

## Deb Schmadeke & Linda Chloupek – December *JLO This Month's* Sustainers In The Community

Past League President **Deb Schmadeke** is the Honorary Chair of Girls Nite Out, a benefit for Girls Incorporated of Omaha. This year's event is chaired by Past Junior League President **Linda Chloupek**, along with Junior League member **Gail Graeve**. Girls Inc. of Omaha is and always will be about the girls! Girls Nite Out will feature the comedy of **Kathy Griffin**! Kathy is one of the funniest and most successful comics in the business. Best known for her role on the sitcom "Suddenly Susan", she was also the winner of Celebrity Mole, has her own reality show, "Life on the D-List", was the host for the "Average Joe", and she has made numerous appearances in various television shows and movies.



This year will be the fourth time Linda has chaired Girls Nite Out and the second time Gail and Linda have chaired this event together. In 2000, these women chaired the event and broke the attendance record with more than 900 women in attendance. This year they hope to beat that record!

Linda was first introduced to Girls Inc. by the Junior League. The Junior League was very instrumental in providing the capital funding for the Girls Inc. building located at 45th & Maple. The Girls Inc. Guild, currently led by **Tawanna Black**, another Junior League member, was also started by several Junior League members and the Guild remains very active today.

**Deb Schmadeke**, Past Junior League President, was responsible for bringing the Girls Nite Out event to Omaha. Fourteen years ago, she led the research efforts to develop a signature event which could help raise money and awareness for Girls Inc. After investigating successful events with other Girls Inc. affiliates, she discovered a unique event, Girls Nite Out, which had been wildly successful in Denver. Building on their concept, she made the event a reality in Omaha thirteen years ago — and it still exists today! It definitely has become one of the most popular and visible fundraising events in Omaha.

Deb and Linda have both used their experiences in the Junior League to assist them in their leadership roles within Girls Inc. They have also gotten several other Junior League of Omaha members involved with Girls Inc. of Omaha who have also passed along the Junior League of Omaha legacy of service and fundraising. These women's efforts have greatly assisted Girls Inc. of Omaha in growing and serving more than a thousand girls at their centers annually.

Girls Nite Out will be held Thursday, February 1, 2007 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Central. Ticket prices are \$55 and \$75 and all proceeds will benefit Girls Inc. of Omaha. This year's event, featuring lots of laughter, boutique shopping, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and a raffle, is expected to sell out so please reserve your space early! The order form can be downloaded at <http://www.girlsincomahagirlfriends.org/>.

Thank you to Linda and Deb for their continued involvement in our community. Sustainers like you help make Omaha a great place to live!