



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF OLYMPIA

A NOTE FROM LEAGUE PRESIDENT NORMA CORTEZ – MORENO

WINTER 2018-19 COMMUNIQUE



Hello Junior Leaguers and happy 2019! I can hardly even believe that half of our league year has already zoomed by!

We started this league year off back in June with our much anticipated Tanglewilde Park revival. And thanks to the hard work of the 25th Anniversary Committee, and your support, the park received a beautiful facelift! It was a great way to end last year and kick-off this year.

We also had a great start to our general membership meetings with a lesson in Authentic Leadership from presenter Amy Leneker, followed by an informative session re: Domestic Violence, presented by our own member Crissy Greenberg, and had some great round-table discussion around the topic of diversity and inclusion.

We held our third Empower U this Fall. And not surprising at all...it was AMAZING!

We ended 2018 with a wonderful Holiday GMM held at Stottle Winery. An occasion that was meant to be encourage mingling and celebrate our year thus far.

I'm looking forward to the next several months and hope you will join me in the many events planned.



Top and bottom pictures are from December GMM at Stottle Winery

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We have some great speakers and events lined up for you; January brings some detectives with the Washington State Patrol to give us an eye-opening look at Human Trafficking in Thurston County. We also have some Advocacy and Community outreach opportunities with a Legislative 101 type class coming up as well as a "Big Black Bag" event. We also have more opportunities to help our community partners through drives and volunteer time. Later in the year we have Justice Mary Yu scheduled to speak. She is an Associate Justice of the Washington Supreme Court. She is the state's first openly gay Justice, the first Asian American Justice, the first Latina Justice, and she is also the 6th woman currently serving and the 11th woman ever to serve on Washington state's Supreme Court.



Coffee Tasting Mixer at Batdorf and Bronson tasting room

Some of our goals as a board this year, was to ensure mission driven General Membership Meetings, to ask for feedback often and report back to our members, and to bring forward topics that are relevant and have good discussion around them. While I think we've been doing a good job at all of these, my hope is that we can do even better.

I'd like to end this by giving each of you a very big thank you. We have INCREDIBLE women in this organization. Each of you brings something unique, valuable, and needed to our League. You are the best part of this League. I hope that you will continue to choose the JLO as your organization. This is your legacy and in order to grow and sustain we will always need your support. Sure, that means financially at times, but it also means with your time and with your voice; all equally important.

Cheers to each of you in the new year. May we all have a healthy, happy, and heartfelt 2019!

Norma Cortez-Moreno Junior League of Olympia, President 2018-2019

A MESSAGE FROM KID'S COUNT

By Judy Holm, Kids Count Community Chair

We are having a very busy year this year with 8 community partner projects this year! At the December GMM, we will be collecting supplies for a new project for Family Education Support Services Parent-Child advocacy Program. In January we will put supplies collected in bags for 85 new moms to support healthy self and baby care. This is a new partnership for us.

This fall we have already had Done-in-a-days for:

- * Providence St. Peter foundation Trauma bags for their teacher and counselor trainings.
- * SafePlace Welcome kits
- * South Sound Reading foundation Books for Babies which are provided to new moms in the local hospitals.



We are partnering with Family Support Center to help with their monthly get-togethers for Camp Hope Extend HOPE program. This is an ongoing, fun opportunity for small groups to set up and cook a meal for the attendees. You can choose a month to participate and sign up on our Facebook page.

A big thank you to all who participated, and especially the Kids Count Committee members who organized all the activities!

This spring we will have a DIAD to assemble book bags for the Child Care Action Council Raising a Reader program, and a supply drive for Monarch Justice Center.

We are also partnering with the YWCA for Girls Circle mentors and other volunteer opportunities.

Picture to the left is from the Providence St Peter foundation trauma bags DIAD

Stay tuned for more information on the upcoming opportunities in the e-blast and Facebook JLO member page.

A MESSAGE FROM EMPOWER U

By Shawna Dutton, Funding Vice President

Empower U welcomed 33 attendee's this past Saturday for a day of learning about leadership! We kicked off the day with Leadership Development coach Amy Leneker who encouraged us to identify our values and how they shape us as a leader.

Our breakout learning sessions featured hands on opportunities like cookie decorating with Coleen Head of the Sugar Canvas Bakery, League members Heidi Clayville and Nicole Vukonich showed us how to create wood holiday ornaments, and league member Michelle Murphy demonstrated how to make floral holiday centerpieces.

Stacy Duhon lead our final key note of the day on the essence of leadership and we concluded the event with a panel of local women leaders who represented different arenas of leadership (nonprofit, government and the home) and ended our day of learning with great advice on being open to new pathways and staying true to ourselves and our strengths. Overall, it was a great day and we hope to see you all at our next training opportunity which will be announced soon!



Top photo: Hand made ornaments. Bottom photo: Discovering our essence with Stacy Duhon.

Puppets! Puppets! Puppets!

By Jamie Vann, Vice President of Operations

After many years and countless memories, the Junior League of Olympia donated our puppets to Olympia Family Theatre.

The “Kids of the Block” puppet show was an education opportunity for JLO members to go out in the community and teach kids about equality and bullying. When talking to the 2018 JLO New Members, MaryJo Wright explained how these puppets allowed our members to reach into the community. She also emphasized that they provided our membership with great training opportunities.



We celebrate these and many memories while sending our puppet friends on to their next journey. Olympia Family Theatre was thrilled to receive these puppets and are considering ways to incorporate them into upcoming shows. This summer

they had their summer camp kids help unpack them. The joy and the excitement was evident all through out the room. As a board, we are excited that we can give back to our community and give these puppets, that we love so much, a new take on life.

A MESSAGE FROM NEW MEMBER COMMITTEE

By Connie Guthrie, New Member Chair Elect

The New Member Committee has been busy this fall and winter. We welcomed and trained 16 Provisional Members who were voted in by the board in December and introduced to the membership at the January GMM. This is a fantastic group of women with a range wide of skills and talents. The next time you see one of them at an event or meeting, take a couple minutes to introduce yourself and get to know them.



Fall 2018 Provisional Class

The Fall 2018 Provisional Class put on an AMAZING Christmas party for local foster children at Evergreen Christian Center. The Winter Wonderland themed party was enjoyed by over 100 children and over 40 adults. There were so many people in attendance that we ran out of seats for everyone and some families had a picnic on the floor! (We may be on the lookout for a bigger venue for Christmas 2019, so please let us know if you have an idea.)

South Sound Reading Foundation was in attendance and ensured that every foster child left with at least one book they could call their own. Due to the generosity of JLO Members and local businesses/organizations, such as Twin Star Credit Union and Tranquility Thru Touch, every child received a gift, numerous foster parents won amazing gift baskets, and everyone left smiling. Garcia Entertainment donated their DJ services again this year and they did not disappoint. They kept the party moving with the perfect mix of Christmas and dance music in addition to calling out all raffle tickets. The food spread was amazing and plates were piled high with food donated from Ramirez Mexican Store and Restaurant, McDonalds in Tumwater, West Olympia Panera, Safeway on Martin Way, Starbucks, Lacey Mod Pizza, Pacific Avenue Albertsons, and Dickie's in West Olympia. Last but not least, there was SANTA!!! Santa attended the entire party and the kids had plenty of time to chat with Santa and ensure he had their wish list correct. We have no doubt he did



Connie and Jennifer at the local foster kid's Christmas party.

A MESSAGE FROM TRAINING

By Flavia Hulsey, Vice President of Training

Interested in JLO funding a local training FOR YOU??

The Junior League of Olympia is committed to the development of the potential of women. Through the Training Council and the Learning and Development Committee, we offer a diverse range of funded league training opportunities. We realize there may be additional opportunities of interest to our members. JLO has a small budget dedicated to provide our members with training opportunities that benefit their personal development and the league's mission. Please use this form to request any LOCAL training you are interested in JLO funding in the 2018-2019 league year: <https://tinyurl.com/yazbl8pu>.

Local trainings are generally in-state or within a short driving distance. Funding will only be used to cover registration costs. Please keep requests to no more than \$250. Trainings requests are taken on a rolling basis, and funding will be allocated based on a graded response to this form until funding runs out. For questions about training, please message or email Flavia Hulsey, VP Training, JLO, at flaviah@jlolympia.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

February 6, 2019 at 6:30 PM, Washington Farm Bureau

JLO'S A NIGHT IN OLD HAVANA

February 9, 2019 at 5:00 PM, Indian Summer Golf and Country Club

FEBRUARY GMM

February 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM, SPSCC in Lacey (social starts at 6:30 PM)