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Turning the Page



editor's note.

Welcome to the final issue of the 2019-2020 Junior League of Tampa *The Sandspur* magazine! We know your lives have been turned upside down due to the coronavirus, but we want to thank you for being a loyal reader and supporter of the League, and we hope you continue to do so in the future. To our incredible advertisers, this magazine would not be possible without you and we can't wait to show you the surprises and upgrades we have for the 2020-2021 *The Sandspur* magazine – and yes, we are back to print!

In this issue you will gain a deeper understanding of one of our most impactful committees, Diaper Bank. This week – September 21, 2020 through September 27, 2020 – is actually National Diaper Need Awareness Week, and there are currently no federal safety net programs that allocate dollars specifically for the purchase of diapers! Read more about how the Diaper Bank Committee is going above and beyond to fight diaper need in Hillsborough County in this issue. You will also meet our award-winning members for the 2019-2020 League Year. You may even gain some cooking inspiration for that socially-distanced end-of-summer gathering.

Finally, we will conclude our Centennial Vision Plan that our immediate Past President, Melissa, has thoughtfully and thoroughly crafted with Mary Gamble to ensure the League's success in the future – even in the middle of a global health crisis.


Again, thank you all for reading and we will see you in the fall.


Cheers,

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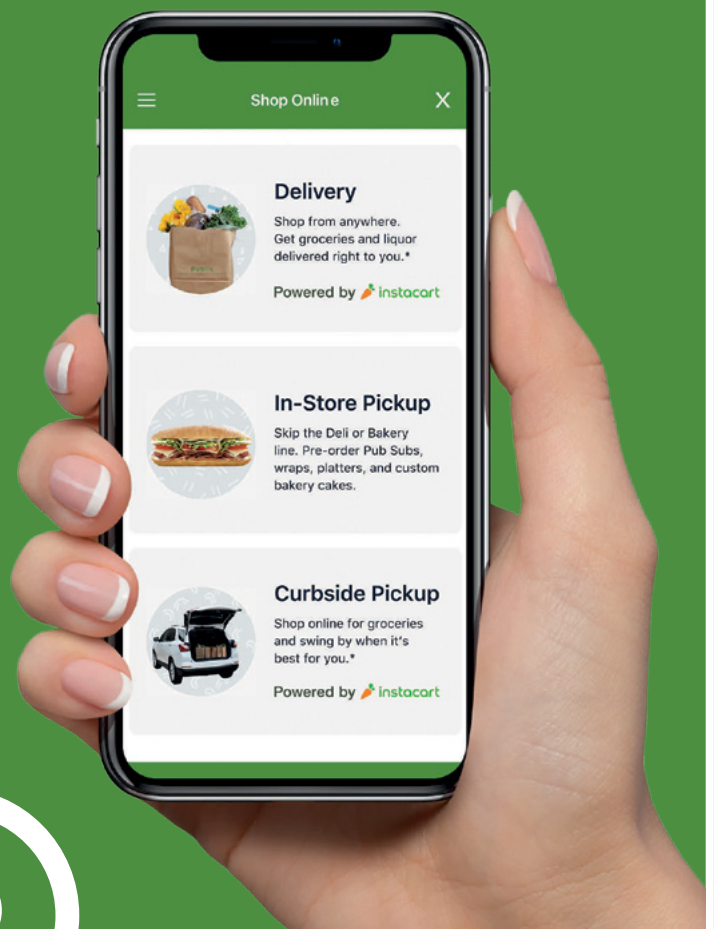
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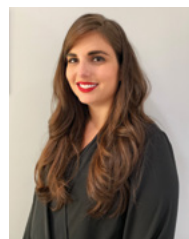
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president's note.

Can We Save 2020? Reclaim 2020 and Reimagine our Future

In my recent *The Sandspur* letters, I compared the parallel story arcs of the U.S. space program in the 1960s to the progression of the 2019-2020 League year from relatively calm beginnings—President Kennedy's vision to land on the Moon and the League's Centennial Vision planning process—to a narrative middle where tension, conflict, and storyline momentum build to a climatic peak—the Apollo 13 crisis and the League's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The similarities between the space race years and 2020 are undeniable. 1968 was a breaking point: U.S. public support for the Vietnam War weakened, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on April 4th, and within a span of three short months Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated on June 6th. Turmoil unfolded in our communities and riots erupted in our American cities. In 2020, the U.S. remains engaged in military conflict and conditions continue to exist in our society which lead to racial injustice, social unrest, and now, a global pandemic. The killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police officers was the turning point that escalated the current conflict to a climax and reignited American cities amid a global pandemic, widespread unemployment and economic downturn, and widening inequality.

Still, among the similarities there is also a reason for hope. In December 1968, Apollo 8 became the first crewed spacecraft to orbit the Moon successfully and return to Earth. Members of the Apollo 8 crew were the first to witness and photograph an Earthrise from lunar orbit. Provided with unbelievable views of our home planet from 238,000 miles away, Americans experienced a massive paradigm shift widely viewing the Apollo 8 mission as having "saved" 1968.

Likewise, in May 2020, our collective space exploration paradigm shifted once again when Elon Musk's commercial space company, SpaceX, successfully transported two NASA astronauts to the International Space Station through a pioneering public-private partnership. For the first time in nearly a decade, we sent two American astronauts into orbit from NASA's Kennedy Space Center—from U.S. soil—removing our reliance on Russian spacecrafts and renewing our American spirit. Did it "save" 2020 like Apollo 8 "saved" 1968? Probably not, a successful spaceflight doesn't solve our earthly problems. Still, we needed the robust reminder that we can accomplish so much more when we work—together—toward a common vision.

As the Apollo astronauts and thousands of NASA engineers who worked **together** to send them to the moon and back taught us, take pride in action, not talk. Let go of the need for certainty, especially in times of crisis. Instead, hold space for uncertainty and make room to trust the many ways we develop answers through intuition, knowledge, and insight. Faith and reason are not natural enemies. If not through faith, how else did the three-member Apollo 13 crew find the courage to believe in what they could not see, and NASA engineers the strength to let go of their fear of uncertainty to bring Apollo 13 home safely? Now more than ever, a successful space program is a great source of pride for a nation torn by racial and social injustice, political polarization, economic downturn, and a global pandemic. If we can reclaim our space program and reimagine its future, certainly we can **reclaim 2020** and **reimagine our future** for education, justice, and action, and against hatred.

Best wishes for the reimagining to 2020-2021 President Meghan McGuire and all League members!

Committed to the vision,



Melissa Knight Nodhturft,
President 2019-2020





*A Focus on
Gratitude*

sustainer president's note.

The long, hot days are here and yet it does not feel quite like summer. Like many of you, I have found myself cancelling most of my plans this summer. Instead of travelling to new destinations and gathering with loved ones, I am home, sheltering in place through the COVID-19 pandemic.

But instead of lamenting the loss of best laid plans, I am attempting to practice the wise words of a friend and teacher; "Make it your intention about where you focus your attention!" These days I am focusing my attention on little things, the things I have always taken for granted with little or no thought. Like taking walks with my joyful little dog, or looking out over the beautiful Tampa Bay or reading the stacks of books I have long neglected. Slowing down, and focusing my attention has given me a renewed sense of gratitude.

With this focus on gratitude, I have been reflecting on the honor of standing alongside of so many incredible Sustainers. This year we were able to celebrate our terrific Sustainer of the Year **Betsy Wood Chambers**. Betsy's legacy in the League and our community is unparalleled. This year we also had an incredible class of 50 year members. These women are some of the finest community leaders and their dedication to the League is truly inspiring. I cannot wait until we can to join together to honor these fantastic women in person.

I am also thankful for the women who made this year special. Even though some of our plans were cut short, many of you contributed to our Sustainer calendar. I am grateful for **Elizabeth Harris, Stella Thayer, Terrell Clark** and **Tracy Bales** for generously opening their homes for us to gather together. For **Rosann Creed, Paula Perry, Pat Van Dyke** and **Nell Ward** who graciously served as hostesses at event throughout the year. For the dynamic Sustainer Board, including **Louisa Van Eepoel, Ginny Charest, Sue Cox, Pat Van Dyke, and Laura Ann Hunter**. Their dedication made my job easy this year. For **Suzy Lopez** and **Kim Carswell**, who spearheaded the fabulous Pop Up Happy Hours. And for the JLT staff, **Marysue Mathews, Madeline Morris** and **Chelsie La Nore**, whose support keeps things running smoothly even in the most hectic of times.

As we look to the future, I am grateful for our incoming Sustainer President **Louisa Van Eepoel** and Active President **Meghan McGuire**. Together, they are planning innovative ways to go forward, keep in touch, and serve our community in the next year.

It has been an honor to serve as your Sustaining President. The 2020 year is unlike any other in our history but we will remain resilient and courageous as we go forward. My very best thoughts and kind wishes for each of you.

With much appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marsha Lane". The script is fluid and cursive.

Marsha Lane
Sustaining President 2019-2020

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BASIC NEEDS AREN'T BASIC — *They're Essential.*

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The Junior League of Tampa Diaper Bank & Alliance for Period Supplies Provide Essential Needs to Our Community



by LYNDSEY SIARA, 2020-2021 Diaper Bank Chair & CAROLINE FOSS, 2020-2021 Basic Needs Strategic Advisor

If you think about the things families need to thrive, you might think about great education, reliable well-paying jobs and safe housing - and you would be right, all of those things do matter! But when you do not have access to basic needs that allow you to lead a clean, hygienic life with dignity, you cannot thrive. Many families in our community struggle to afford essential items, such as diapers and period products, which provide them with the opportunity to participate in life-changing opportunities like work and school, and for their children to gain access to early childhood education. We have seen firsthand the relief and security that comes with access to these essential needs and how they serve as the foundation for a safe and healthy family life, a critical piece in breaking the cycle of poverty.

THE NEED.

Diaper Need. 1 in 3 families in the US report experiencing diaper need or the lack of sufficient diapers to keep an infant or child clean, dry and healthy. As any parent knows, diapers are expensive: about \$70 to \$80 per month per child, with babies needing 8 to 12 diapers per day.

Most people do not realize there are no state or federal child safety-net programs which allocate dollars specifically for the purchase of diapers. This means that diapers can often fall to the bottom of the long list of basic necessities—rent, electricity, food, clothing, transportation—for which a family must budget. In the wake of a disaster like the current global pandemic, the population who struggle afford these items exponentially grows. Yet, emergency relief efforts also do not include dollars specifically allocated for these basic necessities.

Additionally, families struggling with diaper need often do not have access to reduced-price, big box stores (due to transportation and membership fees) where they could purchase diapers in bulk. This often means families are purchasing from smaller convenience stores which can significantly increase the cost per diaper.

Diaper need has a profoundly negative impact on the health and wellbeing of children. Financial stress can lead caregivers to “stretch” diapers or prematurely potty train. Sitting in soiled diapers causes babies to suffer from painful diaper rashes, urinary tract infections, and severe skin reactions. Premature toilet training results in frustration, shaming and punishment for a child who is not developmentally ready to transition out of diapers.



The impact of diaper need negatively affects the caregiver as well, as infant distress and a lack of trust in their caregiver's ability to respond to their needs damages the relationship between caregiver and child. When a parent cannot provide sufficient diapers for their child, feelings of embarrassment, helplessness, and shame harm the family's mental and economic well-being. Sadly, in the worst case scenarios, parental stress associated with diaper need can lead to child abuse.

Period Poverty. 1 in 4 women have struggled to purchase period products due to lack of income, with over 20% of women reporting an insufficient supply on a monthly basis. Stretching of supplies can lead to wearing period products for too long which can lead to adverse health effects including Toxic Shock Syndrome, a potentially fatal infection. Just as damaging to the lives of women in our community is the fact that 1 in 5 teenage girls in the US have left school early or missed it entirely due to lack of access to period products. Without access to period products, menstruators miss out on daily life--school, work, and other activities.



Perpetuating the Cycle of Poverty.

Diapers and period products can be a linchpin in the cycle of poverty; without them, caregivers cannot work or go to school and children cannot attend daycare or early childhood development programs. Consider the economic impact on a family when parents are forced to miss work or school due to having insufficient diapers to meet the daycare provider's minimum requirement—usually 5 diapers per day. Children who attend early childhood education programs are twice as likely to go on to higher education. Menstruators miss work and school without necessary period products. Without these basic needs, the cycle of poverty is further perpetuated.

WHAT WE'RE DOING ABOUT IT.

Every baby deserves to have enough diapers to stay clean, dry, and healthy and every menstruator deserves to have the period products they need to live a hygienic, dignified life. With free access to diapers, wipes, and rash cream comes so many opportunities for the diapered child and their caregivers. With free access to period products, menstruators can fully participate in work, school, and life. Yet without these essential needs, our fellow citizens cannot thrive. The Junior League of Tampa is working to combat diaper need and period poverty by providing diapers, wipes, rash cream, and period products to nonprofit community partners. By working with our community partners, we are also supporting their efforts to wrap resources around these individuals and families, creating a multifaceted support network.

How It Started. As images of Hurricane Harvey's destruction filled our screens in Summer of 2017, the news reporter mentioned emergency aid did not supply essential need products like baby diapers or period supplies. With Hurricane Irma threatening our coast and community, we began considering the potential impact of a landfall here at home and furthered our inquiry into diaper banks. Imagine our surprise to discover that Hillsborough County, with over 1.5 million residents, approximately 15% of which live at or below the poverty line, did not have a diaper bank! What The Junior League of Tampa quickly learned in the process of creating our Diaper Bank is that diaper need is not a hurricane-specific issue. It is an everyday struggle for some caregivers in our midst.

The Junior League of Tampa fills this gap as our county's first diaper bank, which serves to combat diaper need within Hillsborough County by supplying diapers and related supplies to programs in our community. This project helps The Junior League of Tampa achieve its larger mission of breaking the cycle of poverty for our most vulnerable children and families.

What We've Accomplished. In the two years since its inception, the JLT Diaper Bank has distributed over 450,000 diapers and over 35,000 period products. Our Bank has distributed over 207,000 diapers during the COVID-19 crisis alone.

In 2019-2020, we partnered with nine community partners on a monthly basis, providing them a monthly supply of diapers and period products. We also provided diapers to an additional ten organizations on an as-needed basis. In 2020-2021, we are expanding to 15 monthly Diaper Bank partners! Not only have we expanded our reach into communities we have not previously served, we are deepening our impact with organizations as they expand their diaper offerings to additional programs and clients. In the wake of the pandemic,





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Diaper BANK



WHAT IS A DIAPER BANK?

Diaper Banks are an important piece of the supply chain. Like a manufacturer, the bank sits atop an inverted pyramid, responsible for collecting, sorting, and storing diapers. The diaper program, often operated by nonprofit community organizations who provide direct aid, functions as the distributor in the supply chain, handing those diapers and related supplies directly to the end user.

we have seen a nearly 200% increase in typical need from our partner agencies. We anticipate diaper need to continue to rise as a result of the unprecedented impact of the virus on jobs and the economy as families who were previously meeting ends meet are forced into the growing group of financially unstable families.

This year we have launched our Alliance for Period Supplies initiative. While we have always offered period products to our Diaper Bank partners, by creating a separate initiative specifically dedicated to period poverty we can expand our distributions of period supplies and deepen our impact on period poverty in Hillsborough County. While some of

our APS community partners overlap as Diaper Bank partners, several organizations partner only with our APS initiative. This shows us the need for period products—separate from diapers—exists in our community. We look forward to working with our eight inaugural partners to best serve our community through the provision of period products.

Diaper Bank/APS Committee. Running JLT's Diaper Bank and APS is a team of eight Willingness to Lead leaders and twelve committee members. Our committee spearheads monthly diaper packings during which we pack our diapers into kits consisting of 25 diapers (the amount needed to send a child to day care or school for one week), one

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package of wipes, and one tube of diaper cream. In support of the nationwide Talk Read Sing campaign focused on early childhood education, we also typically include a postcard encouraging caregivers to use diaper changing time as an opportunity to talk, read, and sing to their children. Our kits are provided in a resealable bag that caregivers can use to keep their child's diapering supplies clean and usable. Our Diaper Bank committee is also tasked with educating the community about diaper need and period poverty, and we employ a variety of methods to spread the word.

We have even developed innovative ways to get the smallest members of our community involved in positive community change. Last year, we debuted a school-based education and service project where we educated school-aged children about diaper need and how they can support our mission. The children then created a campaign of posters and announcements at their school, hosted a school-wide diaper drive, and then, with the assistance of our Diaper Bank team, packed into kits the diapers they had collected. We believe projects like this will encourage our youngest community members to be positive community change agents.



HOW YOU CAN HELP.

At a time when public health is more important than ever, we seek your support to combat diaper need and period poverty. You can support our mission in several ways:

- 1. Host a Diaper or Period Products Drive!** Diaper and period product drives fuel our mission. Drives can be hosted virtually or you can collect physical donations. There are many opportunities to host a drive too! Birthday drives, baby showers, and other celebrations are a great way to bring attention to our cause. We invite businesses and individual community members to educate their friends, family, and customers about our work. To host a drive, visit <https://www.jltampa.org/diaperbank/diaper-bank-host-a-diaper-drive/>.
- 2. Shop Our Wish List!** You can shop our Wish List at any time! Purchased items are shipped directly to our warehouse and immediately put into the community to support families and babies. Shop our Wish List by visiting <https://yougivegoods.com/tampa-diaperdrive>.
- 3. Drop Off Diapers at One of Our Drop Spots!** We have multiple drop spots throughout Hillsborough County at which you can drop off diapers or period products. We are so grateful to these community businesses for partnering with us to collect diapers. To find a listing of our drop spots, visit <https://www.jltampa.org/diaperbank/donate-diapers/>. If your business is interested in serving as a drop spot, contact us!
- 4. Donate to Our Cause!** If you would prefer to donate money to support our mission, visit <https://www.jltampa.org/givediapers/>. Through our membership with The National Diaper Bank Network, we have access to member pricing that allows us to stretch your dollar and serve more families. And every dollar counts!

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Letters to the League



July 21, 2020

Ms. Lyndsey Siara
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Dear Lyndsey,

Thank you for your generous gift of **Total 178 diapers/wipe kits @ \$10 = \$1780** which we received on **7/1/2020**. 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.

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Thank you for keeping the Children's Home Network in your heart, and bringing wide-spread joy to those we serve. We appreciate you, and the support you give to help children and families in our community flourish.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lauren".

Lauren Ruiz
Event and Community Engagement Manager



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Over the past year, President Melissa Knight Nodhturft, consultant Mary Gamble, and the 13-member Centennial Vision Team have worked tirelessly to create the Centennial Vision Plan to advance The Junior League of Tampa and its initiatives over the next six years to bring the League to its 100 year anniversary in 2026 and beyond. Though the full plan itself encompasses many pages, below is the one-page executive summary encapsulating the League's Centennial Vision Plan, including high-level next steps for implementing the Vision during the 2020-2021 League Year.

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF TAMPA

VALUES: Inclusion | Vision | Empowerment | Collaboration | Integrity

VISION: An organization of diverse women leaders who are catalysts for lasting community change

MISSION: An organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers

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for deep
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change

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invested in
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development

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Publish and Distribute Final Definitions of Values

Research Community Needs for Pillar Goal Alignment

Define and Approve Smart Goals for Pillars

Define Operational Goals and Plans

Launch New Strategic Plan and Vision in July 2021

Clear and Consistent Communication Throughout the League

PROVISIONAL CLASS OF 2019-2020

Congratulations to the 2019-2020 Provisional Class.



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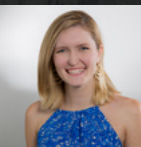
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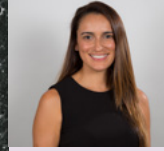

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INSPIRING LEADER OF THE YEAR:

Diana Hechavarría

This award goes to a Committee Chair who inspires and motivates her team. She lives and breathes the Mission of the League and she works to be a thoughtful leader and innovative in new ways for her committee.

RECIPIENT ACCOLADES: Diana served as the MILO (Mobile Interactive Literacy Opportunity) Chair this past year, and took the project to the next level.

MARTHA FERMAN SPIRIT AWARD:

Laura Campbell

This award recognizes exemplary achievement, steadfast dedication and selfless spirit of an Active who is transitioning into her sustainerhood.

RECIPIENT ACCOLADES: Laura is known for her “can-do” attitude as she has served in the League in a variety of community and membership-related placements over her Active years in the League.



SUSTAINER OF THE YEAR:

Betsy Chambers

This honoree exemplifies all the best qualities of a Sustainer: dedicated to the membership, active in the community, and experience in the League.

RECIPIENT ACCOLADES: Betsy is a legend, not only as a Past President and Past Sustainer President, but also as a steadfast advocate for children in our community. Her leadership has transformed the League and the Tampa Bay Community.



COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR:

Nominating Committee

Pictured: Leadership Director and Chair Stephanie Haas, Past President Isabel Dewey, Kitty Forenza, Erin Elser, Lauren Gstalder, Jessica Hornof, Heather Walsh, Andrea Webb, and Rachel Jackson

This award goes to the Committee that shows exemplary teamwork. They all work together to achieve a common goal and their teamwork makes their project or program even more outstanding.

RECIPIENT ACCOLADES: Led by Stephanie Haas, the Nominating Committee worked together to take a 360 degree view of the League, leadership pipeline, and what the League needs in a leader. They tackled and updated the Nominating Resources, internal documents, and transparent process for leaders.



PROVISIONAL OF THE YEAR:

Bianca Williams-Schafer

This award goes to a Provisional who has stood out in an outstanding manner throughout the year. They are nominated at least once for Provisional of the Month.

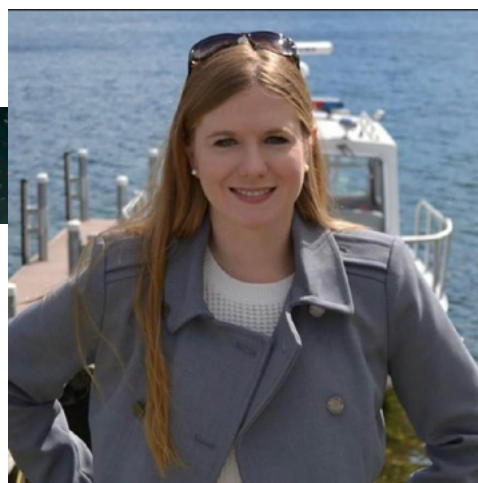
RECIPIENT ACCOLADES: Bianca has made a huge impact on the League itself – not just the Provisional class – with her bubbly personality and passion and dedication to the community.

ACTIVE OF THE YEAR:

Amber Smith

Active of the Year is any Active member that goes above and beyond their Committee requirements, is a true go-getter, and is an absolute asset to Tampa Bay and the Tampa Bay Community.

RECIPIENT ACCOLADES: Amber is a vital member of the League's Public Affairs Committee, devoting herself to helping others through advocacy.



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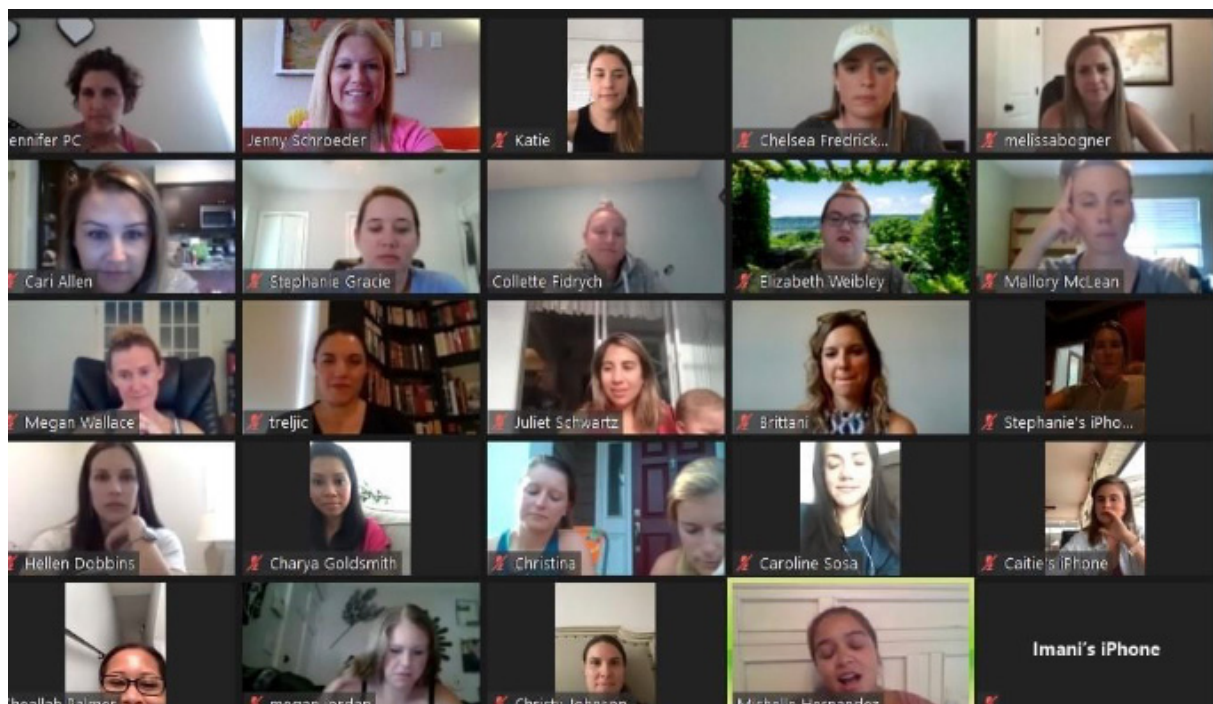
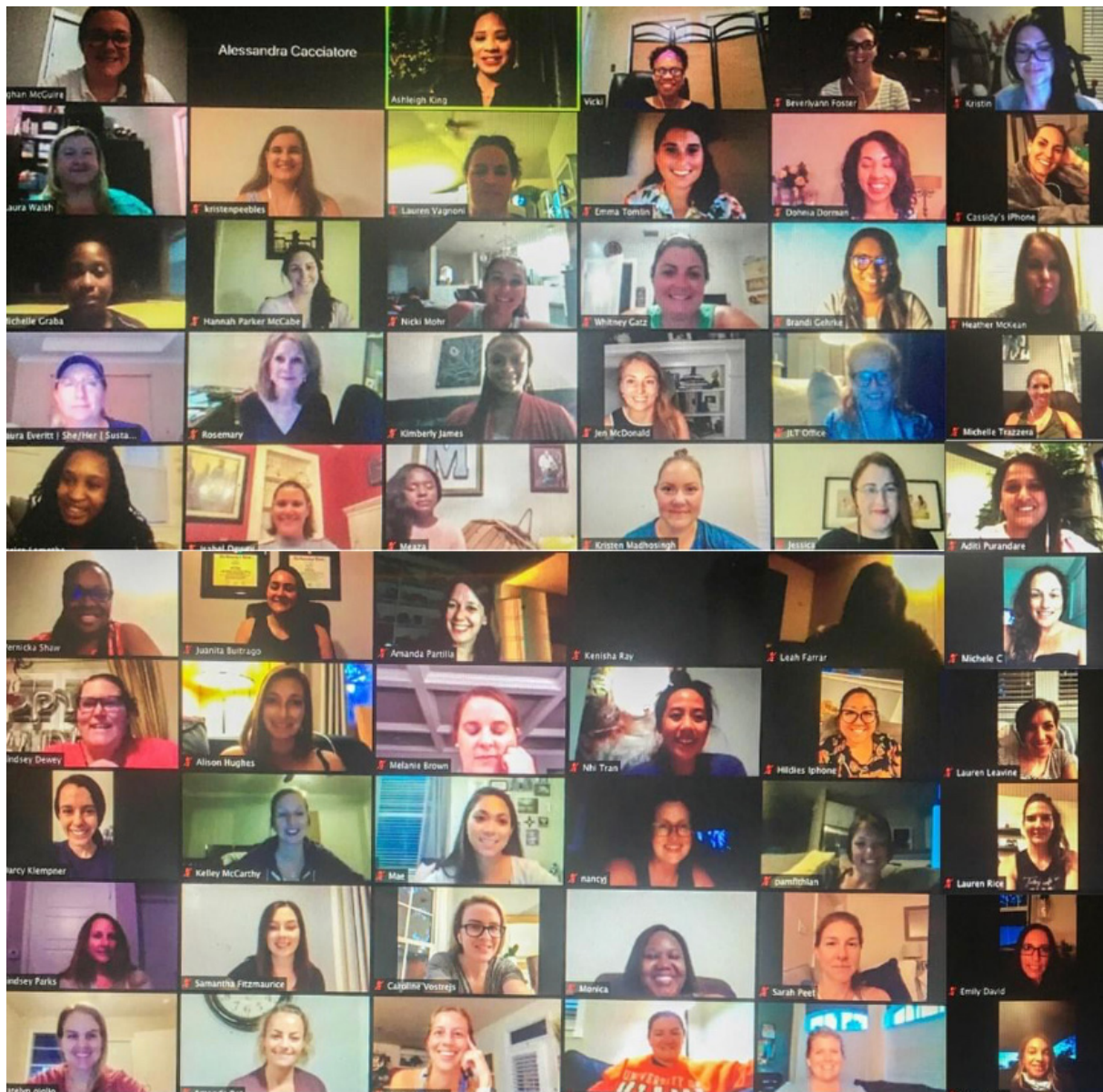


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by LAUREN VAGNONI

Who else doesn't want summer to end? Good thing we live in Florida! Please enjoy cooking the following endless summer eats including: Paradise Salad, Florida Lobster with Lemon Basil Butter, and Pineapple Mojitos. All recipes can be found in The Junior League of Tampa Cookbooks.

PARADISE SALAD

(From Capture the Coast)

Yield: 8 to 10 servings

- 2 (5-ounce) packages spring salad mix
- 4 cups chopped fresh pineapple
- 2 cups sliced strawberries
- 1 1/2 cups grapes, cut into halves
- 2 cups blueberries
- 2 cups chopped Granny Smith apples
- 1 star fruit, thinly sliced crosswise
- 1/2 cup honey-roasted silvered almonds
- 2/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1 (8.5-ounce) can cream of coconut
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons apricot preserves

Combine the salad mix, pineapple, strawberries, grapes, blueberries, apples, star fruit and almonds in a large salad bowl and toss to mix. Whisk the mayonnaise, sour cream, cream of coconut, lime juice and apricot preserves in a bowl until blended. Serve the salad with the dressing on the side.

The dressing may be made in advance and stored in the refrigerator until serving time. Sprinkle the chopped apples with lemon juice to prevent browning. The honey-roasted silvered almonds may be found in the produce section of your favorite grocery.





FLORIDA LOBSTER WITH LEMON BASIL BUTTER

(From Capture the Coast)

Yield: 4 servings

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 1 1/2 teaspoons freshly grated lemon zest
- 4 (6- to 8-ounce) fresh Florida lobster tails or frozen Florida lobster tails, thawed
- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves, chopped

Preheat the grill. Melt the butter in a small saucepan over very low heat. Add the lemon zest. Pour into a small bowl. Split each lobster tail into halves lengthwise using a sharp knife or kitchen shears. Brush the exposed lobster meat lightly with the lemon butter. Place lobster meat side down on a grill rack. Grill over medium heat for 2 to 3 minutes or until lightly marked. Turn and grill for 5 to 7 minutes longer or until the lobster meat is white and firm, brushing with more of the lemon butter, as desired. Remove from the grill. Stir the basil into the remaining lemon butter. Brush each lobster tail with the lemon basil butter. Serve with the remaining lemon basil butter for dipping.

PINEAPPLE MOJITO PITCHER

(From Capture the Coast)

Yield: 4 servings

- 3/4 cup light rum
- 1 (6-ounce) can pineapple juice
- 1/3 cup fresh lime juice
- 1/3 cup Mint Simple Syrup
- 1/3 cup Triple Sec or other orange liqueur
- 2 cups club soda
- Mint leaves

Combine the rum, pineapple juice, lime juice, Mint Simple Syrup, liqueur and club soda in a large pitcher and mix well. Bruise some mint leaves with the back of a knife and add to the pitcher. Serve over ice in glasses. Garnish with additional mint leaves.

MINT SIMPLE SYRUP

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

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 from the heat to cool. Strain into a small pitcher, discarding the mint leaves.





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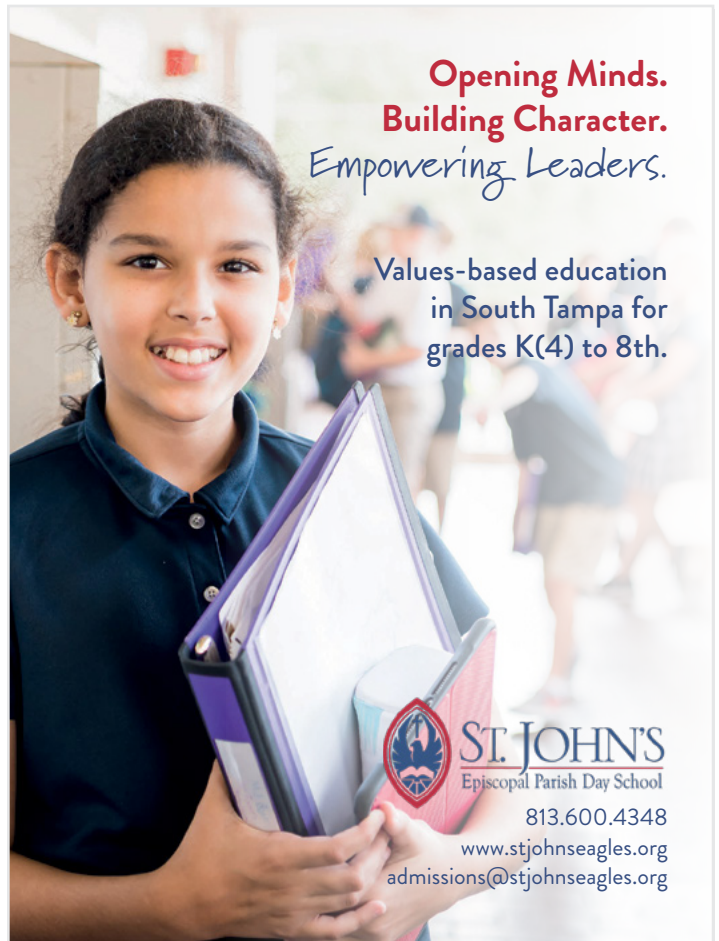
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