furloughed or working from home. Perhaps you are on the frontlines providing essential work for our nation, or you have even experienced the coronavirus yourself. You are not alone though! Everyone is being affected by the current global pandemic in some way.

*Continuing to serve,
together and apart*

Fortunately, not even global pandemics can stop this League and its mission. Our League is quickly adapting to holding meetings and trainings online and via Zoom, in order to best serve our members and this community. We are still raising money and collecting items such as diapers and food for those most in need in our community. And of course, we are still advocating for our children through our multiple child welfare programs.

This issue focuses on the impact that the League has on child welfare programs throughout Tampa Bay. You will read about a brand-new program we are participating in, Educate Hillsborough, as well as gain in-depth knowledge of our Love Bundles program. You will also get to know the leaders in the League who drive our child welfare committees. Hopefully these stories will help you find some happiness even in a difficult time.

Our magazine itself may have gone digital for the immediate future, but please know we are still working as hard as ever to bring you updates and important stories on the League, its successes, and the many impacts the League has in Tampa Bay. As you may have heard, we just raised enough money on #GivingTuesdayNow to provide **90,000** diapers to the Tampa Bay Community! We will provide more information on that in the forthcoming summer issue.

Stay strong and keep up the good work! We are all in this together,

Lauren M. Vagnoni, Esq.
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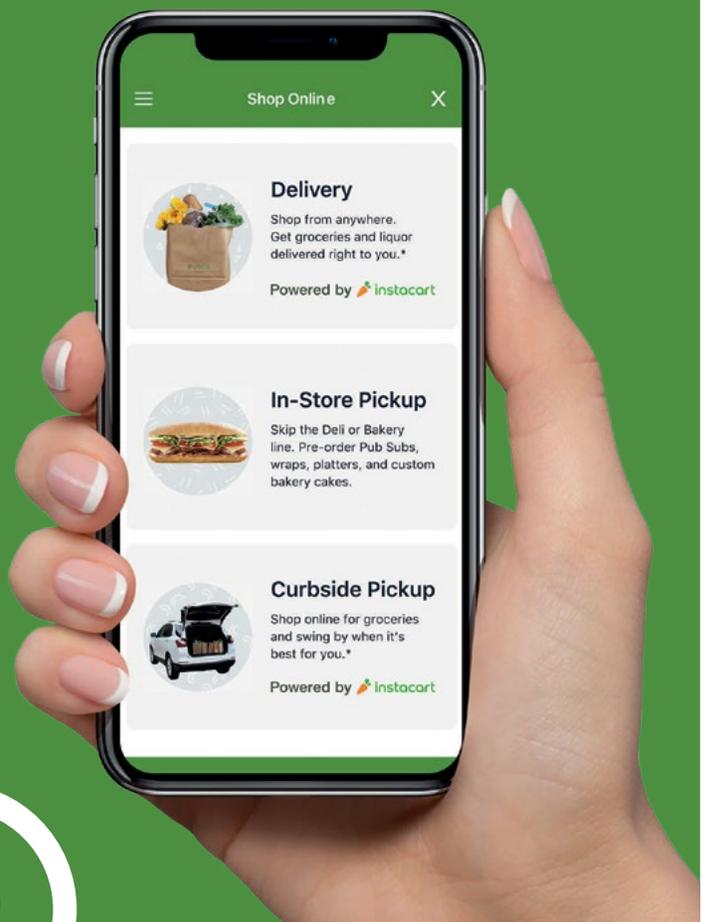
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president's note.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed all our lives. As we navigate these changes, The Junior League of Tampa stands with you. Not only will we survive this crisis now, we will thrive in the future and sustain the good work of the League over the long term—together. That's what's possible with a clear, inspiring VISION—a Centennial Vision.

In my Winter 2019 President's note, I compared President Kennedy's clear vision for the Apollo mission seven years before the first lunar landing to the League's own vision planning process this year—six years before our 2026 Centennial. But, no one planned for a global pandemic to hit nine months into the League year in March 2020. Likewise, no one expected an onboard explosion in an oxygen tank to cripple the Apollo 13 spacecraft heading to the Moon in April 1970, only nine months after NASA's first Moon landing in July 1969.

Because we had visited the Moon four times and walked on it twice (Apollo 11 and 12) television networks had largely ignored the Apollo 13 flight. It was just another manned spaceflight to the Moon. That is until Commander Jim Lovell assessed the situation and uttered five iconic words to Mission Control—“Houston, we have a problem.”

For days afterward, hundreds of millions of viewers watched the Apollo 13 crisis unfold before their eyes. Would the three astronauts survive the return to Earth even though they were rapidly running out of oxygen and electrical power? Despite Mission Control helping the flight crew find creative ways to save oxygen and power, some senior leaders at NASA still feared the worst and contemplated imminent disaster as the capsule neared the critical moment of re-entry. At the same moment, Mission Flight Director Gene Kranz famously declared: **“Gentlemen, with all due respect, I believe this will be our finest hour.”**

In a 2018 interview, Apollo 13 Commander Lovell reflected on the one chance they had at re-entry that they got exactly right: **“And it was our finest hour.”**

That's visionary leadership. Early on, Director Kranz declared: “Failure is not an option.” NASA scientists and the three-member flight crew embraced that expectation and improvised, adapted, and created their way to a safe landing. The League has done much the same since COVID-19 hit. Fortunately, we got clear on the deep community impact we wanted to have through our Centennial Vision planning process earlier this League year. This then helped guide our decisions about how to redeploy resources now to address our community's greatest needs (already contributing over 115,000 diapers through The Junior League of Tampa Diaper Bank since the pandemic hit) and how to build the capacities needed to deliver impact through a reconfigured service model. Revisiting our vision for impact before the crisis enabled us to act with urgency and catalytic flexibility during the crisis.

Going forward, we will face systemic, operational, and strategic challenges related to COVID-19 that will test the limits of our capabilities to sustain our work. We are, however, already one step ahead with our clear, inspiring Centennial Vision for what comes next. There is a better future ahead, and although the needs are great at this moment, the actions we take together now will make our entire community stronger long after this crisis is behind us. Vision-driven, we will thrive, not just survive this obstacle, as we have persevered throughout our rich 94-year JLT history.

Committed to the vision,



Melissa Knight Nodhturft,
President 2019-2020



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sustainer president's note.

Dear Junior League of Tampa Members,

We are experiencing a spring unlike any in our lifetime. The beautiful mornings and blooming flowers are here in abundance as in other years but our lives are vastly different. We are poised like Janus, the Roman god, looking backward and forward at the same moment.

In the past two months our world has been disrupted by a pandemic of major proportions. We have watched businesses close and slowly begin to reopen, resuming service under a new normal. We have become avid consumers of the news, sifting through information from top scientists and economic leaders, trying to make sense of the path ahead. We have adopted new roles as remote workers, home school teachers, and personal chefs. We have embraced technology and regularly 'Zoom', instead of gathering in-person.

All of these changes display the resiliency of JLT members. Our members have courageously faced challenging times throughout history. Shortly after the League was founded in 1926, the Great Depression hit in 1929. Even as a young organization, the League rallied together continuing to serve the community in one of our nation's greatest times of need. In the past 94 years our members have endured economic hardships, stood together as our loved ones fought wars abroad, grieved through national tragedies, and weathered natural disasters. Our members and our community are strong.

This challenging time has forced our Board to lead in a new way. The decision to cancel all events for this year, was one with much sorrow but necessity. Our Sustainer team had begun March with many plans in progress to honor our 50 year members, announce the Sustainer of the Year, and introduce new transfers. Now, all of these plans are canceled or rescheduled in a different format. We are turning to technology and will be inviting you to view some video events as well as connecting with you through emails and *The Sandspur*. While these options will never be as satisfying as being in a room together, I am grateful for we still have the opportunity to encourage and celebrate each other from a distance.

As we emerge from this experience, our community will need our involvement. The Junior League of Tampa has a proud record of assessing needs and putting plans into action. Tampa families will need our help in unexpected ways and I am confident the League will rise up to serve them.

I hope you continue to encourage and support each other. You have experience and strength. And there are most certainly better times ahead for us. Please take care of yourself and your families; I am so looking forward to being together again. It has been a privilege to serve as your Sustainer President. Thank you to my terrific Board and all Sustainers.

My best thought to each of you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marsha Lane". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marsha Lane
Sustaining President 2019-2020



Letters to the League

“Your kindness provides hope to the at-risk boys and girls living on our therapeutic residential campus and also makes a positive impact in the lives of over 13,000 local families that benefit from the community programs we offer each year.”



“Thank you so much for adopting a room! Your generous gift brings joy and renewed hope to the families that call Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tampa Bay (RMHC) home every day. While we are all adapting to new challenges, we are in this together!”



“Thank you for your gift of baby products and feminine hygiene products to transform the lives of hurting families in the Tampa Bay area. Your gift is needed now more than ever. We are continuing to direct our full attention to the COVID-19 crisis.”



More than Love

by LAUREN SANCHEZ



The Love Bundles Project provides backpacks full of clothing, toiletries and more for children placed into foster care.



When you first hear the expression “Love Bundles,” you may smile. You may also instinctively wonder what a Love Bundle is, where it comes from, or what it looks like. In short, it’s just what it sounds like: a bundle of love—and it comes from The Junior League of Tampa in the form of a backpack filled with clothing, soap, and other basic needs most of us take for granted.

More specifically, Love Bundles is a JLT committee of 30+ women who work together to shop and assemble backpacks for Tampa Bay Area children, from infants to teenagers, who have been removed from their homes and placed into foster care. The committee meets up to three times a month to work on packing and sorting. They distribute an average of 1,500 bags each year, with upwards of 130 during each of its most demanding months. There are many reasons The Junior League of Tampa uses its Love Bundles committee as a way to better the community. Co-Chairs of the committee, Mychael Sumbly and Sarah Gremer, say that “JLT has partnered with the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office (HCSO) and Eckerd Connects to provide incoming foster care children with basic personal items.” Each backpack filled by the committee includes basic clothing needs such as, “two full outfit sets including age appropriate undergarments like bras and underwear, pajamas and socks,” the Co-Chairs continued, “as well as toiletry items like combs and brushes, toothbrushes and toothpaste, body wash and soap, shampoo and conditioner, [among] diapers, wipes, diaper cream, feminine care products, as well as blankets and pacifiers

for infants. Together, these supplies are packed into backpacks which we call Love Bundles.”

Members of JLT strive to bring every act of volunteerism back to the League’s mission. Once you are familiar with the JLT mission, it is clear why Love Bundles is a program the organization holds dear. Our mission statement is as follows:

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Sumbly and Gremer explain that Love Bundles relates to the JLT mission because each volunteer that works on the committee or at ‘a packing’, is aware of the needs of the children they are serving as they shop for, organize, and pack the items. Additionally, the volunteers meet with the committee’s community partners to plan and achieve goals. The women describe that “training and leadership development are engrained in this process as volunteers work together to manage one of JLT’s largest budgets against an unknown and changing monthly need. And most importantly, our mission to improve our community is met with the increased awareness and effective action that is delivered with every Love Bundle given to a child, with the hope that the pressure of their transition may be slightly lifted as they know they are loved.”





The influence the League has in the Tampa Bay community is truly amazing. To know that Love Bundles is only one of many committees says a lot about the League's capability to invoke change. Thanks to the consistent distribution of Love Bundles, The Junior League of Tampa impacts the community every single day. The loving attention that the Love Bundles can provide to the needs of children is a crucial step in easing their transition from their known environment into alternative care. Sumbly and Gremer explain that during this transition, "[children] often leave with little to no personal items of their own. Love Bundles provides [an] essential set of items that help transition the children in a loving way. All of the items are new and carefully planned to take into consideration seasonal weather, style, and comfort."

Love Bundles influences more than just the children on the receiving end. The effects of the committee trickles throughout the community, by way of everyone who witnesses their work—from additional volunteers to sheriffs and deputies. Each month, the committee is graciously overwhelmed with volunteers, (about 30-50 volunteers, many of whom are returning) all very passionate about the project. Assistant Love Bundles Chair, Annamarie Otero, boasts "when a first time volunteer comes to the packing, they always say that someone told them what a great project Love Bundles was and they wanted to get involved as well." It's clear that this committee has left a lasting impression on any JLT member who has been involved.



Similarly, the positive feedback only continues when expressed by the HCSO. "I've worked for the HCSO Child Protection for nearly five years and I've seen countless children come in crying and afraid," admits Kenlee Grimes, CSA Supervisor of the Child Protective Investigations Division. "These children have been removed from their homes due to neglect and abuse and many times come with nothing but the clothes on their backs. It warms my heart and brings me much joy knowing that we are able to provide these children with Love Bundles and they are able go into foster homes or other placement arrangements with a sense of security due to JLT providing these." In agreement with Sumbly and Gremer about the timely need of the backpacks, Grimes says, "The Love Bundles provide children with basic necessities and clothing when they need it the most. We here at HCSO Child Protection are always grateful to JLT as they help us keep Hillsborough County kids safe."



The love and care that goes into each backpack is evident in the efforts of the volunteers. It's no secret that it *feels* good to *do* good. Many JLT members can attest to that theory. While fundraisers are true drivers of the League's ability to build positive change in the community, the Love Bundles volunteers equally appreciate hands-on community service. "Our volunteers love this project because of the immediate impact," specify Sumbly and Gremer. The ability to provide for the community by actively shopping for items and packing the bags offers immediate gratification for volunteers who want to feel they are making a difference. It also puts the severity of a family's situation into perspective. For example, when a volunteer is physically shopping to fulfill requests for premature infant sizes, they begin to understand the crisis at hand. Otero adds, "[the] shoppers are very hard workers; they spend many hours each month shopping for all of the important items that are needed to complete the backpacks." In agreement, Sumbly and Gremer

detail that “especially for older youth—the love and care that each volunteer spends to ensure that the two outfits are unique, matching, trendy and suitable for school are details that many mass providers wouldn’t be able to take into consideration.” Both agree that this is incredible to witness during each and every packing.

Love Bundles’ partners, who often struggle with meeting these basic needs on their own, are so grateful for JLT. Without Love Bundles, the community partners would solely rely on inconsistent donations, without knowing what they’d get and when they’d get it. The League’s consistent commitment to serving this group of children is so appreciated by the community partners. In a world surrounded by crises, they are offered one constant: the support of JLT. By supporting our partners, we are directly supporting these children who are entering into a very turbulent time in their lives. Love Bundles provides them with a very small sense of support to help carry them through.

The Love Bundles project not only supports our community partners and the children in their care, but also foster parents and families. The League consistently receives notes of thanks from foster parents, both JLT members and non-members alike. These notes express gratitude for the Love Bundles backpacks, especially when children otherwise arrive late at night with nothing--not even pajamas or clean clothing. Recently, a foster family who has helped over 25 children wrote JLT because the family “wanted [JLT] to know how much it’s appreciated!

While living under the cloud of confusion and chaos, some children may not realize the full impact of the Love Bundles—and that’s okay. It is more than just stuffing backpacks and taking tags off clothes, but, most importantly, providing children with a tiny bit of comfort during one of the most stressful times of their lives. The Love Bundles committee hopes that this little bit can go a long, long way.



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Exceptional Professionals is a group of Junior League women who gather monthly over lunch to share ideas and support one another as we navigate work, family and life in general. We have planned an amazing year ahead focusing on our chosen theme: Be Present. Our speakers will touch on this theme throughout the year and will teach us how to be mindful in our everyday lives. We hope you will be present at this exciting series of events.

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Insight from the WISE Symposium

by MCKAY REHWINKEL

Navigating your future is always a difficult task. Weeding through the uncertainty to open a clear path to success can be daunting, but eventually the path will clear. Students sometimes have tunnel vision, thinking "All I need to do is make it to midterms!" Students, however, have the unique opportunity to diversify skills that will help them in the future. Our efforts in college often help shape our futures. The real question—how do you diversify your skill sets *and* get ahead in college? Just getting straight A's doesn't mean you'll be attractive to employers when you graduate. When I was a student preparing for my future career beyond getting good grades was not on the forefront of my mind. Now, I know eventually I learned to start building my resume to project myself better towards employers, but, honestly, I wish I had more advice at the time. After attending the WISE (Women Who Ignite Student Engagement) conference on "Navigating Your Success," I was truly impressed by the programs available to students today in a college environment. The University of South Florida's Women in Leadership and Philanthropy organized this grand conference to help inspire and guide students on their paths towards their future careers. Sponsored by The Junior League of Tampa and Valley Bank, this amazing

career-focused conference helped break down barriers associated with life after college.

Robert F. Kennedy once said, "Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly." This was the overarching theme of the conference. Learning from failure can lead the way in achieving your goals towards success. Failure can be scary, but it is what we do after failure that breeds success. It might sound negative, but failure is inevitable. It is what we learn from our failures that helps us avoid those mistakes in the future. This conference was intended to answer some of those scary questions about careers and finding your way post-college. Each element of the conference focused heavily on reassuring students that failure is truly okay and will happen, but it is what we do after failure that is most important. Panelist Lauren Hartmann was incredibly wise when she said "Failure might not really be failures, they might really be successes." So, don't be afraid of failing and never regret your choices. Simply learn from your mistakes.

Throughout the conference, students were able to hear from professional and successful women in the workplace. I know if I had this same conference in college, I might be in a different place in my career. Now, that is not to say that I am not



proud of my successes, but I truly felt this conference eased students' fears regarding the future and starting a career after college. An impressive group of speakers including Lauren Hartmann, Assistant Director Government Relations, University of South Florida, Kristen McCall, Regional Vice President Foundation, AdventHealth, and two JLT Actives selected to participate by the League's Executive Board—Diana Hechavaria, Associate Professor, University of South Florida and JLT incoming Strategic Planning Director, and Janae Thomas, Assistant State Attorney and JLT incoming Community Action Assistant Chair—did an amazing job breaking down career barriers for these students. They were humble and honest to identify that failure happens and we all need to learn from our failures to become better. What a valuable experience to learn from women professionals who once stood in the shoes of these students, but who have achieved early success in their distinct fields. During this conference, you could feel a sense of relief radiating from the students. Adaptability is important in your career, as there will be a lot of noise that arises and sometimes you have to block out the noise to gain clarity. These students were given many important life lessons during this conference. I might have even learned a lesson or two; you never stop learning even when you become an adult.

In summary, "Navigating Your Success" by USF Women in Leadership and Philanthropy gave students the opportunity to hear from seasoned professionals and receive career-centered



advice. These students definitely left impressed, focused, and energized about their futures. They will be well-prepared for their experiences transitioning from student life to career life. I will leave you with this reflection poetically highlighted by JLT Active Janae Thomas, "Jackie Robinson was best known as the 1st African American Baseball Player to be entered into the Baseball Hall of Fame, but not many know his top record in baseball was strikeouts. So, even one of the most famous and successful baseball players of all time had failures, it is what he did with those failures that created the ultimate career path for him. What will you do to learn from your failures?"



THE LUMINARIES

Preserving the Past. Inspiring the Future.

by HAVEN BASSETT

The Luminaries, an annual award program of The Junior League of Tampa, recognizes community members who inspire and influence. The program has cultivated a legacy of Luminaries who exemplify leadership, advocacy, and distinction. The League pays tribute to these individuals and preserves their life histories through a documentary in partnership with WEDU PBS and through a permanent digital collection and display at the Tampa Bay History Center. We also recognize them live on stage at the Luminaries Award Luncheon in May. Due to the recent outbreak of COVID-19, however, the Luncheon has been postponed and the League will confirm a new date based on the phases of reopening and CDC guidelines.

The Luminaries is important to the League for several reasons. First, the League originated the program—applying creativity, insight, and dedication to bring the first Luminaries Award Luncheon to fruition in 2015. That year and in years since, the event has brought community leaders together for a day of camaraderie and celebration, recognized deserving honorees, and raised funds for the League. Our rich history and deep roots give us an ideal platform to pay tribute to The Luminaries. Because the program honors those who improve the community through effective action, the awards reinforce the League's commitment to the same mission.

Last year, the annual Luminaries Luncheon was held May 10 at the Bryan Glazer Family Jewish Community Center. Attendees had the chance to hear from the 2019 Luminaries honorees—Rosemary Armstrong, Dr. Judy Genshaft, and Joseph Capitano, Sr.—as they celebrated their accomplishments and legacy.

We are so proud to present the 2020 Luminaries Honorees Fran Davin, Doretha Edgecomb, and Ronald Weaver, and look forward to celebrating our honorees in person in the near future.



2020 LUMINARIES AWARD HONOREES



FRAN DAVIN

Fran Davin was born in Quincy Massachusetts and attended Stonehill College the first year that the institution admitted women. Fran and her now late husband, Bill, moved to Tampa from California in 1970 and she immediately embarked on a life of advocacy. She is best known as the second woman elected to the Hillsborough County Commission, which she also chaired. But Fran is most proud of her dedication to MacDonald Training Center, where she remains a board member. She worked closely with the late George Pennington to strategize and implement MacDonald's move to its current facility and to provide a sound financial base and plan. Fran has helped create many important assets but points to her work with then Mayor Bob Martinez (2015 Luminary) in creating a county-wide bus system and in working with the state to create, fund and launch the TGH Rehab Center. The list of Fran's contributions stretches across all sectors of the community. Some of Fran's most memorable moments include her service on the Tampa Housing Authority and the initial Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center (now the Straz) board; filling the unexpected Tampa City Council vacancy and working as then-Mayor Pam Lorio's special assistant.

Fran was married to her wonderful husband, the late Bill Davin, for 65 years and has three adult children (Carl, Andrew, Suann) and one grandchild (Alexandra), and an old, bossy grey cat (Smokey).



DORETHA EDGECOMB

Born in Tampa, Doretha Edgecomb is a product of what was long a segregated school system. She attended old Middleton High School, an institution for which she has always expressed strong affection. Edgecomb began her career in education as a middle school English teacher with Hillsborough County Public Schools after graduating from Talladega College in Alabama. After years in education, Edgecomb was elected to the Hillsborough County School Board in the August 2004 primary election and re-elected in 2008. During her tenure she served as Vice Chair in 2010 and Chair in 2011. In 2006, Edgecomb was appointed by Hillsborough County to serve on the Board of the Children's Board of Hillsborough County. After eight years, she led the board as Chair until retiring in 2016. The Children's Board of Hillsborough County recently named their 7th Children's Board Family Resource Center in honor of Edgecomb, which opened in February 2020. The resource center serves children and families, continuing Edgecomb's legacy.

Outside of the education field, Edgecomb has been a steadfast advocate for cancer research and treatment in honor of her late husband, The Honorable George Edgecomb. Her work with Moffitt Cancer Center focuses specifically on ending the research and treatment disparities in minority communities.



RONALD WEAVER

Ronald Weaver has helped build Tampa Bay and Florida. Over the past 40 years, Ron has helped form and lead a statewide 132-member law firm: Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A., where today he is Of Counsel. He has built an extensive law practice advising landowners, development companies and local governments in environmental, land use and property rights law and real estate acquisition and financing. He has been involved in the acquisition and development of over \$6 billion worth of Florida property in 32 different counties and 62 cities. He has been recognized with countless awards for his leadership in the Tampa Bay business and legal communities.

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Leadership Council

2019-2020

HIGHLIGHTING THE WOMEN WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN

by CAMERON MCNABB

We've introduced you to our Executive Board in the Fall issue and our Management Council in the Winter issue. Now, we'd like to introduce our Leadership Council, the women who lead each of our many committees. These talented women ensure our committees continually meet the needs of our community and the League, from serving our most at-risk youth to major fundraising efforts. For this issue, we are highlighting the chairs of our Community Child Welfare committees. Our Community Child Welfare committees meet many basic and critical needs of women and children in Tampa Bay, including meeting diaper shortages, providing backpacks with toiletries to children placed in foster care, and supporting families in the adoption process.



DIAPER BANK: **CAROLINE FOSS**

Caroline Hettinger Foss is a freelance writer and creative director. She started her career (and first joined the Junior League) in Boston, MA, as an advertising copywriter on national campaigns like Progressive Insurance's "Flo," Carnival Cruiselines, New Balance Apparel, Fidelity Investments and, later, Publix Supermarkets. In her 15 years with the Junior League, Caroline has served as Chair for a variety of projects, including Strategic Planning, Kids in the Kitchen, Cookbooks, as well as willingness-to-lead positions, including the Nominating Committee and Provisional Mentor. Most recently, Caroline launched the League's Diaper Bank Committee, which she continues to Chair. Caroline lives on Davis Island with her two boys, her husband, who is a Pasco County Firefighter/Paramedic, and two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels.



KIDS CONNECT: **KELLEY MCCARTHY**

Kelley McCarthy is a Tampa native serving in her fourth year in the League. She received her Bachelor's in Nursing from Florida State University, in addition to a Bachelor's in Family and Child Sciences and a minor in Child Psychology. Kelley is currently working as a pediatric hematology and oncology nurse, a dream of hers since she was seven years old. Before serving as the Kids Connect Chair, Kelley has previously held the positions of Family Literacy Night Team Lead and Kids Connect Assistant Chair. In her spare time, Kelley volunteers at Camp Boggy Creek, a camp for children with chronic and terminal illness, is a Wish Granter for Make a Wish, and serves on the Arthritis Foundation of Tampa Board as the Young Adult Leadership Council Chair. Kelley looks forward to positively impacting those around her through her joyfully happy personality and volunteer activities!



GIRL POWER!: KRISTEN ANTONELLO

Kristen Antonello is a Florida native who was born and raised in Fort Lauderdale. She received her Bachelor’s degree in Communications at Florida State University and her Master’s degree in Education at the University of Florida. She moved to south Tampa after graduate school in 2010 and has worked for Cigna for the past seven years as a group health plan sales representative. After serving on the Kids in the Kitchen committee during her first year in the League, Kristen was an event coordinator on the Family Literacy Night committee, a member of the Enabling Fund committee, the Assistant Chair of Girl Power!, and is now Chair of Girl Power! where she enjoys organizing impactful and engaging monthly events at the Centre for Girls as well as developing meaningful relationships with the girls who attend. The Girl Power! committee has been her most rewarding League experience thus far because of the mentorship opportunity – building relationships with the girls who attend each month is very important to her. In her spare time, Kristen enjoys spending time with her friends, going to spin class, and hanging out with her Golden Retriever, Brody.



READY TO ACHIEVE: ROBIN DREIER

Robin Dreier grew up in Vero Beach, but calls Tampa home—having spent half her life here and being an alumna of both USF and UT. After college she spent a few years as an Americorps VISTA in St. Louis and Pensacola, before promptly moving back to Tampa. In 2019 after almost a decade in the nonprofit world, she started her own gift and event business, Dotting the Details. Robin is excited to get to work in her passion area of teens in foster care, through Chairing the Ready to Achieve project this year. In her spare time she enjoys traveling, crafting, going to Disney, cosplaying, and volunteering with her Rotary Club and the Girl Scouts.



LOVE BUNDLES: SARAH GREMER

Sarah Gremer is a Tampa native and alumna of Plant High School. She graduated from the University of Florida and had a career in digital marketing for a decade before staying home with her children. She is in her fifth year in the League and has previously served in children’s literature and family literacy nights. Last year, Sarah was the Love Bundles Assistant Chair. She also volunteers with Heart Gallery, the Spring of Tampa Bay, and Hillsborough County Public Schools. She has been married for ten years to her husband Brian and they have two daughters Addison (age eight) and Avery (age six).



LOVE BUNDLES: MYCHAELE SUMBY

Mychael Sumby is a lifelong resident of Tampa and is ending her eighth year as a member of the Junior League. Mychael attended St. John’s Episcopal Day School before graduating from Tampa Preparatory School. She then attended Florida State University where she graduated with a Bachelor’s in Child and Family Sciences. While attending FSU, she was actively involved with campus philanthropy, and after graduating, she began a teaching career at St. John’s teaching Science. Mychael went on to receive a Master’s in Education from the University of Tampa and is currently the Assistant Director of Admissions at Tampa Prep. Mychael has served on Provisional Education, Training, Social, Requirements, and the inaugural Luminaries committees and is currently the Love Bundles co-Chair. She has enjoyed being able to serve the League and help the community this year. Mychael enjoys spending time with her family and friends, and she and her husband Stefan are proud new parents of Dylan Elizabeth Sumby, who was born this past June.



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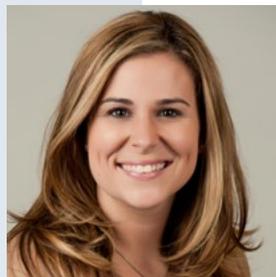
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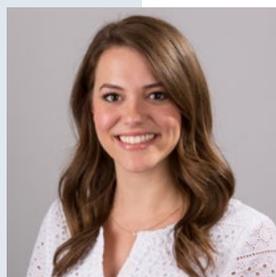
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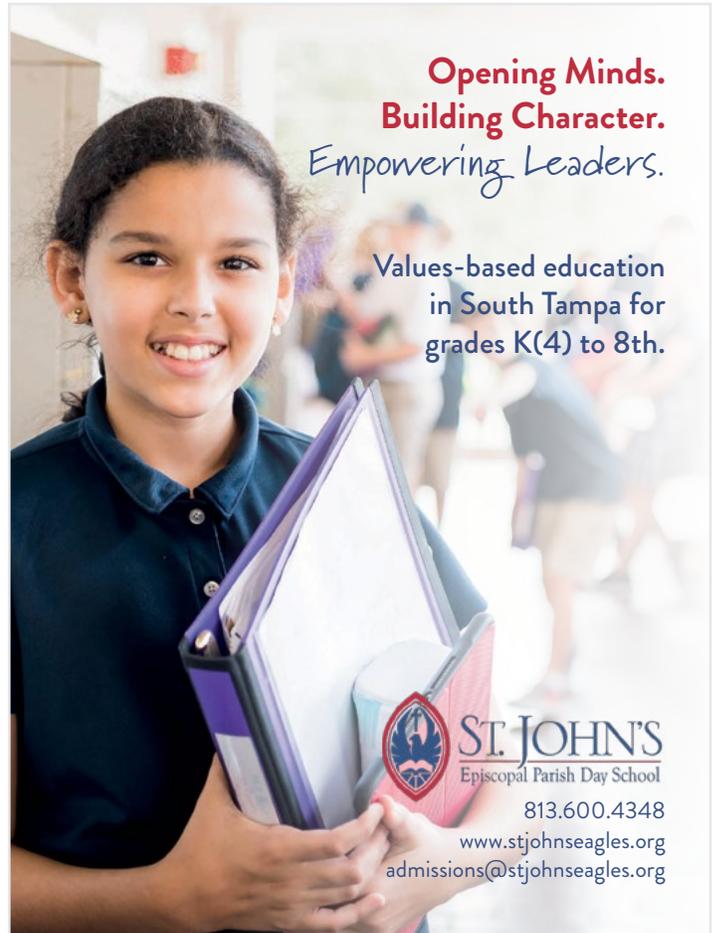
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The Junior League of Tampa denounces discrimination, racism, and intolerance in our community and in our League. As led by our Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee and Leadership, we are developing broad opportunities to listen, learn, and connect with our membership and our community and accelerating our efforts to take action against racial injustice in our community, and our League. When we do this —together—we realize our Centennial Vision of diverse women leaders as catalysts for lasting change.



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Educate Hillsborough

by MCKAY REHWINKEL



Beverly Foster, JLT Active and Educate Hillsborough Participant

Education gives us more than just knowledge; it gives us perspective on the world around us.

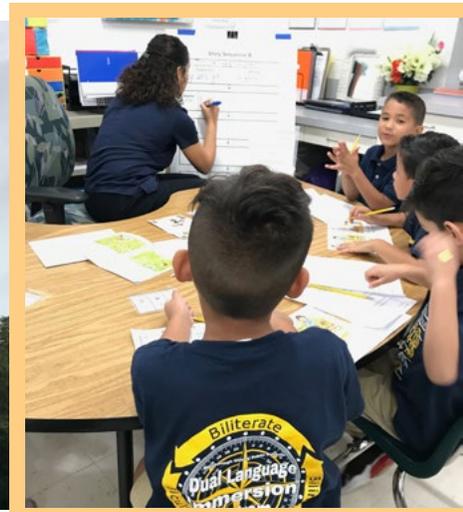
Malcolm X truly said it best when he said; "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

Here in Hillsborough County, we are striving to inform our population on the importance of education and its benefits to society. Hillsborough County is the 7th largest public school district in the

United States. With more than 215,000 students in this school district alone, we have a responsibility to engage our community on the importance of education.

The Alliance for Public Schools was formed in 2012 by parents and community members who believed that public education must be a shared community value and priority. This program is currently working with four public school systems including Hillsborough County Public Schools. Their mission is to educate, engage, and inspire families and the community about the public school system. A strong mission can only be followed by a strong vision and The Alliance for Public Schools has one. They strive to give every child in the public school system a positive experience while gaining ample support from the community. This may seem simple in concept but achieving the support of the community is not an easy task. So, how do The Alliance for Public Schools and Hillsborough County collaborate to create a beneficial program that motivates our community? Well, they pick a series of special experiences and sessions for a





select group of local community leaders —a new partnership program called Educate Hillsborough. Everyone loves a 'behind the scenes' experience and The Alliance for Public Schools provides that. These select community partners get to learn and access the integral structure behind Hillsborough County Public Schools.

This is the inaugural year for The Alliance of Public Schools collaboration with Hillsborough County. The collaboration began in 2019 and continues to make strides going into 2020. Since, Hillsborough County is one of the largest employers in the Tampa Bay Area, it was important for The Alliance of Public Schools to show the significance behind the public school system. Transparency was the key to better educate our community on the local education system. The Alliance of Public Schools and Hillsborough County took their community partners behind the scenes exposing the biggest challenges the school district faces. Some of those challenges included transportation and the food service program. Educate Hillsborough's end goal is to provide community partners a deeper knowledge of Hillsborough County Public Schools. The objective is to clear up any misconceptions about public schools to help create a better future for our community and our children. We all need to work together to make better decisions for our education system. Educate Hillsborough is doing just that!

Now, I am sure you are wondering what does this mean for The Junior League of Tampa (JLT). Well, our very own BeverlyAnn Foster is one of 33 others in Class I of Educate Hillsborough. Her involvement with this organization allows The Junior League of Tampa to be an integral community partner with our public school system.

BeverlyAnn Foster is an adjunct Professor of Communication at Hillsborough County College educating collegiate students on communication and public speaking. Not only is she an active member of The Junior League of Tampa but she is also leading the way to empowering the community about education by volunteering her time to take part in the first class of Educate Hillsborough with The Alliance of Public Schools. Her time is also spent as a member of the Sunlake Academy of Math and Science School Advisory Council. So, as you can see Beverly is the perfect advocate for education. Her own impressive education background aligns with this cause and the importance of educating our children. Beverly graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Journalism & Communications. She went on to receive a Master of Arts in Communication and Leadership Studies from Gonzaga University. She not only is passionate about education professionally but she also personally wants to support her local education for her own family.

Beverly takes her passion for education into every session with Educate Hillsborough. She first applied through The Junior League of Tampa as



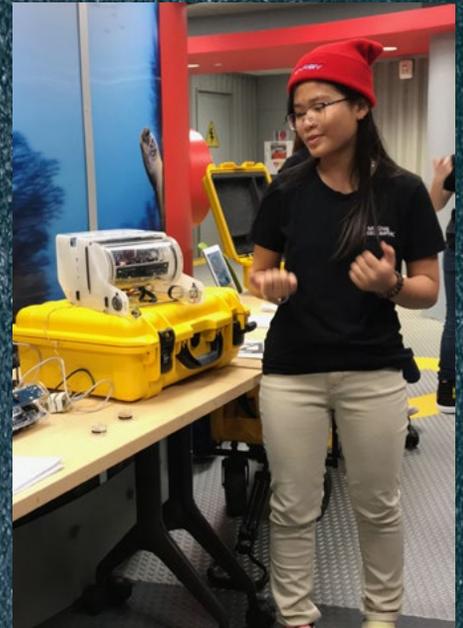


their Liaison and was truly pleased to receive the opportunity from the League's Executive Board to be a participant in this inaugural community partnership with Alliance of Public Schools. The Executive Board also voted to sponsor the cost of another community leader's participation as a need-based scholarship. During this one-year-long program, she will be introduced to many programs available in Hillsborough County Public Schools. To date, the committee has been introduced to several important programs including Teaching & Learning through Crestwood, which is a wonderful music/dual language program. They have also been involved in partnering with the Florida Aquarium on an innovative Tampa Bay STEM Network. As a team they have learned about other community partners such as Hillsborough Education Foundation and Metropolitan Ministries. Most recently, Beverly and her classmates were able to drive buses combined with security simulation training. They will finish the year with Leadership & Graduation.

As volunteers, the Junior League believes in building better communities. Our dedication to service in our communities reflects our mission to help in the areas of child welfare and education. Many JLT projects have focused on serving Hillsborough County Public Schools.

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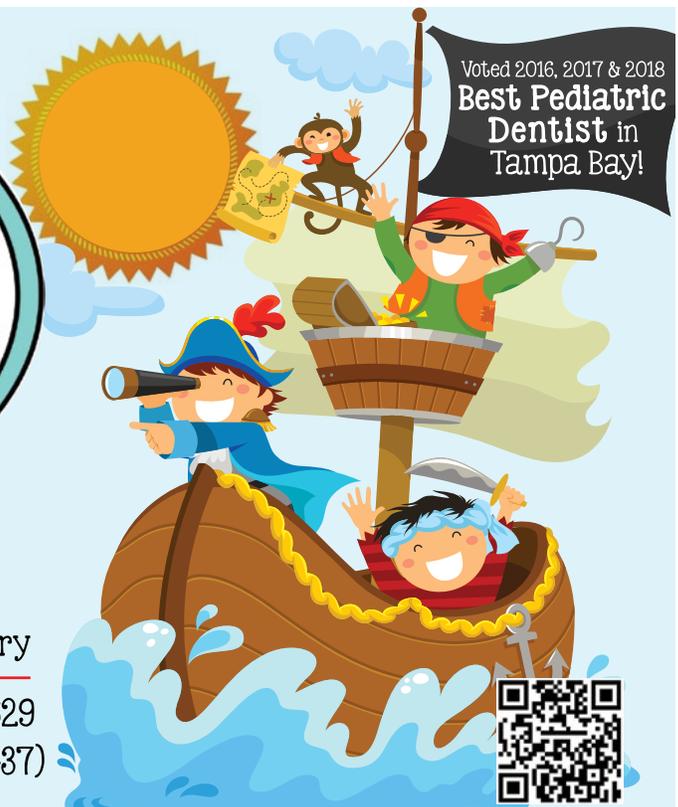


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Yields: 8 slices

- 4 ounces thinly sliced smoked salmon
- 1 fennel bulb, sliced (save fennel fronds)
- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
- Zest of ½ lemon
- ¼ cup olive oil
- Salt to taste
- Pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 8 slices of French baguette, 1/3-inch-thick
- 1 ounce goat cheese
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream

Combine the salmon, fennel, onion, lemon zest and ¼ cup of olive oil in a small bowl and mix well. Use a mandolin if you have one to get the fennel and onion nice and thin.

Drizzle 2 tablespoons olive oil over the baguette slices. Grill the bread over hot coals until light brown and grill marks appear. You may also toast under a broiler. It will hold up better than a fresh baguette.

Combine the goat cheese and cream in a small bowl. Mix well with a wooden spoon until very smooth. Top the grilled bread slices with a spoonful of the salmon mixture. Spoon the goat cheese mixture on the top. You may garnish with the feathery tops of the fennel bulb or sprigs of fresh dill if desired. Serve immediately.



Whether you're hosting a spring soiree, graduation celebration, still hanging on to Gasparilla fun or a celebratory Mother's Day brunch; this grouping of recipes is picture perfect for your table. Take one or take them all and present your guests with these super easy but impressive recipes from our *Savor the Seasons* and *Life of the Party Junior League of Tampa Culinary Collection* with a few notes from yours truly.

TOASTED PARMESAN ZUCCHINI

(From Savor the Seasons)

Yield: 4 to 8 servings

- 4 zucchini, cut into halves lengthwise
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/3 cup Italian breadcrumbs, or try Panko breadcrumbs mixed with 1/2 teaspoon of dried Italian seasoning
- 1/3 cup parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- Shaved parmesan cheese for topping

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Place the zucchini in a large saucepan of boiling water. Boil for 8 to 10 minutes or just until softened. Do not overcook. Remove the zucchini from the water and let cool. Scoop the pulp into a bowl, reserving the shells. Add the egg, breadcrumbs, grated parmesan cheese, garlic, salt and pepper to the pulp and mix well. Spoon the mixture into the reserved shells. Arrange the filled shells on a baking sheet. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese shavings. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown on top. Can't seem to get that golden glow? Turn on the broiler and keep a very close watch to promote the toasted cheesy goodness. Let stand for 2 minutes before serving.

BLACK BEAN VEGETABLE WRAPS

From The Life of the Party

Yield: 12 wraps

- 16 ounces cream cheese, softened to room temperature
- 2 cups shredded Pepper Jack cheese
- 1/2 cup sour cream (or substitute Greek yogurt)
- 1 teaspoon onion salt
- 2 (15 ounce) cans black beans, rinsed, drained
- 1/4 cup salsa
- 12 (8 inch) flour tortillas (go for color like green and red!)
- 10 ounces fresh spinach
- 2 (7 ounce) jars of roasted sweet red pepper, drained, chopped
- 2 carrots, shredded (or save yourself some time and use matchstick carrots)

Combine the cream cheese, Pepper Jack cheese, sour cream, and onion salt in a mixing bowl; beat until well blended. Process the black beans and salsa in a food processor until smooth. No food processor? A handheld potato masher works just as well. Also, keep it local and go for Cigar City Smoked Medium or your other favorite Tampa salsa. Spread the bean mixture in a light layer over each tortilla. Top evenly with the cheese mixture, spinach, red peppers, and carrots. Roll up the tortillas tightly. Wrap in plastic and chill before serving. Gently cut in half. Serve with a side of salsa and sour cream for dipping, guacamole would also be delicious. You may add grilled chicken or steak if desired.



SESAME-CRUSTED CHICKEN SALAD TEA SANDWICHES

From Savor the Seasons

Yield: 24 tea sandwiches

- 1 unpeeled onion, cut in half
- 6 black peppercorns
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 ½ pounds chicken breasts bone in
- ½ cup plus 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon dark sesame oil
- ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons chopped chives
- 3 scallions, white and light green parts thinly sliced
- Kosher salt to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 24 thin slices of white bread, crusts trimmed
- ½ cup plus 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- ¼ cup sesame seeds, toasted

Don't have enough time to boil the chicken? Spoiler alert, it takes at least an hour. Buy a whole roasted chicken, remove the skin, and pull meat off the bones. Place in a bowl and shred by pulling apart large pieces of chicken with two forks and chop any remaining large pieces.

Place the onion, peppercorns, thyme, and bay leaf in a stock pot. Add the chicken and cold water to cover. Cover and bring to a simmer. Remove the cover and simmer for 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Drain the chicken and reserve the stock for future use. Let the chicken cool. Remove and discard the chicken skin and bones. Shred and finely chop the chicken. Refrigerate, covered, until chilled.

Combine the mayonnaise and sesame oil in a small bowl and stir until blended. Add to the chicken and mix well. Add the cilantro, chives, and scallions and mix well. Season with salt and pepper. Chill, covered, until ready to serve.

Spread the butter evenly on one side of each bread slice. Spread the chicken salad evenly over half the bread slices. Top with the remaining bread slices. Cut each sandwich diagonally into halves. Butter the cut sides of each sandwich. Sprinkle the sesame seeds over the buttered sides. Arrange the sandwiches sesame side up on a serving platter.



PINA COLADA MUFFINS

From Life of the Party

Yield: 30 muffins or 8 dozen mini muffins

- 1 package yellow cake mix (plus eggs, water, and oil per package directions)
- 1 teaspoon coconut extract
- 1 teaspoon rum flavoring
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 1 cup chopped nuts (optional)
- 1 cup drained crushed pineapple

Prepare the cake mix according to the package directions. Stir in the coconut extract, rum flavoring, coconut, nuts and pineapple, do not overmix. Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups $\frac{3}{4}$ way full. Bake at 350 F for 15 to 20 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. You may also bake in mini muffin pans and bake for 12 minutes.

PIRATES MILK PUNCH

From Life of the Party

Yield: 1 gallon, about 16 servings

MAKE THE NIGHT AHEAD

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup high quality bourbon, avoid sour mash bourbon
- 1 cup French brandy, such as Cognac
- 1 cup high quality vodka
- 2 ounces pure vanilla extract, avoid imitation vanilla
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg, plus more for garnishing
- Whole milk

Combine the sugar, bourbon, brandy and vodka in a gallon container with lid such as an empty gallon milk jug. Secure the lid and shake vigorously until the sugar is dissolved. Add the vanilla and nutmeg; shake well. Add the milk, 2 cups at a time, until the jug is full; shaking well after each addition. Chill for 8 to 24 hours before serving. Serve very cold or over ice in old-fashioned glasses. Sprinkle freshly grated nutmeg over the top before serving. If hosting a fancier affair transfer from the milk jug into a simple or cut-glass pitcher alongside an ice bucket.

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OUT & ABOUT

Safer at Home orders and social distancing may have kept us apart, but JLT members are still finding ways to connect with each other and our community.



Shannon Tompkins and her family taking front porch photos (Image by Captured by Destiny)



Sustainer, Brooke Palmer Kuhl, of RSBP Event Planning & Public Relations, took action to provide meals to those working in hospitals and public safety services, along with supporting restaurants in a switch to takeout services, through the duration of the pandemic. Photo provided by Brooke Palmer Kuhl.



Casey Barile celebrated her quarantine birthday safe at home.



Emily Monahan has been supporting the Tampa Community as a Physician Assistant during quarantine.



Lyndsey Siara spent quarantine trying to work with her two littles, and grow their garden.



Members practiced social distancing through themed Sunday Zoom Brunching. Laura Walsh, Sara Evans, Jenny Schroeder, Karla Mastracchio, Lauren Sanchez and Amy Roberts brunch via Zoom with a Tiger King theme.

The Foster family (Beverly, Gary, Jackson, 7 & Henry, 5) has enjoyed time together being outside in their backyard and going on neighborhood scavenger hunts during the this time at home.



Suzy Lopez, Stephanie Wiendl, Sheri Schobert
volunteering at Feeding Tampa Bay



Kathleen Thaxton, Sheri Schobert, Suzy Lopez volunteering at
Feeding Tampa Bay



JLT Past President Allison Burden (2011 - 2012) is living in
Singapore and spending lockdown volunteering at the local soup
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