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# a note from the editor

Summer is calling us with its sunshine, refreshing lemonade by the pool, and gatherings with friends. While summer is a time to relax, it's also a time of transition and new beginnings. We might take the summer to start a new home project, prepare for the upcoming school year, or make a big move.

As I write my last editor's note to you, I feel like a graduating senior signing your yearbook, reflecting on how The League has changed and impacted our community this year. In this issue, you will read about our first Annual Gala which exceeded our goal and awarded our first ever \$10,000.00 1926 Legacy Award, meet the leaders in our league, and learn about new projects including Family Health Day and our Member X program within the League.

I have had an amazing experience as Editor in Chief for The Sandspur. It is bittersweet to say "goodbye," but working with an amazing group of women to help put together these issues has been nothing short of wonderful. Here's to another successful league year in 22-23!

No yearbook sendoff is complete without a promise to have a great summer and KIT!

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Lauren is an Active JLT member who enjoys volunteering in her spare time as a Big Sister from Big Sister program, Heart Gallery of Tampa, & as a Seminole Representative for their Boosters Program. Some of her favorite hobbies are reading, the beach, and, this fall, you can find her watching FSU & the Packers play football this season.



#### Kirsten Schmitz, Assistant Editor in Chief

Kirsten is a first-year Active member of the JLT. She is the Director of Florida Student Success Initiatives at the Helios Education Foundation, where she leads early learning and K-12 grantmaking initiatives that uplift first-generation, low-income, and underserved students to ensure they not only access, but also complete a postsecondary degree. She enjoys running, reading, and traveling.



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Lila is a third-year Active member of The Junior League of Tampa. She has been creating content featuring local businesses and highlighting the best spots in Tampa Bay for over 5 years. When she's not exploring local hotspots you can find her volunteering with Autism Speaks, putting on a chef hat to whip up a mean meal or playing with her mini Aussie, Piper.



#### Kendra Lyman, Copy Editor

Kendra has been an Active member of JLT since 2015. She works as a construction law attorney and has lived in Tampa since 2013. In her free time, Kendra enjoys running, attending concerts, and spending time with her husband and son.



#### Jenn Malone, Contributing Writer

Jennifer has been a member of The Junior League of Tampa since she moved to Tampa in 2016. She credits the League with making Tampa feel like home. When she is not working her day job as an urban planner, she enjoys reading current fiction, cooking with her husband, and cuddling with her dog Zoe.



#### Jessica Cruze, Contributing Writer

Jessica is currently in her fourth Active-year of The Junior League of Tampa. A Tampa native, she recently took a new job as a Project Manager for JLL Tampa's PDS division. When she's not studying for her architectural license exams, she enjoys anything outdoors, especially paddle boarding, soccer & bike riding. Jessica recently took on another volunteer role as Events VP on the Tampa Gator Club Board. When she's not too busy, she enjoys cooking with her boyfriend Ian and Bayshore walks their cocker spaniel, Penny.



#### Lauren Schwab, Contributing Writer

After moving back to the Clearwater area after college, I originally joined the Junior League of Clearwater-Dunedin as a way to meet and connect with new people in the area who value volunteering in the community. A few years ago I moved to Tampa to pursue my nurse practitioner degree at USF and decided to transfer into The Junior League of Tampa. As a result, I have met some of the most incredible women, made amazing friends, and have had the ability to learn about and volunteer for various organizations in our community.

I just would like to thank you for your support and donations for our community baby shower on Saturday May 7th 2022. It was a huge success and we had 22 new moms to be pre-registered for the event. Thanks to you and everybody who helped with Support and donations to make this event a huge success.

Carrie Albano, Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation





Thank you to The Junior League of Tampa for choosing HEF as your spring #DoneInADay grant recipient! The generous outreach provides volunteers and up to \$1,225 in funding to local nonprofits to complete short-term projects. With the grant, we were able to deliver books to K-3rd grade students at Palm River Elementary to diversify and update their classroom libraries.

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Girls on the Run of Greater Tampa Bay

For three years, the The Junior League of Tampa's Alliance for Period Supplies (APS) project continues to supply young girls in need with "Period Packs." Thank you, JLT, for supporting girls in our Kids Village and Adolescents in Motherhood (AIM) with these essential feminine products to help combat period poverty.

Children's Home Network







# a note from the president

The 2021-2022 League year was a year to be proud of. Thank you to all our members, supporters, and community partners for an incredible year. Together, we accomplished SO much. We navigated our way- and found a new normal after a global pandemic. JLT found ways to adjust, pivot, and rearrange while at the same time, strengthen, collaborate, and innovate. Every member starting from our Provisionals to our most tenured Sustainer is what has made us so successful and makes JLT so special. We truly are "better together".

This year alone to highlight we have collectively:

- Pivoted to a virtual and in-person GMM format for the first time.
- Built up our training portfolio offering a wide variety of in-person, hybrid, virtual, and on-demand training opportunities which generated more than 7,000 hours in training participation.
- Implemented the MemberX Study and survey to our members, and now understand what is currently most valuable our members and their time.
- After a year off, we held an amazingly sweet in-person HGM Shopping experience with over 10,000 shoppers though the door
- Held a SOLD-OUT Gasparilla Invasion Event
- Held our first annual gala for an evening of inspiration and impact with over 200 attendees
- Served near 12,000 hours in the community through our signature community projects
- Raised \$257,000 through our fundraising efforts. That's genuinely amazing!
- Established our Centennial Vision Committee to oversee our 100th-year celebrations

I could not be prouder of JLT, our members, and our volunteers! What a truly successful year.

I want to thank each of you for the opportunity to serve as the 2021-2022 President. It has been an honor I will forever cherish. Everyone joins the League for different reasons, whether to meet new friends, gain new skills, or volunteer in the community. Whichever the reason, I hope everyone has found it at JLT, I know I certainly have. As I end my 13th year of service within the League, I can only express a feeling of gratitude and true pride for the accomplishments over the last year, but also for the future of JLT.

A huge congratulations to Caroline and our incoming leadership team, I look forward to your many successes and seeing all the impact you achieve in the year ahead!

Best regards,

Taylor Shine Jones

Taylor Jones President 2021-2022

# a note from the incoming president

As the 2021/2022 year comes to an end, I am humbled by the work, grace, and foresight of our previous leaders. Leaders like Taylor. I am thankful for her grit and grace. She led us through the transition with a calm attitude and somehow still managed to hustle. Taylor raised over \$257,000 in 2021-2022, which is over and above previous years. She put the pieces needed for a new Executive Board structure into place, which will help us nurture our future leaders. And she was the one who established the Centennial Vision Committee to oversee our 100th-year celebrations.

I am thankful for her tireless, and often thankless, work. I've shared this with many of you, I have learned so much from Taylor and am in awe of the way she balanced work, home, and JLT.

Each of you will have your own story of why you became a member of JLT. You'll have your own unique way of channeling your strengths for the benefit of others. As your President, you can depend on my steadfast commitment to the League — to the preservation and nurturing of its cause, continuity, and community. I'm so excited about what lies ahead and #MakeShiftHappen with you.



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# Men & Now

Taylor Jones
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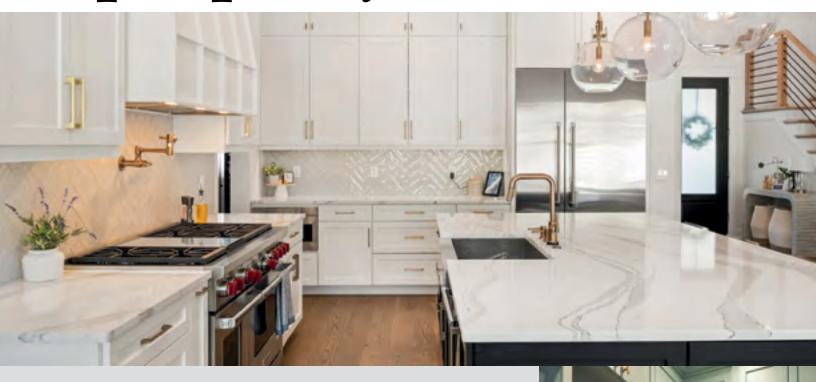
Being a part of a community of amazing women.	WHAT IS THE BEST PART ABOUT BEING A JLT MEMBER?	Seeing a friendly face almost everywhere I go.
Provisional Mentor	WHAT WAS THE FIRST LEADERSHIP ROLE YOU TOOK ON AT JLT?	I was a Provisional Mentor in 2011.
As a leader, seeing mentees and friends succeed and make a difference. I have seen so many new community projects launch, membership initiatives, and women lead change - those memories are life changing!	WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY VOLUNTEERING WITH JLT?	Walking into the Fairgrounds early in the morning on the first day of HGM- it was quiet before anyone got there. The team worked really hard to get to that point and it all came together.
I have truly enjoyed all of my leadership roles. Every placement has brought new skills, friendships, and memories within the League. But if I had to pick- being the inaugural Managing Director.	WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE PLACEMENT?	HGM co-chair and Managing Director

You get out of your time what you put in. Be open minded and use JLT as an opportunity to try something new and meet new friends.

WHAT ADVICE **DO YOU HAVE FOR FUTURE JLT LEADERS?** 

Reach out to the current or previous women who have served in a role that you are interested in and ask for guidance and advice. Not only is it an opportunity to meet someone new, but it will give you an opportunity to learn more about the role and potentially gain an advocate or mentor.

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# COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

by KIRSTEN SCHMITZ

A little goes a long way for The Junior League of Tampa's Community Action Committee (CAC). The group hosts ten "Done in a Day" project events each year. The Done in a Day program manages requests for volunteers on short-term projects from charities and community organizations and provides manpower and funds, up to \$1,225, to local nonprofit agencies.

Together, the thirty committee members review and select grant applications, participate in site visits, collect and analyze partner survey responses and mobilize volunteers to complete chosen projects.

Bri Bunch, incoming CAC Chair, discussed just how much progress can be made in a relatively short time. In particular, Bunch shared how impressed she is with the group's perseverance and commitment. "JLT will not give up," Bunch said. "We had a rain delay at an outdoor project this fall, so while we couldn't complete the project on the original date, we came back in January to finish the job. This was a new grantee and they were extremely grateful for the work."

To be eligible for funding, prospective grantees must:

- Non-profit 501(c)3 status
- Proof that they have been in existence in Hillsborough County at least two years
- Ensure requested funds are spent in Hillsborough County

Additionally, in order to broaden JLT's impact and reach, requests won't be considered for current project partners or with a MOA designating spending \$2,500 or more on the project.

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#### **ROTARY'S CAMP FLORIDA**

Located in Brandon, Camp Florida is a 21-acre ADA-compliant campsite that provides a safe, fun space to learn, grow and play for groups whose members need supportive accommodations. Many of the children who come to camp are on the autism spectrum. After conducting a survey through USF on the Psychology of Color, Camp Florida leaders learned yellow is one of the worst colors for these children. It can incite fear, anxiety, mood changes and negatively impact eating habits. In an effort to create a barrier-free, safe and fun environment at camp, leadership moved to change the colors of the buildings. The Junior League of Tampa's volunteers worked together to paint the last remaining building on-site, which was the Publix Pavilion, a 1400 square foot structure last painted over seven years ago.











# MARY LEE'S HOUSE

Founded in 2003, Mary Lee's House is dedicated to the prevention, intervention and treatment of child abuse and neglect. Alongside organization leaders, The Junior League of Tampa's members dedicated three months to plan the creation and furnishing of a trauma-informed reading corner and play area in the building lobby. These intentional design elements integrate the principles of traumainformed care into the space, with the goal of creating physical environments that promote safety, well-being and healing. A team of twelve JLT volunteers purchased and assembled child-friendly bookshelves, bean-bag chairs, new rugs and sensory toys. These improvements provide a play space that gives children a sense of control and safety.



# HEALTH CAN BE FUNI

# **FIRST FAMILY HEALTH DAY 2022**

by LAUREN SCHWAB



On April 2, 2022 The Junior League of Tampa presented Family Health Day at the University Area Community Development Corporation (UACDC). This was the first year for this event, which took the place of Family Food Fest. The Family Health Day Chair, Courtney Ryals, and her small but mighty committee of four took on pivoting the former event called Family Food Fest to Family Health Day.

"This event was created to promote healthy living and give access to necessary health

information and resources to the community that they might not have otherwise. By partnering with local nonprofits and organizations within the community, we were able to provide resources for every member of the family that goes beyond just food," Courtney said.

The UACDC showed great interest in providing a wide range of resources for its community and was excited to host this event with the League. Family Health Day could not have been possible without the dedication of the committee, as well as their connections within the Tampa Bay

community. Both external coordinators for Family Health Day, Vanessa Araiza and Bianca Williams-Schafer, started reaching out to their contacts to gain interest from the community. Once they started making phone calls, the event blossomed into Family Health Day.

Vanessa is an anchor/reporter for ABC Action News and was able to get Courtney Ryals on-air to talk about the event during a local Saturday morning show. Bianca, a speech-language pathologist, used her connections in the healthcare field to bring community partners together for the event. Shelbie Bynum was the internal coordinator for the event and she was instrumental in involving the community and finding people and organizations to take pictures of the event and provide sponsorships. The committee also presented to the Community Advisory Board (CAB) before and after the event, allowing them to leverage the CAB's deep community connections for expanded impact.

Family Health Day brought together more than 20 organizations throughout the Tampa Bay community including both community partners and community supporters to serve more 200 attendees. "Being involved with Family Health Day through JLT was such a gift to our group at Academic Alliance in Dermatology," said nurse practitioner Tiffany Trent, "Providing education regarding skin screenings is great, but being able to help people be more comfortable by obtaining basic necessities was the best part." These partnerships were ultimately what made the inaugural Family Health Day a success. "By expanding our partnerships and event activities, we were able to create an event which is more appealing to a diverse audience that involved all members of the family," Courtney said.

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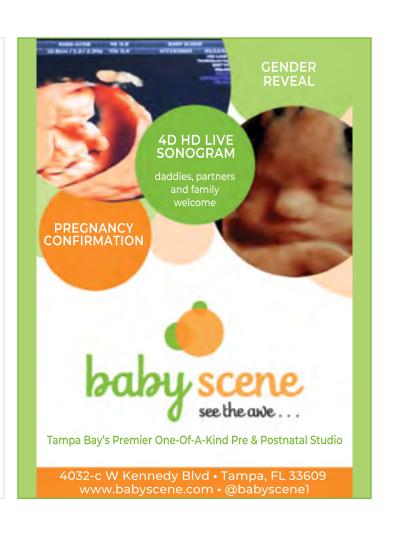


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# MEMBERX: THE JOURNEY TO A BETTER **MEMBER EXPERIENCE**

by MADELINE MORRIS

What exactly is Member Experience? The phrase elicits different definitions from different members ranging from a sense of belonging to the ways a member engages with the League, to a feeling of joy when interacting with others at a JLT function. What ties these beliefs together is this; the member experience is both unique and collective. Understanding what make makes a 'good' member experience is vital to the success of the League long term.

Enter the MemberX project, led by Executive Board members Stephanie Haas, Mychael Sumby, Miranda Henderson, and Molly Malloy. The project aims to understand The Junior League of Tampa membership by employing surveys, member interviews, and broader data analysis.

The women on the team each bring their own unique vantage point and skills. Stephanie, the current Strategic Planning Director, brings her long term, process-based thinking to the project actively looking for ways to embed this type of research

into the League's annual cadence. Miranda, the current Managing Director, brings a professional background in data driven work with a passion for developing future leaders, seeing this project as a way to fill in knowledge gaps. Mychael, the current Membership Director, brings multiple years of experience in the League membership space including forward facing roles and more behind the scenes management. Molly, the current Secretary, brings her passion for building connections and a deep understanding of how member experience collides with the League's community impact.

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These leaders are also joined by group of diverse members, representing all levels of membership. Their job was challenging, but will have a farreaching impact. "The ultimate goal," says Stephanie, "Is that our members feel valued in all aspects of their experience with The Junior League of Tampa."

As Molly Malloy succinctly put it, "Member experience is everything."

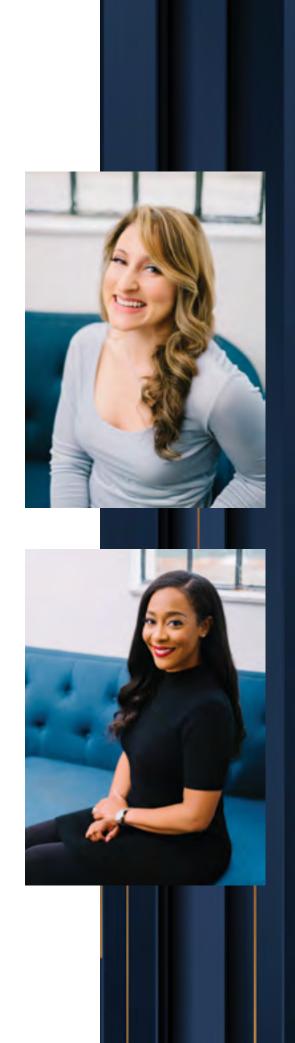
## THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

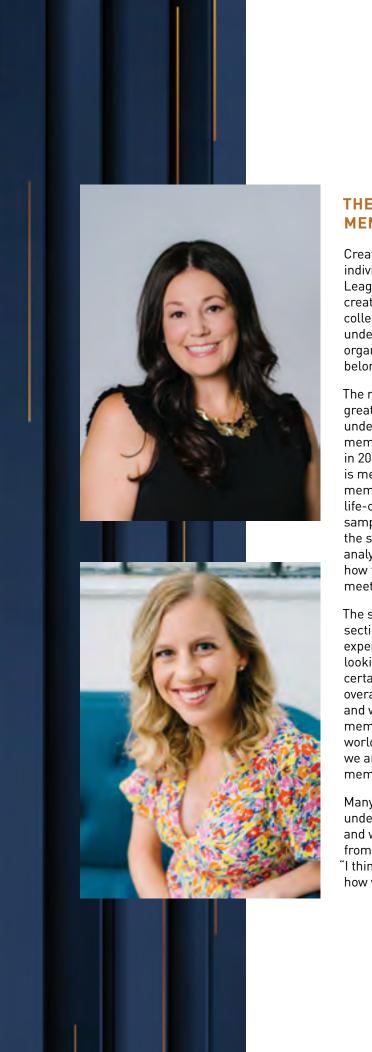
The Junior League of Tampa holds a unique position as organization offering social, service, and leadership opportunities for its members. This trichotomy of offerings attracts a membership with diverse goals, but also provides a space for women to grow. "Personally," said Mychael, "I joined for all these things. Over the years I have dabbled more in one area or found more value in another." The ability of the League to offer a continuum of experiences to women in Tampa means JLT remains a relevant organization for all women interested in our mission.

Understanding the individual member, meant talking one on one with members at different points in the League career. MemberX team members hosted Meet-Ups, a causal conversation format focused on talking candidly about what makes (or breaks) a good member experience. "The Meet Ups were fascinating," said Molly who hosted several virtual meet ups, speaking with Provisionals, Transfers, and Active members.

Miranda, who has been focused on the role leadership plays in the overall member experience, quickly noted how many different leadership styles are on display in the League. Each member arrives in a leadership role with unique skills, needing support in different ways.

Understanding the diversity of our membership emphasizes the importance of listening. "Everyone's voice needs to be heard," said Miranda.





# THE COLLECTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Creating a fulfilling experience for individual members is vital, and League leaders are tasked with creating policies which impact the collective membership. This means understanding trends and building an organization which creates a sense of belonging for 1,900 women.

The membership survey is the greatest way the project seeks to understand these trends. "Our last full membership survey was completed in 2018," says Stephanie, "this survey is meant to understand who the JLT membership is today, after a two very life-changing years." With a target sample size of 20% of membership, the survey will provide a quantitative analysis of where are members are and how the League can ensure that we meet them there.

The survey is split into three core sections; demographics, member experience, and recommendations. By looking at these different areas, how certain experiences correlate with overall engagement and fulfillment, and where we must adjust to JLT member's lives in a COVID endemic world, the organization can ensure we are there for the community and members for another 96 years.

Many of the questions seek to understand what members value most and what barriers stand in their way from finding fulfillment in the League. "I think it will have a huge impact on how we order things," says Mychael.

# AS MOLLY MALLOY SUCCINCTLY PUT IT, "MEMBER EXPERIENCE IS EVERYTHING."

## **BETTER DECISIONS**

While the MemberX project will not be offering recommendations, it will be presenting its findings to help guide the League's next decision makers. "We want to help leaders make informed decisions," said Stephanie. The findings will be accessible to incoming Executive Boards and Management Councils, as a resource to understand the overall needs of members.

An emphasis has been placed on creating a structure for benchmarking. The annual turnover model of the League has made it difficult to compare year over year sentiments. As the team built the membership survey, questions were identified that would be asked on annual basis as a way to understand the success of initiatives.

When it comes to embracing the project's findings, Miranda encouraged leaders to be open to change. "Get buy in, be transparent," she explained. The League's mission is one that members are passionate about and the legacy of this project is to enrich the feeling of value and belonging when serving that mission.

"I truly care," said Molly, "that is why member experience has always been important to me." The sentiment extends to other members of the team.







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The Junior League of Tampa hosted the League's newest signature fundraiser, the Annual Gala on Saturday, May 21. The event celebrated members' collaborative work to make Tampa Bay brighter for all residents.

The black-tie optional occasion brought together over 200 changemakers and community partners to honor the League's collective effort to improve our community, and in particular, the lives of women and children. In its first year, the event exceeded expectations in funds raised for our community projects and programs, setting the stage for growing success for years to come.

The Gala also offered an opportunity to honor local leader Vicki Sokolik, the Founder and Executive Director of Starting Right, Now (SRN), a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending homelessness for Tampa Bay youth. Vicki and her contributions were honored with the 1926 Legacy Award sponsored by Tampa General Hospital and a \$10,000 grant to support SRN's impact.

The Sandspur connected with Gala Chair, Rachael Rahrig, and Gala Experience Coordinator, Aditi Purandare, to learn more about the event-planning process.



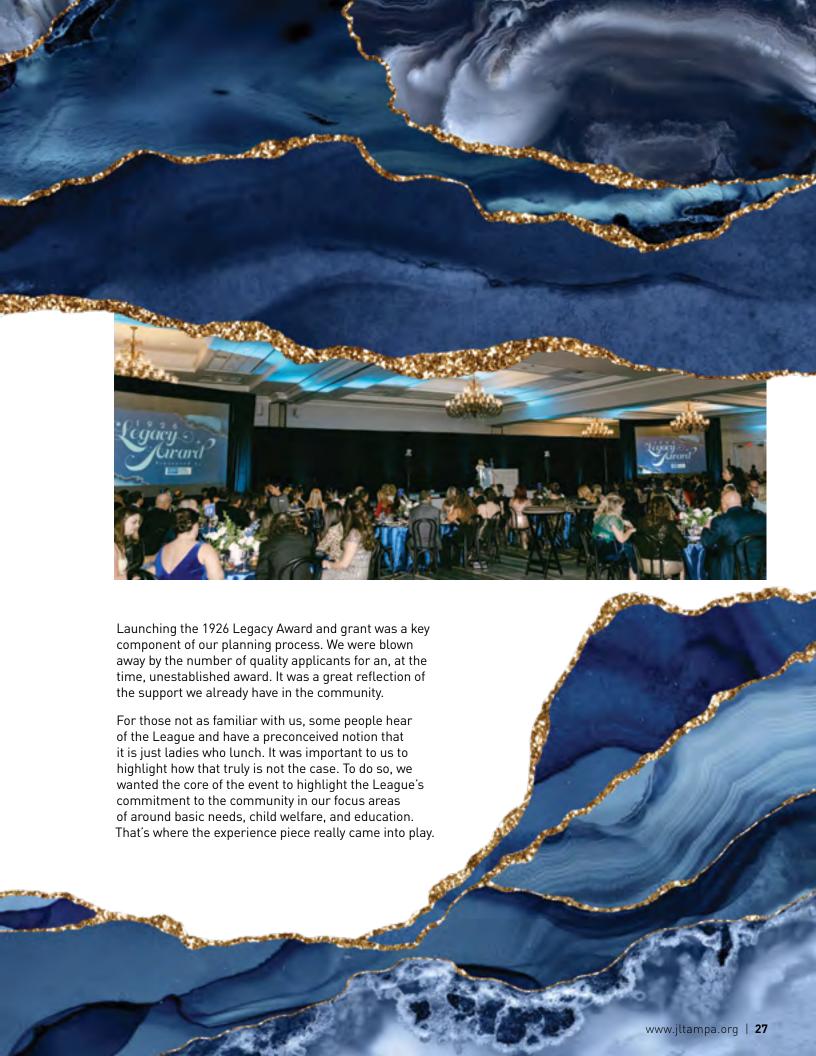
# **CONGRATULATIONS ON A SUCCESSFUL GALA! TELL US** MORE ABOUT WHAT WENT INTO THE EVENT.

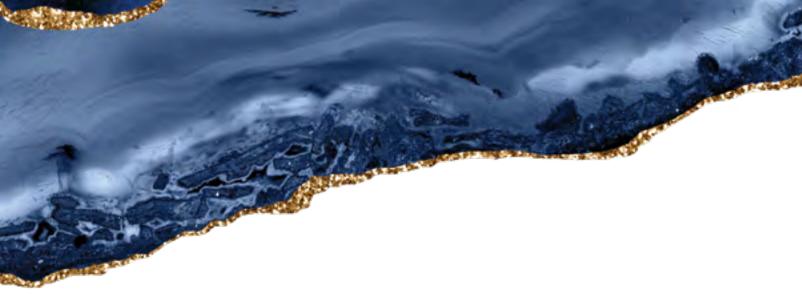


The Annual Gala is absolutely brand new, and not replacing or reimagining another event. While the League has a history of community events to serve as a frame of reference to look back on, this whole process was in many ways, totally new territory. We had a whole new committee, a whole new email address -- everything! It was an awesome, unique opportunity to be able to set the stage for future success for an event like this, while also a big challenge.

# WHAT WERE SOME OF THE EARLY **GOALS YOU HAD SET FOR THE GALA?**

The Gala really allowed us to share our story as a League, as well as convene the greater Tampa community around our work. We absolutely want to entertain and host attendees, but also share with them what we and our volunteers do on a day-to-day basis. The entire committee has stepped up to really rally everyone -- we built out a beautiful website and PR materials, garnered a ton of community support, and mobilized incredible sponsors, especially for a first year event.





# WE LOVED THE EXPERIENCE **COMPONENT! CAN YOU SHARE MORE ABOUT YOUR THOUGHTS ON THAT?**

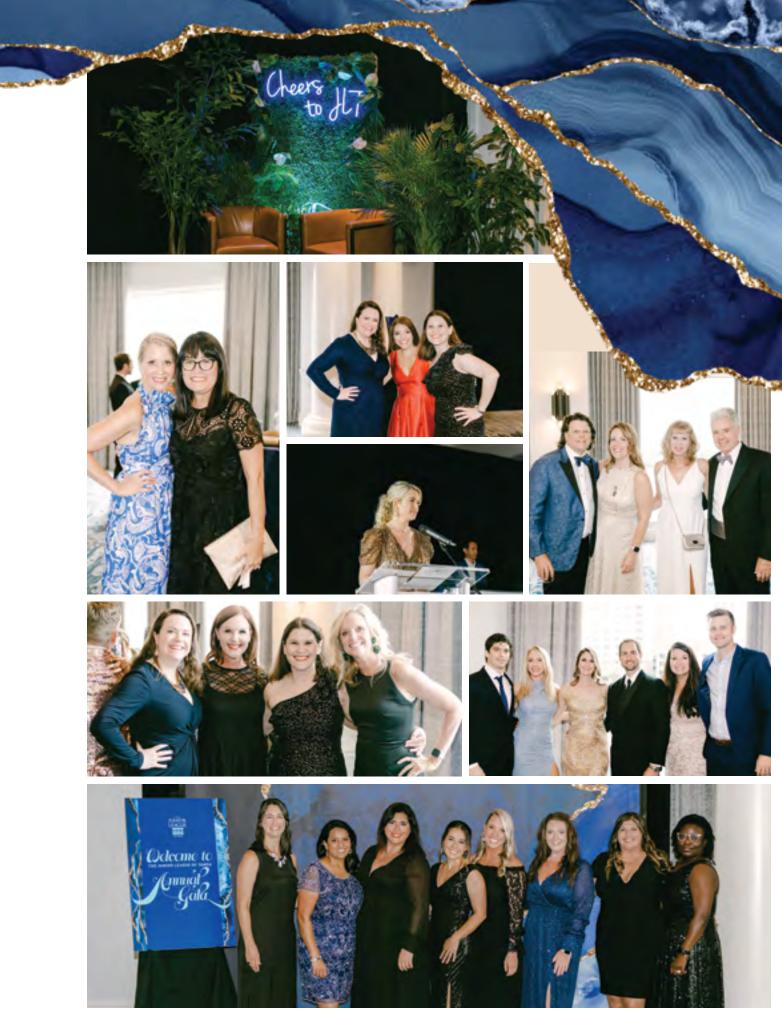
A huge part of this was to educate and celebrate the League and give the general public a hands-on opportunity to see the work in action. We selected three partners, The Diaper Bank, MILO, and Love Bundles, to elevate to the community. All three really work to break the cycle of poverty for our children and families. We always intended on a typical registration and cocktail hour, dinner and program, and dancing and open bar set-up, but during the 8pm to 11pm window, we decided to have an exclusive gallery open for supply packing and select activities with those partners. Once guests processed through the community engagement stations, they received a password granting access to a speakeasy lounge, live jazz, and specialty desserts and drinks.

We had this vision of embedding a mini volunteer experience, with a celebration of old Tampa nightlife once finished. It really added an extra element, and also featured some fun upscale auction items for those participating.

# NOW THAT THE EVENT IS COMPLETE, **HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE IT TO OTHERS** PERHAPS INTERESTED IN PLANNING **NEXT YEAR'S GALA?**

The Gala was an evening of impact and inspiration, both celebrating the League but also celebrating those who support us. It is an incredible opportunity. Everyone attending is part of the philanthropic community of Tampa, and it captures just how involved our attendees are in giving back to their community. It is incredibly rewarding to see your friends and neighbors come together to support organizations like ours.





# Lastino Legacy by MADELINE MORRIS MEET VICKI SOKOLIK THE INAUGURAL 1926 LEGACY AWARD WINNER When Vicki Sokolik talks about the impact of Starting Right, Now, you are immediately drawn to her passion for the organization. Starting Right Now (SRN), is a nonprofit organization serving homeless unaccompanied youths registered in Hillsborough (HCPS) and Pinellas (PCS) County public high schools. As the Founder and Executive Director of SRN,

Vicki has devoted her life to empowering this often invisible population.

Vicki's story begins as a story of a "mom on a mission". As her young daughter struggled with impacts of frontal lobe epilepsy, she began travelling across the US visiting specialists in search of a cure. During a particularly long hospital stay at teaching hospital, Vicki had her first experience seeing the impact of poverty on children and families.

When she returned home, normal did not feel normal anymore. "I turned to [my husband] Joel and said I think I need to help someone." What started as bringing Thanksgiving dinners to homeless families in motels, quickly evolved to Vicki working with a single homeless family each year to help them find their footing. She soon identified a desire to work with families who had high school students, recognizing that age as a critical time in breaking the cycle of poverty.



"And then my son comes home his senior year," laughs Vicki. Her son, Cameron, shared a story about a student in his class who was preparing to drop out of school. Like him, she was a high achieving, successful student in the IB program, but she did not see a pathway for remaining in school. Cameron challenged Vicki to get involved. When Vicki sat down to speak with Amanda, the girl from Cameron's school, and her boyfriend, David, she was rocked by their stories. Both had left their families due to toxic home environments and were now couch hopping trying to find a way to survive. "They were my first introduction to homeless, unaccompanied youth. Here were these two kids navigating life - or not navigating life - and would have had no opportunities had we not intervened. And it struck me that this was the population I should be helping."

This experience led to the founding of Starting Right, Now. The program has served over 350 students since it began in 2008 and continues to have success, with 100% of participants graduating high school and thriving in adulthood. "I am not passing out money," says Vicki, "I am passing out resources and opportunities. I am like a concierge; the kids tell me what they need and I figure out how to get it." SRN's program goes beyond shelter and academic support. Students engage in everything from budgeting and money management to mindfulness training and shame resistance, ensuring they are successful after graduation. Vicki has also helped pave the way for unaccompanied youth across the state, as an advocate for legislation protecting the rights of this special population. Working alongside other advocates she has helped oversee the passage of 10 laws at the state-level.

As Vicki accepts the League's inaugural 1926 Legacy Award she is thinking about what her legacy will be. "The greatest thing that has happened recently," reflects Vicki, "is that our kids are old enough to come back to help and I think that would probably be my legacy." She has watched former students return to SRN with the same drive to make difference just as she first had all those years ago. "The fact that they can full circle it back, is my greatest legacy."



#### **ABOUT THE 1926 LEGACY AWARD**

The League believes in the power of one individual to make a tangible difference in our community and is dedicated to honoring those who work daily to create transformative change in Hillsborough County. To that end, The Junior League of Tampa created the 1926 Legacy Award and accompanying grant to recognize outstanding individuals, as exemplified by inspiring leadership and commitment to lasting community impact, in the areas of child welfare and education. Vicki Sokolik is the inaugural winner of this annual award.

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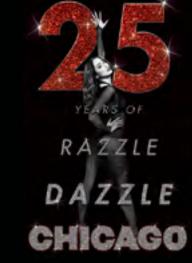




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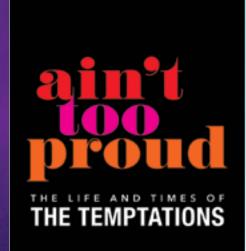


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If there is one thing Lindsey Dewey has learned over the year, it's how to pivot. Last Spring, the Project Evaluation and Development Committee (PDEC) recommended completely revising the Provisional year. Dewey, the 2021-22 Provisional Education Chair, was tasked with putting the revisions into action. The revised Provisional year was supposed to emphasize membership experience and build relationships throughout the League. Provisionals were encouraged to attend meet-ups and volunteer shifts to get to know other active League members. Through this relationship building, Provisional members were able to understand the League on a much more personal and relational level.

Another big change was the sunsetting of the Provisional project, "Kids in the Kitchen". Instead, Provisionals' volunteer experience was integrated right into League projects as soon as they got through orientation. Frequent "Provisional Day(s) of Service" was also organized, providing Provisionals the opportunity to volunteer in the community with a variety of Leaguebased service activities knowing that other Provisional members would be in attendance as well. The year ended with a final day of service in April. After a day filled with multiple volunteer opportunities and different League committees, Provisionals and their mentors were invited to socialize at Armature works. Dewey says it was a "service and social" and a rational way to end the year that had an emphasis on meeting other League members through experiences.







Finally, Dewey and the Provisional Education committee had to reimagine the bus tour. A cornerstone of the Provisional year, the bus tour traditionally took Provisionals to visit sites where the League had an impact. With so much uncertainty, Dewey said that the committee had a "plan B, plan C, plan D maybe, of what the experience would look like for [the] provisional women if we couldn't visit the sites for any number of reasons." The pivot was to bring the experience to JLT Headquarters. Representatives with a connection to The Junior League of Tampa from Academy Prep of Tampa, Metropolitan Ministries, Redefining Refuge, and the Heart Gallery came to headquarters for a roundrobin program to educate Provisionals on why these projects exist and the partnerships the League has with different organizations in the community.

Reflecting on the end of the year, Dewey said that "a big success of the provisional [experience] this year was everyone being open and supportive of peoples varying levels of comfort." Dewey and her team learned to be malleable when challenges were thrown their way. Dewey also said that she could not have done it without the Provisional mentors and all the "really hard work that [they] do to help make the first year of the League for these women a success."







# PROVISIONALS

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# a note from the sustainer president

JLT — Ever Evolving, Embracing, and Adapting!

Oh, what a year! Thank you for riding along and making it memorable!

Even with Covid in the mix, we packed in some fun activities through the year. We enjoyed Pop Up Happy Hours around town, Zoomed a charcuterie board class, art showings with our Sustainer and local artists, held the Holiday Gift Market Luncheon, visited the Museum of the American Arts and Crafts Movement, enjoyed an immersive Dali Museum presentation, and took the Picasso Tour at the Dali Museum. We continued our beloved Day at the Races tradition and wrapped up the year with the Spring Cocktail party where we celebrated our 50-year members and announced the Sustainer of the Year. We did improvise along the way, but thankfully it all came together!

Welcome our newest 50-year members - Patty Ayala, Gloria Roberts Howell (in memory), Brenda Ketchey, CeCe Lane, Patty Smith, and Camille Thomas.

AND, this year's **Sustainer of the Year** is **SUE COX!** Sue is the most unassuming, amazing woman. Not one to embrace the spotlight when her name was announced; under her breath she said, "pick someone else more deserving." For those that know Sue, we can all agree that she gives of herself so modestly with no fanfare. She has served on/volunteered for many different committees and organizations, both in Junior League as well as the Tampa Bay community. It's an honor to know her and count her as a friend!!

In closing, thank you for the opportunity to serve as this year's Sustainer President. I have enjoyed working with and representing all of you, and am humbled by your strength, support, and commitment to our League. I challenge each of you to reach out, attend a meeting or an event and get to know our Sustainers (which currently boasts over 900 members)! So, whether we see each other in person, via Zoom, or communicate through email, Facebook, Instagram, Digital Cheetah, texts, mail, or phone calls; know that your JLT Sustainer sisterhood is here for you!

Beth M. Schatzberg

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Sustainer President, 2021-2022



# SEPTEMBER 27

Sustainer Back to the League



AT JLT HEADQUARTERS

A formal invitation to follow.

# GETTING TO KNOW OUR SUSTAINERS

by KIRSTEN SCHMITZ



Avery Colman is the Office Manager for Tampa Dock & Seawall, a marine contractor specializing in docks, boat lifts and seawall construction

work and repair. As the Office Manager, Avery's responsibilities include Human Resources, Accounting and Permit Processing and Client Expedition. In this role, Avery also serves as the liaison between clients and Tampa Dock & Seawall's construction crew, and maintains client relationships.

"After college, I started my career working for my family's insurance agency in downtown Tampa," said Colman when reflecting on her professional journey. "I quickly realized that insurance was not my passion and made a big change to working in an independent bookstore, Inkwood Bookstore. I loved my time working at Inkwood. I got to meet many authors on tour with their books, the highlights being Kathie Lee Gifford, Wyclef Jean and Marco Rubio! After a few years, I needed to transition back to a full-time job, which led me to my current work as the Office Manager for Tampa Dock & Seawall."

#### HOW HAS LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP IMPACTED YOUR SUCCESS?

Having participated on the Leadership Committee greatly impacted my team management skills and enabled me to be able to work with many personality types on a variety of projects.

#### PLEASE SHARE A MEANINGFUL LEAGUE MEMORY OR MOMENT.

My favorite League placement was as Marketplace Co-Chair. I was able to travel to AmericasMart Atlanta to shop for the Marketplace booth at Holiday Gift Market. I felt proud to represent the League in this position and loved being able to act as a buyer. It was so rewarding to see the funds that were contributed to League projects from the sales of the items that I helped choose.

#### WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR ACTIVE LEAGUE MEMBERS AND FOR SUSTAINERS LOOKING TO **GET MORE INVOLVED?**

Active League members should not be afraid to try a new position outside of their comfort zone! I had many great placements that weren't something I originally considered but ended up learning so much from.

# by CASEY BARILE

When reflecting on the women of The Junior League of Tampa and the work we do to serve the Tampa Bay community, Nadyne embodies our mission and purpose of the League. Nadyne began her League career when she moved to Tampa from Miami with her then young tax attorney husband and three children. Nadyne credits the League as the way she established some of the most important friendships she's made when moving into a new city. "Joining the League has been very rewarding. I always knew giving of yourself was the best thing you can do, and I've made great friends along the way."

After over 4 decades with The Junior League of Tampa, her list of committees, chairs and placements over the years is quite extensive. Nadyne is a people person who loves every job she has done and committee she has served. Her service started 40 years ago when she traveled to Atlanta for a league seminar where she oversaw the party, a Toast to Tampa. She was also membership chairman as well as headquarters chairman when she was voted member at large by the league.

The spirit and commitment to volunteerism began at an early age. While Nadyne spent most of her time with her sisters and water skiing, she fondly recalls her mother as a great volunteer, who served as the President of the Red Cross.

While she has enjoyed all her placements, some were more emotional than others. "I picked my placement one year at the Children's Center at Tampa General where we worked with children who had cancer," Nadyne reflected. "I became very attached to one boy who did not make it, and that was very hard."

Nadyne has also served as a gilder and a gilded Lilly for the art center and was a chairman of the first night tour of homes for the art center. She has also served as the treasurer of the Bar Auxiliary and the Easterseal quild where she chaired many fundraisers. Nadyne is also



a proud member of the Henry B. Plant Society. Here she worked with Lesley Dobbins to secure sponsors for the fashion show. She also chaired decorating their preview party for the Christmas Stroll. The list of achievements and service is extensive as she has fit a great deal into her fortysomething years dedicated to our community.

When Nadyne isn't found in one of her many committees, you can find her working in her yard, at a Bible study, or playing bridge. However, her favorite activity is being with her grandchildren. "I have taken each granddaughter to New York. Just the two of us," Nadyne said. "I love being with them."

# Gustainer Spring Cocktail Party

HONORING THE 50 YEAR MEMBERS AND THE SUSTAINER OF THE YEAR.





























# ANNUAL AWARDS

by KIRSTEN SCHMITZ



#### PROVISIONAL OF THE YEAR - MUREWA OLUBELA

Murewa Olubela shines as a woman who could not better embody the mission of The Junior League of Tampa. From her very first meeting, she has sought connection with her peers, reached out to better understand larger league processes and leadership all the while remaining committed to her mentor group and completing her Provisional requirements.

The connections this woman has built and fortified this year are truly unparalleled. Upon completing nearly all her Provisional requirements before the end of December she recognized a larger league-wide need and asked to participate as a member of newly evolving and developing league committee. While this is not an isolated incident of recognizing the needs of those around her, it is a perfect example of her selfless dedication to all JLT does, from fundraisers to friends, community engagement to last minute volunteer shifts, she has an uncanny way of being everywhere always.

As her Provisional mentor shared "Anyone who knows Her knows she is destined for greatness. She has the busiest schedule but still is beyond involved in JLT. She doesn't just show up and check the boxes though, she is meeting with people in leadership positions, offering insight to better programs and experiences, and sharing ways for her fellow Provisionals to get involved. I may be her mentor, but I honestly feel like she should be mentoring me with her incredible skills and knowledge of the League already. Truly phenomenal woman!"



#### **ACTIVE OF THE YEAR - LAUREN RICE**

For many years now, the Holiday Gift Market has been a staple event for The Junior League of Tampa. One of the highlights that make it standout is our Young Entrepreneurs Program (YEP). YEP truly embodies our value of growing the potential, leadership and influence of female business owners here in the Tampa Bay region. Lauren understood the value this program brings and truly went above and beyond to make it a success this year. "Lauren has done an amazing job in her role as the Young Entrepreneurship Coordinator on this year's Holiday Gift Market Committee." shared Kara Schafer, HGM Co-Chair. Her efforts to recruit high-quality candidates were successful, leading to 15 applications from accomplished women business owners in the Tampa Bay community. She researched each applicant thoroughly and came ready with recommendations and feedback when it came time to review the applications for a winner, and her presentation was extremely organized and helpful. She has been a huge asset to the Holiday Gift Market Committee, The Junior League of Tampa, as well as the community we serve.

#### INTERNAL COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR -

#### **MEMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS**

After the year our world has experienced, the theme for The Junior League of Tampa, "Better Together" was necessary as we slowly navigate our way back into a post-pandemic life. The Member Meetings and Events Committee was able to bring this to life with implementing numerous events throughout the year that enhance the overall JLT Membership experience. This year the Members Meetings & Events committee hosted move than 30 social events, plus our new hybrid GMM meeting experience. In addition, they also hosted league luncheons, our fabulous end of the year social and awards as well as this summer's Girls' Weekend. Some of the new socials they introduced included the Back to the League food trucks, ballroom dancing, movie nights and the extremely popular Davis Island strolls just to name a few. Thank you to all the committee members that worked hard to bring the JLT back together this year!



#### INSPIRING LEADER OF THE YEAR -

#### **LATOYA LEMONS**

LaToya is an inspiring leader for through her innovative way of approaching the Love Bundles' greatest challenges and her vision to expand our reach within the community. If you ask any committee member or League member who has attended a "packing" this year, they will mention how organized and efficient all the processes LaToya put in place have been for the committee. This has brought additional credibility to Love Bundles as a committee and increased morale both within the League and with our community partners. Her strategy for tackling the market research and vetting of potential new community partners was thoughtfully executed and coordinated with Willingness to Lead, leading to successful onboarding of our new community partner, West Florida Foster Care Services at the beginning of calendar year 2022. Her organizational skills helped our committee to setup a more efficient storage system in our closet; establish ordering instructions for our shoppers and streamline packing sessions. Her initiative to seek out and WIN a \$2000 donation via a USF Foundation competition is a prime example of her ability to motivate us all to do more! LaToya also regularly took time to recognize League members with nominations for Provisional and Active of the month for stand out members she interacted with during her day to day actions as Love Bundles Chair. LaToya is truly an inspiring leader within the League.





#### MARTHA FERMAN SPIRIT AWARD -STEPHANIE HAAS

The Martha Ferman Spirit Award recognizes the exemplary achievement, steadfast dedication, and selfless spirit of an Active Junior League of Tampa member who is sustaining. The award was modeled after Mrs. Ferman who was a dedicated member of The Junior League of Tampa. Not only did she serve as President of The League, but she was also named 1975 Sustainer of the Year and received a Lifetime Commitment Award in 2004. Mrs. Ferman's 'leadership, volunteerism and community spirit were unparalleled" and being selected for this award is an incredible honor.

This year's recipient, Stephanie (Stef) Haas, is someone who embodies the Martha Ferman Spirit: Exemplary Achievement, Steadfast Dedication, and Selfless Spirit.

By her 2<sup>nd</sup> year in JLT, Stef was double placed between Arrangements and Provisional Education Recruitment Coordinator. As Provisional

Ed Recruitment Coordinator, she worked side by side with several leaders to not only execute the incoming member preview events and communications, but she was integral in the adjustment of our strategic review process and new member application. Outside of her Arrangements and Provisional Ed Recruitment scope, she took on an additional project and worked side by side with the Membership manager to research and build the point system that would roll out the next year and that we currently use today. No surprise, from her work ethic, willingness to jump in and support, impressive organization, and all-around great energy, she was named Active of the Year 2016-2017.

From there, her hard work continued. She was placed as Meeting Manager on Management Council and Provisional Education Mentor. She was then elected Communications Manager, then Leadership Director on the board, placed as Endowment's 1926 Coordinator and Communications Manager and currently she is the Strategic Director on the Executive Board.

Past President, Isabel Dewey said, "What I admire about Stef is that she stepped into major leadership roles and was always willing to be where JLT needed her. Whether it was how she raised the bar for Comms, addressing large initiatives, or taking on a role while already in another one, if there was a need, she was there. Institutionally, she has made a HUGE impact on our organization."

Stef has significant achievements in those roles such as improving and streamlining the Communications request process, building and launching our social media policy and reputation management plan, expanding our Predictive Index strategy for leadership, leading a refresh on our Bylaws and Policies and Procedures documents, updating our Nominating process including detailed position descriptions and competencies, executing our successful inaugural virtual Sustainer Emeritus tea and launching the new three-year strategic plan.

Taylor Jones, current President, said, "Stef is not the person in the front of the room but rather behind the scenes ensuring every detail has gone according to plan. Creative, Thoughtful, Considerate, and Hard Working are all words used to describe her. She always put in 110% and steps in whenever needed and does this with grace and a positive attitude."

That couldn't be more apparent than looking at what Stef is currently doing right now. She launched the new 3-year strategic plan and the Project MemberX to better understand the Member Experience. Since March 2020, the lives of JLT members have changed drastically and Stef recognized that many of us are reprioritizing how we spend our time. This project is to find out how our members are doing, what has changed in our lives, and how we can ensure that the JLT membership experience meets the member where you are.

Stef truly is her selfless, authentic self and always thinking of how to improve. It is these qualities and many more that is why we are honored to recognize Stephanie Haas as this year's Martha Ferman Spirit Award recipient.

#### **EXTERNAL COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR -**

#### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS**

This small yet mighty committee hit the ground running per the planning and execution of their first event, Human Trafficking in the Age of Technology: Warning Signs and Legal Protection for Minor Victims, after over 6 months of planning. This event was an open to the public, Facebook live streamed event partnered with the University of South Florida's criminology department, to host both an informational and resourceful discussion including a panel of experts. This event not only had successful attendance, but also garnered both local and national media attention consisting of a press release, local news article, and a Denver, CO radio station interview. Upon the conclusion of their first event, they wasted no time in executing their second event, a screening of the documentary Surviving Sex Trafficking at the Tampa Theatre, just months later. The committee partnered with two other key organizations, Redefining Refuge and Stop the Movement, to host the event. The screening was followed by a successful panel discussion, which further offered both educational information and resources to stop human trafficking efforts.













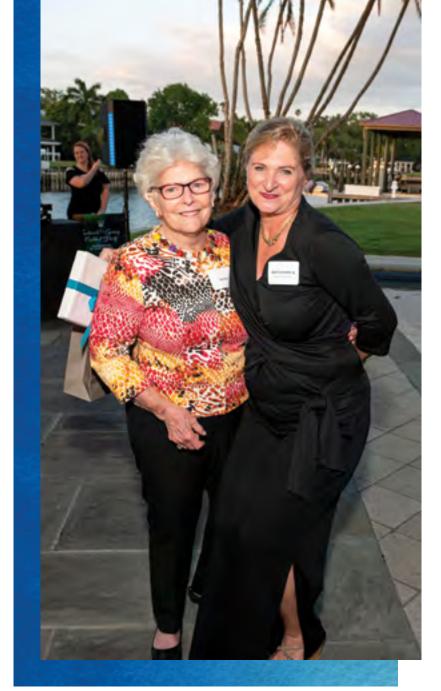
#### SUSTAINER OF THE YEAR -

#### **SUE PAINTER COX**

We are honored to announce that this year's Sustainer of the Year is Sue Painter Cox. Sue's legacy in The Junior League of Tampa (JLT) and the Tampa Bay community is unparalleled. She embodies all the best qualities of a Sustainer; Sue promotes voluntarism, continues the League's mission of developing the potential of women, and improves our Tampa Bay community through her effective action and leadership.

Sue's legacy is felt in the Tampa Bay community both in and outside of the League. Born and raised in Tampa, Sue attended Plant High School and went to college at Florida State University. She returned to the Tampa Bay area and taught for decades at various schools, including Potter Middle School, St. John's Episcopal School and Monroe Middle School.

Sue joined The Junior League of Tampa as a Provisional in 1977. While teaching full-time, she always accepted any task assigned to her and was a member of many vital committees during her years of Active membership. She served as a member of the Thrift Sale Committee, Advisory Planning Committee, The Sandspur Committee (Advertising Layout Editor, Layout Editor), Follies



(Hospitality Committee, Advertising Chairman) and Board of Directors (The Sandspur Editor). Sue became a Sustainer during in 1987-1988. As a Sustainer, Sue continues to be committed to the League's mission, serving on the Sustainer Board as Sustainer President (2012-2013) and Sustainer Recording Secretary (2018-2019).

After sustaining, Sue continued her volunteer services with community organizations around the Tampa Bay community. She has been involved with many organizations, including the Red Cross Angels of Tampa Bay, Rose Circle Garden Club, Weeder's Garden Club, St. John's Episcopal Church, and H.B. Plant Museum. Sue's involvement with the Red Cross Angels of Tampa Bay began in 2010. Shortly after joining, she held multiple office positions within the Red Cross Angels including Treasurer and Vice President. In the 2014-2015 year, she was awarded with the highest award given to any Red Cross Angel, the Angel of the Year Award.

As a member of the Rose Circle Garden Club since 2009, Sue has served as Treasurer and Membership Chair, and participated on many committees, including the Holiday Luncheon Committee, Blue Star

Memorial Maker, Annual Earthly Paradise Garden Tour Fundraiser, and the Kitchen Committee for Musical Tea Party. She has also served as Corresponding Secretary, Vice President, and Co-Chair of the Spring Benefit. Sue is actively involved with St. John's Episcopal Church and serves as an Altar Guild on the Wedding Committee and always answers the call to help with other church functions. Other organizations Sue has left her mark on are the Tampa Museum of Art, Pavilion, Festival of Trees, Tampa Preservation, Child Abuse Council, University of South Florida's Town and Gown, Gasparilla Music Festival and Gasparilla Film Festival.

Sue's service to the League and the Tampa Bay Community both as an Active member and as a Sustainer can be summed up into one word: Extraordinary. She exemplifies everything it means to be a Sustainer of The Junior League of Tampa and serves as a role model for League members by demonstrating outstanding volunteer service in the Tampa Community. Sue is one of the finest community leaders in Tampa Bay and her dedication to JLT and the community is truly inspiring.

# Celebrating our donors at Patrons' Party 2022 Photos by Stephanie A. Smith Photography











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# WHO'S WHO IN THE LEAGUE



# Shelby Deloach Smith

What do you do outside the League?

I am a nurse at Tampa General. I work in the Surgical Trauma/Transplant ICU.

### What is your favorite thing to do in Tampa?

Running whether it's in Bayshore, the riverwalk, flatwoods park or even my own neighborhood. I love this city and getting to explore on foot. I've done 8 full marathons!

Why is being a member of the Junior League important to you?

The League allows me to be a part of the community and give back unique ways. I enjoy the volunteer opportunities and all the ways I am constantly learning how we as a league can help the Tampa Bay community.

## How long have you been in the League?

I am a fourth year active (so five years?)

### What do you do outside the League?

I spend lots of time with my son Titus (8) and daughter Thea (1.5), and my husband Andrew and I own Members Only Craft Cocktails - an immersive, hands-on specialty cocktail business. I love working on new recipes, photography and getting to help play a part in amazing celebrations in our community!

## What is your favorite thing to do in Tampa?

We love to eat and drink our way through town - we have our old favorites, but love exploring what's new in Tampa's exploding food and cocktail scene!



# Rachael Rahrig

### Why is being a member of The Junior League important to you?

It's multifaceted: I initially joined to build connections in and learn about my new hometown, but I have an ever-growing appreciation of the truly tremendous impact that our membership's countless volunteer hours and important programming has on our community. Being a member of JLT gives you direct access to learning about AND playing a part in strengthening and supporting the most vulnerable members of our community.

## Anything you want to spotlight about the recent Gala?

The Gala committee was nothing short of outstanding - I have never worked with such a universally committed group of people (I wish I had them for every group project in college, haha!). Small but mighty, we are so proud of what we were able to accomplish, particularly in a first-time event! We were able to tell the League story, raise funds for our vital programming, support a wonderful local organisation with our new grant, and — last but not least — give our guests a fabulous, fun night to remember!

Favorite JLT memory I have many over the years, but the most recent feel-good moment was at the end of the Gala — getting to celebrate a successful event with the Gala team and leadership, express our thanks for ALL of their effort, and share stories from the evening!



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- 3-4 cucumbers peeled, chopped
- 1 garlic clove
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups sour cream
- 1 cup plain yoqurt
- 3 tablespoons white vinegar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 4 tomatoes, peeled, chopped
- ½ cup chopped green onions
- ½ cup chopped fresh parsley
- ½ cup chopped green pepper
- ½ cup (or more) croutons

Process the cucumbers and garlic in a blender or food processor with a small amount of the chicken broth until well mixed. Add the remaining chicken broth and process until pureed. Combine the sour cream and yogurt in a large bowl. Add the pureed cucumber mixture gradually stirring until thin and well blended. Stir in the vinegar, salt and pepper. Chill, cover, for at least 6 hours. Serve the tomatoes, green onions, parsley, bell pepper and croutons in separate bowls as garnishes. Serve the gazpacho in chilled bowls as the first course.

Yield: 6 to 12 services

# Zazpacho Blanco

#### MODIFIED VEGAN GLUTEN FREE VERSION

- 3-4 cucumbers peeled, chopped
- 1 garlic clove
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 2 cups kitehill plant based sour cream alternative
- 1 cup vegan plain yogurt
- 3 tablespoons white vinegar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 4 tomatoes, peeled, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- ½ cup chopped fresh parsley
- ½ cup chopped green pepper
- ½ cup (or more) Olivia's GF Garlic croutons

Process the cucumbers and garlic in a blender or food processor with a small amount of the vegetable broth until well mixed. Add the remaining vegetable broth and process until pureed. Combine the sour cream and yogurt alternatives in a large bowl. Add the pureed cucumber mixture gradually stirring until thin and well blended. Stir in the vinegar, salt and pepper. When serving for a large gathering, pre-pour mixture into small cups. Chill, cover, for at least 6 hours. While chilling, tomatoes, green onions, parsley, and bell peppers to form a salsa type mixture. When serving, top each cup with a dollop of tomato mixture along with 1-2 croutons.

Yield: 12-24 small cups.

### Dueen's Punch

#### THE ADULT VERSION OF PRINCESS PUNCH

- 4 cups seedless watermelon chunks
- 2 cups lemonade
- 6 tablespoons Mint Simple Syrup
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1.5 cups vodka
- 1.5 cups club soda

Process the watermelon and lemonade in a blender on low until smooth. Add the Mint Simple Syrup and lemon juice to blend briefly. Pour through a strainer into a pitcher, pressing on the solids to extract as much of the juice as possible. You should have about 4 cups of liquid. Add the vodka and stir. Chill before serving. Stir in the club soda just before serving.

Yield: 8 servings. To serve in a pitcher, double the portions.

#### MINT SIMPLE SYRUP

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 whole cup mint leaves

Mix the sugar, water, lemon juice and mint in a saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Reduce the heat. Simmer for 1 minute or until the sugar is dissolved. Remove form the heat to cool. Strain into a small pitcher, discarding the mint leaves.

Yield: about 2 Cups.



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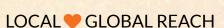
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