



Women Building Better Communities *For 91 Years*

This Month

The Junior League of Omaha, Nebraska

PLENTY OF CHEERS AT...

RIVERFRONT WINE FESTIVAL



Wine lovers flocked to the Lewis and Clark Landing to sip and learn about vino September 19th and 20th at the RiverFront Wine Festival.

The inaugural event chose Junior League of Omaha to receive a portion of its ticket sales.

For two days, JLO volunteers set up and helped man the festival under the leadership of Committee Chair Lucy Dogger, Vice-Chair Emily Lauritzen and members Wendy Teetor and Chaley Chandler.

Members who attended say there was a good turn-out from the public and plenty to toast.

President Shannon Hoy spoke to the crowd, bands performed, radio station CD104.5 broadcast live, and several restaurants offered plenty to eat.

Of course, to go along with it all, two dozen wineries and distributors from California to Nebraska poured tastings.

One of the highlights from the weekend—the seminar with Riedel Crystal.

If you missed it, the good news is plans are already in the works to do it again next year!

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GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Monday, October 12th • 6:30 p.m. Social • 7:00 p.m. Meeting • Security National Bank

Two Successful Sales for My Closet!



Organizers Emily Bonneau, Shannon Hoy and Wendy Moore.

The my closet committee kicked off the year with a \$5 sale the weekend of July 31st and after a fast moving Thursday, a steady Friday and a Saturday that surprised us with some heavy traffic near the end of the day, we brought in just shy of \$5,300!

We followed up our first successful event with a special one day Homecoming Dress Sale on Saturday, August 29th, organized by Westside High School senior Emily Bonneau as part of her senior project. Each of the over 300 dresses donated was sold for just \$20 and all proceeds benefited the Junior League! Emily placed advertising for the sale in high school announcements and papers, and even made an appearance on Star 104.5 the Friday morning before the sale. What a great idea for a great cause! We will continue to reach out to the community, service organizations, schools and churches, as we are finding so many people who want to help my closet and their community. If you didn't get to donate your gently used formal dresses for the Homecoming Dress sale, we will be having a Prom Dress Event in



A shopper with her special vintage dress find.

the spring, so just drop them off at the store at your convenience.

Thanks to all who helped plan, put on labels, created coupons, set up racks, cleaned, tagged, greeted shoppers, stood on the street holding signs, ordered food, hung clothes, brought balloons, donated jewelry, donated clothes, dressed mannequins, undressed mannequins, ran to the bank, steamed clothes, placed



my closet Homecoming Dress Sale shoppers and their vintage dress finds.

signs in the ground, pulled signs out of the ground and especially all those who shopped! Thanks to everyone who made these two sales true Junior League team events. Look what we can accomplish together!

Our next big event will be a Halloween costume sale from Saturday, Sept. 26th to Saturday, Oct. 3rd. We will be open 8 days in a row, including Sunday. There will be costumes for all ages and all sizes, from just \$3 to \$20 each! Please help us spread the word.



Homecoming Dress Sale organizer Emily Bonneau with one successful shopper and her mother.



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THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE...
Make an Impression



Our Junior League year is off to an incredible start. There is always a great energy at the beginning of the year getting back together after the summer "break". There is a misconception that all take the summer off and check out of the Junior League. In fact, many worked tirelessly to make sure our projects and fundraisers kept their momentum.

Volunteering can mean many things to different people including donating your time and going beyond one's personal duties to help others in need (<http://www.britannica.com/>). All of the members in the Junior League do all of that and more. It is humbling to be amongst so many talented and hard working, passionate women!



Shannon Hoy

There are 37 new members on board for their first year in the Junior League! Welcome to you all! This committee chairperson is Amy Gerhardt. The entire committee worked tirelessly throughout the summer recruiting women in the community and planning for the year ahead.

Our first general meeting was held on September 14th at Security National Bank. We heard from Laura Wakefield, a mother, volunteer and 3 year breast cancer survivor. Laura introduced Dr. Elizabeth Reed who spoke on the newest trends in diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.

The Riverfront Wine Festival was held the weekend of September 19th and 20th in conjunction with Urban Wine Events. Lucy Dogger was the chairperson for this event which included wine tasting, great food, music and volunteers

from the Junior League. The JLO was honored to be their non-profit benefactor and will receive 10% of the ticket sales revenue. The League was able to showcase our projects and fundraisers to the many people of Omaha who attended the event.

Have you and your family participated in the Go Play Adventure? Get your book and check it out!!

There are many great opportunities to volunteer this month to start checking off your engagements to the League! Coming up we have:

Omaha Symphony Showhouse at the Brandeis building featuring the Cookbook Committee including chair person Laura Wakefield and advisor Kate Grabill. This event is October 3rd and 4th.

The National Safety Council Omaha Chapter is hosting Family Safety Day on October 4th from 11 AM -5PM at the La Vista Conference Center with Junior League as a partner. Kay Farrell, former League member, is President of the Safety Council.

Race for the Cure: October 4th. Courtney Dunbar is coordinating the team, race t-shirts and a breakfast reception after the race at Kutak Rock law offices. Please join us for a walk/run for a great cause! The Junior League of Omaha was instrumental in bringing this great fundraiser to Omaha. You can register on the Komen website under the Junior League team.

Done in a Day and Hip Kids will be listing their opportunities in the hotsheet each week.

Leadership Series meeting on October 22nd. Attending a meeting will count as yet another general meeting requirement.

Our next general meeting will be held October 12 at Security National Bank with speakers from Methodist Cancer Center talking to us about lung cancer in the non-smoker, diagnosis and treatment. We look forward to seeing you there!

Best, *Shannon Hoy*

Of those of whom have been given much, much is expected.

-- AUTHOR UNKNOWN

"Our DIRECTION, our future."

Join us on **Thursday, October 22nd from 6:30 - 7:30 pm at Child Saving Institute** (located at 4545 Dodge Street), and listen to a panel of Omaha women in leadership as they share their vision and non-profit stories.

Sue Korth, Chief Operating Officer of Methodist Women's Hospital; Sally Kahre, President of Friends of Children's Hospital Board and our very own Shannon Hoy will explore topics relating to women's leadership, non-profit visions, the outlook of non-profits in Omaha, and their individual leadership styles.

Attending a leadership series training will count as credit toward your membership engagements. Please contact Andi Hallgren at andi_hallgren@gallup.com to register for the training. Hope to see you all there!

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

September 14 th , 2009	6:30, 7:00	Security National Bank
October 12 th , 2009	6:30, 7:00	Security National Bank
November 9 th , 2009	6:30, 7:00	Security National Bank
December 14 th , 2009	6:30	Joslyn Castle
January 11 th , 2010	6:30, 7:00	Security National Bank
February 8 th , 2010	6:30, 7:00	Security National Bank
March 8 th , 2010	6:30, 7:00	Security National Bank
April 12 th , 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.

TOAST TO OMAHA COOKBOOK

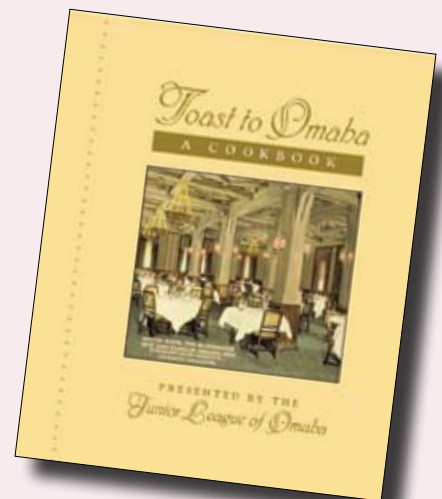
Can we sell out our cookbook inventory this year? Yes, we can with your help! The Cookbook Committee is excited about our upcoming events in October:

- *Buy the Big "O" Show* at the Qwest Center on October 15 where we will promote the cookbook and cookbook gift baskets.
- St. Robert's Boutique on October 29 where we will sell cookbooks and provide free holiday gift wrap.

With your volunteer support and public enthusiasm, we have the potential to sell out! Here is how you can help:

- Volunteer at the Designer Showhouse Cookbook Event, "A Tour of Toast and Tabletop," which counts as a project shift engagement.
- Sell cookbooks to your family and friends. We will send an e-mail template that you can forward to your contacts.
- If you like to bake, make a dessert for the teachers at your local school along with posting an order form for teachers/staff/parents to order a cookbook.
- Attend, volunteer, or bake for any of our events listed above.

Please contact any member of the Cookbook Committee to inquire about participation in any of these fundraising ideas or e-mail laurawakefield@cox.net.



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.

At each general meeting members will bring their books to be validated for their GPA and entered into a drawing - ONE winner will receive credit for a project engagement shift - however, a set number of destinations have to be completed in order to qualify for the drawing.

October General Meeting

Complete 10 destinations

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 or Michelle Zych at 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 or Amanda Stahlnecker at amanda.stahlnecker@hdrinc.com. Stay tuned for our fun-filled volunteer schedule.

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF OMAHA

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Junior League of Omaha
General Meeting
Security National Bank
September 14, 2009

Call to Order 7:05pm

- I. Shannon Hoy - Call to order and welcome
- II. Sarah Helvey, Bylaws Chairman – Quorum was set at 35 voting members.
- III. Shannon Hoy presented the May minutes and they were approved as distributed.
- IV. Introduction of Dr. Elizabeth Reed - Laura Wakefield, JLO member and 3 year breast cancer survivor, introduced Dr. Elizabeth Reed after giving a presentation on the lessons she learned while battling breast cancer. Dr. Reed gave a presentation on breast cancer awareness and statistics. She 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:	\$15,972.78	\$14,957.25
Expenses:	\$19,890.40	\$12,656.28
Net Income:	(\$3,917.62)	\$2,300.97

- VI. Improving Communities:
 - a. Riverfront Wine Festival – Lucy Dogger and Jen Coker informed the membership about the Riverfront Wine Festival. The JLO is a beneficiary of a portion of the ticket sales and volunteer opportunities are still available. The event will be held September 19-20th and volunteers will receive a free ticket to enjoy the festival.
 - b. Kareen Hickman, HIP Kids Chairman – Kareen Hickman talked about the GO! Play Adventure book which is a collection of 35 play destinations and guide book to local parks and recreation areas throughout Omaha, Council Bluffs and Papillion. Books are available for sale tonight and Kareen encourage all members to reach a GPA of 35. If members complete 10 destinations by the October General Meeting their name will be entered in to a raffle drawing for credit to a project engagement shift. Check out GO! Play Adventure on Facebook! Kareen encouraged all members to attend the Community Safety & Wellness Festival on October 4th from 11am-5pm at the LaVista Conference Center.
- VII. Promoting Voluntarism:
 - a. Race for the Cure - Whitney Dietrich reported on the JLO team for the Race for the Cure which is Sunday, October 4th. Wednesday is the last day to register and tonight is the deadline to order your JLO t-shirt. Contact Kate Shafer or Whitney Dietrich with questions.

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- b. Cookbook - Laura Wakefield and Kate Grabill informed the membership that at the Designer Showhouse on October 3rd Wheatfields will be showcasing food from the JLO cookbook. Volunteers are needed and in exchange for our service the JLO will get to use the Joslyn Castle for the JLO holiday party. The JLO cookbook will be featured at additional events this fall. Check the hotsheet for events and dates.

VIII. Developing the Potential of Women

- a. New Transfer Members – Nicole Strohman introduced the following new transfers: Molly Stickels from Denver, CO, Emily Lankhorst from Sioux Falls, SD, Mary Lynn Hallett from St. Paul, MN, Rebecca Rauth from Minneapolis, MN and Melissa Hoeman from Florence, SC
- b. New Member Committee – Amy Gerhardt, New Member Committee Chair, informed the membership that there are 38 new members. The new members will partner with Children’s Hospital and to do mini projects focusing on children’s projects.
- c. Training Committee – Alicia Battershell and Andi Hallgren announced that there are a lot of training opportunities this year as member engagement options. Andi informed the membership of the Leadership Development series and the dates and times will be listed in the Hotsheet.

IX. Announcements

- a. Upcoming General Meetings: October 12th at Security National Bank 630 Social and 7pm meeting – Methodist Cancer Center- Lung Cancer in the non-smoker
- b. Upcoming Events:
 - Riverfront Wine Festival: September 19th and 20th 1-6pm
 - Safety Council event: October 4th
 - Race for Cure: October 4th
 - Cookbook events at the Showhouse: October 2nd and 3rd
 - Leadership Series: October 22nd
 - Parliamentarian training: Thursday, October 15, Thursday, October 22, Thursday, October 29, Thursday, November 5, Thursday, November 12
- c. The winners of a drawing for two tickets to the Showhouse and Joslyn castle were Alyssa Hohman and Gina Ott.

X. Adjourned at 8:18pm

Submitted by Jen Bartelt