



Women Building Better Communities For 91 Years

# This Month

The Junior League of Omaha, Nebraska

## New Member Committee

...off to a fun and productive year!

The New Member Committee is off to a productive and fun year. With 40 new members, the energy is climbing!

The summer months were splashed with summer socials, where new members and actives alike shared conversation, delicious food and beautiful summer weather.

Fall began with the first official New Member meeting in August. The new members were welcomed at Headquarters, smiled for their yearbook picture and learned about League structure and engagements. In September,



*New Member Vice Chairs, Jen Zatecha and Abbey Jackson visit with new members, Tara Valentino and Gina Ott during a summer social.*



*New Members race to find outfits for their model in the Project Runway scavenger hunt.*

the New Members met at My Closet where the group played Project Runway and gained important information about My Closet.

This year, the New Members are once again given the opportunity to volunteer at the Children's Hospital. Groups of 10 will be visiting the hospital throughout the year providing craft time and a carnival.

With a stellar class of women coming into the League, don't forget to take the time to meet them!

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*Mikaela, granddaughter of sustainer Judy Woodbury, loves her Homecoming Dress purchased at my closet!*

**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF OMAHA  
2009-2010 GENERAL MEETINGS**

6:30 p.m. Social, Sign In  
7:00 p.m. Meeting

**General Meeting Dates: All Mondays**

November 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2009	6:30, 7:00	Security National Bank
December 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2009	6:30	Joslyn Castle
January 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	6:30, 7:00	Security National Bank
February 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	6:30, 7:00	Security National Bank
March 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	6:30, 7:00	Security National Bank
April 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	5:00-7:00	Security National Bank
May TBD, 2010	TBD	Annual Meeting

**SNOW POLICY:** If OPS, Millard or District 66 has cancelled activities due to weather, the meeting will be cancelled and rescheduled to the same time on the following day at JLO Headquarters.

## Fund Development Update

The Junior League of Omaha has published the Nebraska Foundation Directory, a collection of over 400 foundations that offer grants to non-profit groups. Please help us to get the word out to any non-profit organizations with which you may be affiliated. The cost is \$40.00/per directory (includes shipping). This is a must-have tool for any development director or non-profit organization. You may send a check to The Junior League of Omaha, 608 N 108th Court, Omaha NE, 68154, or e-mail us at [headquarters@juniorleagueomaha.org](mailto:headquarters@juniorleagueomaha.org). Cash or credit cards are accepted as well.

Please note that we can also send postcards to advertise the directory. Contact [headquarters@juniorleagueomaha.org](mailto:headquarters@juniorleagueomaha.org) if you would like us to mail a postcard advertisement to a non-profit group.

The Fund Development committee will also be organizing Corporate Donations and the Annual Fund for the Junior League. If you have contacts with a local corporation that may be willing to sponsor a Junior League event (such as the Holiday Mart or American Girl), please forward the corporation's name and contact person to Mary Finnegan [maryfinnegan@yahoo.com](mailto:maryfinnegan@yahoo.com), Nichole Turgeon [NTurgeon@bigomaha.org](mailto:NTurgeon@bigomaha.org), or Molly McGrath [molly.mcgrath@kc.frb.org](mailto:molly.mcgrath@kc.frb.org).



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**THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE...**

*Inspired by Commitment*



Each and every day I am continually inspired by the commitment and spirit of our JLO members. The enthusiasm that permeates each event is apparent, even in not the best of weather!!

The first weekend of October proved to be quite busy for many of our JLO members. The Showhouse kicked off the month with a busy weekend with the Cookbook committee chaired by Laura Wakefield and advisor Kate Grabill. They coordinated meetings in conjunction with Voila teaching table top decorating for the upcoming seasons. Wheatfields provided food with recipes from the cookbook which proved not to disappoint!



*Shannon Hoy*

We had a great Race for the Cure with over 80 members on the team! Thank you to the Race for the Cure committee for coordinating a great morning and breakfast afterwards. Kutak Rock law offices courtesy of Lucy Dogger provided shelter from the windy weather and a meeting place after the Race for food, drinks and friendship. The Family Safety Day was held at Embassy Suites LaVista after the Race for the Cure with the HIP Kids committee spreading the word about the Go Play Adventure.

Being thoughtfully committed to me means to do which inspires you. Do not do what others think you should do, but that which makes you passionate and changes your life as well as others. The time you spend away from your own family to change the lives of others should be well worth it.

**November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month!**

Lung Cancer Awareness Month (LCAM) is a national campaign dedicated to increasing attention to lung cancer issues. By organizing rallies, distributing educational material, holding fund-raising events, contacting Congress, and speaking to the media, those involved in LCAM bring much-needed support and attention to a disease that each year kills more people than breast, prostate, colon and pancreas cancers combined([http://www.lungcanceralliance.org/involved/lcam\\_month.html](http://www.lungcanceralliance.org/involved/lcam_month.html)).

Our October general meeting focused on lung cancer in the non-smoker. Dr. Bernard Wu spoke to us about trends in diagnosis, treatment and theoretical causes of lung cancer in the non-smoker. We also saw a personal story of a young friend who succumbed to the disease at much too early of an age. I hope that all that were there have gained further understanding about how fragile life can be.

Our next meeting will be at Security National Bank with Mike Kelly from the Omaha World Herald speaking to us about his daughter Bridget and her strength and courage after a brutal attack in 2002. Her story I know will inspire many.

Best,  
*Shannon Hoy*

*Be thoughtfully committed, not over extended.*

-- AUTHOR UNKNOWN

## What is Your GPA?



HIP Kids is encouraging all JLO members to get up and get active with Go! Play Adventure! (All members can participate - you don't need to have kids to get involved!) Your goal is to reach a GPA of 35 - that's all 35 destinations by May 31, 2010.

The challenge has changed! Instead of a raffle for one winner - any member completing 15 play destinations by February 1st will receive credit for 3-hour project engagement shift. At the February general meeting, bring you completed book for verification! Go! Play!

### General Meeting Challenge

**December** Complete 15 destinations  
**February** Complete 20 destinations

### Don't forget

*Go! Play T-shirts are available at my closet!*

Contact Kareen Hickman at [sunflowerkh@cox.net](mailto:sunflowerkh@cox.net) or Michelle Zych at [mzych@campfireomaha.org](mailto:mzych@campfireomaha.org) for more information.

## Calling Volunteer Opportunities!

Are you passionate about a cause? Is there an event coming up that you have a desire for JLO to volunteer at? DIAD is still looking to fill this year's calendar with some new partnerships and would love to hear

your input. Send information about events to Meghan Lewis at [meglew8@yahoo.com](mailto:meglew8@yahoo.com) or Amanda Stahlnecker at [amanda.stahlnecker@hdrinc.com](mailto:amanda.stahlnecker@hdrinc.com). Stay tuned for our fun-filled volunteer schedule.

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**Junior League of Omaha  
General Meeting  
Security National Bank  
October 12, 2009**

Call to Order 7:05pm

- I. Shannon Hoy - Call to order and welcome. Introduced lung cancer as the topic of the meeting. Played video of friend, John Atkinson's lung cancer battle and the story of John as a non-smoker battling stage four lung cancer.
- II. Shannon Hoy presented the May minutes and they were approved as distributed.
- III. Introduction of John Krajecik, John's father in law. Mr. Krajecik gave a brief discussion about John and his battle with the disease.
- IV. Introduction of Dr. Bernard Su. Dr. Su gave a presentation on lung cancer awareness and statistics. He then answered questions from the JLO membership.
- V. Kristy Hansen, VP Finance – Kristy gave the following financial report:

	JLO Year to Date	My Closet
Revenue:	\$27,892.85	\$21,777.81
Expenses:	\$33,130.20	\$21,107.59
Net Income:	(\$5,237.35)	\$670.22
- VI. Improving Communities:
  - a. Done in a Day - Amanda Stahlnecker reported that there are a lot of project opportunities for Done in a Day coming up in the next few months. Also, collecting for Precious Memories Day care through December.
  - b. Nominating – Carrie Jenkins reported on the JLO scholarship fund and the importance of funding the two \$3,000 scholarships we have been offering instead of only one.
- VII. Promoting Voluntarism: Julie Chytil Chair of Project Development introduced the proposed new project for next year working with Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly (LBFE). She introduced a representative of LBFE who described the organization in great detail. This organization helps match volunteers with senior citizens. The project would involve assisting LBFE with their annual Christmas Party for their elderly members and putting together gift bags for each senior. This project will require 5 – 10 volunteers and a budget of \$1,000.
- VIII. Developing the Potential of Women
  - a. New Member Committee – Amy Gerhardt, New Member Committee Chair, introduced new members in attendance at the meeting
  - b. Placement Committee – Becki Wiechman gave a brief overview of the placement committee and the importance of meeting with your placement advisors.
- IX. Announcements
  - a. Upcoming General Meetings: November 9th at Security National Bank 6:30 Social and 7pm meeting - Speaker: Mike Kelly speaking about Violence against women and December 14, Holiday Social at Joslyn Castle 6:30.
  - b. Upcoming Events:
    - October training event: October 22, at Child Savings Institute
    - Parliamentarian training: Thursday, October 15, Thursday, October 22, Thursday, October 29, Thursday, November 5, and Thursday, November 12
    - My Closet \$5 sale starts Thursday, November 12th.
    - Leadership Training Series: Wednesday, November 4 6:30-7:30 at JLO HQ. Sustainers Leslie Brandt and Renee Black from Planit Omaha will discuss their business and describe their path to success.
- X. Adjourned at 8:35pm

Submitted by Sarah McGowan for Jen Bartelt