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## **BUTTERFLY KISSES DANCES INTO 8TH YEAR**



The eighth annual Butterfly Kisses fundraiser will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Cedar Rapids Country Club. Tickets are \$75 per father/daughter couple and \$15 per each additional daughter.

*Butterfly Kisses*

Tickets to the event include admission for two, a professional DJ sponsored by the new KOJC, dancing, snacks and desserts, crafts, special visits from the Disney Princesses courtesy of Glass Slipper entertainment, Glamour and Glitz stations (Salon Neil Bordeaux), fabulous silent auction and raffle items, a professional photograph by Dan Kempf Photography, a special flower corsage and entertainment. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.juniorleaguecr.org](http://www.juniorleaguecr.org) or by calling the JLCR office at 364-7892. Volunteer opportunities are available; to find out more contact Kathy Buckner or Jill Todd.

## **NEW ANNUAL FUND CHALLENGE**

Thanks to the support of both sustaining and active JLCR members the Annual Fund raised just more than \$5,000 in the first four months of this League year! Thank you to each and every member who has reinforced the belief in JLCR and its mission.

Now, there's a new challenge. A generous, anonymous donor has offered to match up to \$2,000. JLCR has until the April 20 General Membership Meeting to raise the additional \$2,000. Once JLCR hits the \$7,000 mark, the \$2,000 matching gift will be given for a total of \$9,000!

The importance of this matching gift cannot be stressed enough. If you have not yet given to the JLCR Annual Fund, please consider giving a gift today. This is truly a time when each and every donation, no matter what the size, makes a difference. If you have given to the Annual Fund, thank you, and if you have the ability to give again, it will be greatly appreciated. The original \$5,000 Annual Fund goal was reached with the support of 54% of Actives giving and 14% of Sustainers giving a gift. The average gift was \$58, with one generous \$500 gift. The JLCR membership

voted in the Annual Fund as a fundraiser in the spring of 2008. It supports JLCR's operating budget, which includes everything from the more than \$9,000 JLCR gave away in Community Grants this year, to sending members to AJLI training opportunities, to paying our Office Manger's salary. The Annual Fund is the basis of JLCR's existence. You can donate by calling the JLCR Office, 319.364.7896, by sending your gift to JLCR, 2100 1st Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402, or at [www.juniorleaguecr.org](http://www.juniorleaguecr.org) and clicking on "Donate."



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## ***DIAD: Do Three Good Deeds in January***

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### **December DIAD Recap**

The holidays were a perfect time for our JLCR members to reflect on how fortunate we are and to give back to some individuals who are not as fortunate.

On Friday, Dec. 18, and Saturday, Dec. 19, JLCR members and their families volunteered at Waypoint Services. These two days the clients of Waypoint were able to shop for Christmas presents for their children. There were many smiles on the faces of the moms as well as many of our JLCR volunteers. Thank you for your volunteerism! We look forward to your assistance in our January Done in a Day (DIAD).

### **January DIAD- Do 3 Good Deeds**

What better way to kick off the New Year than with a twist on the usual DIAD? Add doing three good deeds during the month of January to your list of resolutions and you'll have achieved success before you know it! Each week throughout January we will be offering a way to give back to the community in very different capacities.

#### Week 1—Head Start New Year's Party (TBD)

Help a child celebrate the New Year by donating to the Head Start New Year's Party!

Cash donations are needed. Contact Tara DeWolf with questions and watch your email for additional information.

#### Week 2—Gems of Hope on Jan. 12, 6:30-7:30pm, Hall Radiation Conference Room-Mercy Hospital

Make memories with fellow Leaguers while putting your creative talents to use for a great cause! Spend an evening creating beautiful and unique beaded jewelry.

#### Week 3—Four Oaks Block-by-Block on Jan. 30 9:00am to 1:00pm

Whoever said ladies don't swing a hammer or paint, never met a Junior League. Sign up to help renovate homes affected by the 2008 floods. This project will need a large number of volunteers; spouses and significant others welcome.

You will need to complete a liability release form found at the following address and bring with

on the 30th:

<http://www.fumcmarion.org/Flood/docs/IA%202008%20Medical%20and%20Liability%20Release%20Form%20Draft%203-26-09.pdf>

#### Week 4—Pay it Forward

Do one random act of kindness this week. Pick up someone's tab at Starbucks, invite a neighbor over for coffee...you get the idea.

Contact Tara DeWolf at [taradewolf@gmail.com](mailto:taradewolf@gmail.com) or 319-399-2808 to get involved.

### **UPCOMING DIAD ACTIVITIES**

#### February

We will be working with Families Helping Families.

#### March

We will be doing a Kids in the Kitchen Activity with the Young Parents Network.

#### April

Many of you had the opportunity to work with Arc of East Central Iowa's Easter Egg Hunt last spring. We again will be assisting with the Easter Egg Hunt.

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## ***Report to the Community Now Available***

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The Report to the Community for the 2008-09 Junior League year is now available online at [www.juniorleaguecr.org](http://www.juniorleaguecr.org) under the Community column on the home page. The report gives an overview of this memorable league year, including information about the Ladies Titan Tire Challenge and the celebration of Junior League's 75th year.

## JLCR AWARDS \$9,000 IN GRANTS AT BREAKFAST

More than 60 people attended the Community Awareness Breakfast on Dec. 5, 2009, at Four Oaks in Cedar Rapids.

JLCR awarded more than \$9,000 in Community Grants to the following local non-profit organizations:

- African American Museum (Learning Safari)
- Catherine McAuley Center (Substance Abuse Evaluations)
- Community Corrections Improvement Association (Tiger Cub Kids Club at Taylor)
- Kid's First Law Center (Counseling Hours for Children in High Conflict Dissolution Cases)
- Old Creamery Theater (The Right Stuff)
- Olivet Neighborhood Mission (Food Pantry)
- St. Luke's Health Care Foundation- Ties (Teaching Interventions to Empower and Strengthen Families Program)
- Theater Cedar Rapids Spotlight on Kids (Still Life with Iris)



Top: More than 60 people from the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City area attended the Community Awareness Breakfast on Dec. 5 at Four Oaks in Cedar Rapids.

Bottom Left: Cedar Rapids (now former) Mayor Kay Halloran talks with Casey Prince, Theatre Cedar Rapids Director at the Community Awareness Breakfast.

Bottom Right: JLCR President Mindy Sorg and Public Policy Committee Members Megan Murray, Chair Ellen Ramsey-Kacena and Tascha Keettel attend the Community Awareness Breakfast.



## MEMBERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT: January

**Andrea McVay**

Andrea McVay admits she was “dragged” to a JLCR Welcome Night by a friend at work, and agreed to go “because she kept asking me and I finally gave in.” After learning about Junior League’s purpose, mission, and all JLCR does for the community, she said she was thrilled to join and has enjoyed being a member the last three years.



Andrea McVay

Andrea is an Advisor this year and loves it. She feels all her placements have been fantastic. She co-chaired Butterfly Kisses last year, and in prior years, enjoyed positions on the Membership Recruitment and Retention committee, and helped organize the Welcome Night.

Her favorite JLCR memory has been Butterfly Kisses. “To work so hard for that special day, it was like planning a wedding; worrying over every detail,” she said. “It was so wonderful to sponsor a few daughters and fathers, and to see how that all turned out for the families.”

Andrea is married to her husband of

15 years Jason, and they have two beautiful daughters, Sage, 7, and Finley, 4. Their family pets include Hawkeye, a black lab, and Jake, a yellow lab.

Although Andrea was born and raised in Cedar Rapids, she and her husband lived in Montana for four years, and were able to move back to the area with Jason’s job. Andrea was able to transfer her position back to Cedar Rapids as well. She currently works at Wells Fargo as a Private Banker, and she and Jason are glad to be back in Cedar Rapids. “One of my favorite things is being close to family. It has been a blessing with raising the girls. It takes a village,” she said.

*It was so wonderful to sponsor a few daughters and fathers [at Butterfly Kisses], and to see how that all turned out for the families.*

—Andrea McVay

Her inspiration is her husband and his faith. “He lives it and I learn from him all the time.” She is also inspired by women who take leadership roles in organizations. “Being a mom and working and raising kids is a balancing act, and those that do it with grace inspire me.”

Andrea currently volunteers on the Bethany Lutheran Early Education and Preschool Board. She is also a volunteer at St. John’s Lutheran church in Ely, teaching Sunday school and helping with youth activities, and enjoys volunteering at her daughters’ schools.

**Elisa Ovel**

Elisa Ovel has been in JLCR since 2006. She joined because of her interest in volunteerism and to keep active while staying at home to raise her kids. She is currently on the Butterfly Kisses



Elisa Ovel

committee and has previously chaired Arrangements, worked on Habitat for Humanity, Currents of Care and chaired the African American History Museum committee her provisional year. Her favorite JLCR experience so far was working the Ladies Titan Tire Challenge golf tournament at Hunter’s Ridge Golf Course. Not only did she learn how to keep real time score cards and get to watch the amazing female golfers, but also got to be a part of something she hope will become a great Cedar Rapids tradition for years to come.

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## MEMBERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT continued ...

Also, she will always remember watching her husband and daughter dance and have the time of their lives at Butterfly Kisses last year. She is really looking forward to seeing that again this year.

When she was 3 years old, her father took the position of Conductor of the Cedar Rapids Symphony Orchestra and moved from Dallas, TX, to Cedar Rapids. After a year of college, she moved to New York City in search of memorable life experiences and later moved to Sarasota and Tallahassee, FL, where she worked as a server and bartender.

She currently stays at home with her children but have spent years as a traveling Notary Public, Counselor for Aspen Athletic Club and bank teller. She enjoys traveling with her family, skiing in Keystone, biking, poker nights, spending as much time in Florida at the beach as possible, quality time with her family and keeping an active social life. She is married to Zach, an entrepreneur and scholar and has a 13-year-old stepson, Ty, and two daughters, Joslynn, 4, and Annabelle, 21 months.

### Kristin Hardy

Kristin Hardy joined JLCR five years ago to give back to the community she grew up in and in that time it has been valuable training for other organizations with which she is involved. Now that she lives in Coralville it has been a great way to keep in touch with some of her Cedar Rapids friends.

She currently serves on the Nominating and Placement committee and has served on



Kristin Hardy

the Fundraising, Social and Ways and Means committees and as Treasurer in the past.

Her favorite memory during her time in JLCR was when she volunteered at Cents for Science/Stand up for Science.

"It was so moving to see kids bringing in their piggy banks," Kristin said. "One family in particular really made a statement, they had been saving to go to Disney World and the kids decided to donate their savings to the Science Station instead."

Kristin grew up in Cedar Rapids but moved away to experience warmer weather in San Diego, Calif. She moved back shortly after her daughter, Kayla, who is now at junior at Mount Mercy College, was born. She and Gerry Ambrose have been together 11 years and have a standard poodle named Gigi.

Her mom and her grandparents have been her inspirations.

"[My mom] was a single parent for many years and seeing what she was able to accomplish on her own, instilled my values and made me the independent woman I am today." Kristin said. "My grandparents are also amazing. They have been married for 72 years and my grandmother recently told me 'your grandfather still tells me he loves me everyday!'"

In her down time, Kristin loves exercising, including yoga and playing golf and tennis. She also enjoys cooking. In addition to JLCR, she is involved with the U of I Museum of Art and is chairing the annual pARTy! fundraiser and also works with the Johnson County American Heart Association.



## NEW MEMBERS START PROJECT WORK

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The 2010 JLCR New Member class has chosen two community agencies to partner with for projects: HACAP and KidsFirst. The members have divided into two committees to design each project but all members will help with the impact implementation.

The project with HACAP will focus on their “Feeding America” work. HACAP serves a seven-county area: Benton, Cedar, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn and Washington. Annually, HACAP manages 1.7 million pounds of food products. New Members will assist HACAP in two ways:

1. Once a month we will provide two teams (6 – 8 individuals) to assemble HACAP food boxes that will be distributed to area families and agencies.
2. New Members will provide a bag of toiletries to each of the 175 residents at Geneva Towers, of

whom 95 percent of are disabled. Donations for items such as: shampoo, soap, toilet paper, Kleenex, toothbrushes, toothpaste there will be a taken at the January General Membership Meeting (GMM).

KidsFirst serves Cedar Rapids and surrounding areas, helping children while their parents are in the middle of a divorce through classes to help with transition as well as one-on-one counseling. The KidsFirst project will:

- Raise money for workshop workbooks
- Collect gently used games and school/art supplies
- Provide volunteers at group classes to help with activities and other needs

## GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

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Each month JLCR members recognize fellow Leaguers who have shown extraordinary commitment to League.

- **Lee Clancey** has worked very well with **Ashley Felder** on sponsorships and has opened doors like never before! Thanks to them both!
- **Kristin Roberts** notes that she “continues to be extremely pleased with the Resource Development/ Ways & Means committee. They are hardworking and involved with all of our work, especially researching for the fund-raising proposal. I realize how lucky I am!!
- Thanks to **Marcy Dent** for volunteering to help set up for the Holiday Party.
- **Carey Buresh** just passed her real estate test. Congratulations is in order for her.
- **Cindy Duran** has done a great job mailing IMPACT each month. There are a lot of details to follow when sending a bulk mailing and she has learned quickly and has been incredibly flexible with printing and mailing dates.
- **Jessica McAllister** and **Vanessa Solesbee** have done a fantastic job editing IMPACT articles.
- **All advisors** worked really hard to ensure they were ready for placement interviews.

- **Mindy Sorg** and **Abbie Covenah** gave Membership some JLCR items that can be used as gifts/prizes for new members.
- **Karen Pelletier** shared her knowledge and experience through presentations at the New Member Project Implementation Meeting.
- **Elisa Ovel** and **Nicole Ridge** for supporting the Tailgate.
- **Kari Cooling** has been amazing to work with to coordinate DIAD theme with Education & Training.
- **Amy Graham** has done a fantastic job trying to work with Families Helping Families coming up with a great idea for the February DIAD.
- A huge THANK YOU to **Samara Trenary** for reaching out to the ARC committee regarding the Aegon Flood Relief money, for setting up the initial meeting, and for participating in that meeting.
- Thank you to **Kristin Roberts** for training Joanna Nohr and Maria Sanchez-Masi on making the ask and creating the Aegon “ask packet” so quickly.
- Thank you to **Karen Pelletier** for attending the Aegon proposal meeting, for her strategic guidance prior to the meeting, and for her invaluable knowledge and expertise.

**SEVERAL SPONSORS SECURED FOR LTTC 2010**

Ladies Titan Tire Challenge committee members have been working tirelessly to spread the news about this amazing event, while also raising funds and building relationships with new sponsors.

Sponsorship Chair Ashley Felder and committee members Lee Clancey and Denny Goettel, along with a host of other league volunteers, have been canvassing area businesses to boost financial support for the tournament.

The committee has made great strides and has secured cash contributions totaling more than \$66,000, plus in-kind contributions from our media sponsors (Gazette, KCRG, Z102.9, and ESPN 1600) and first aid/sports medicine sponsor (Mercy Medical Center) valued more than \$70,000.

Ladies Titan Tire Challenge sponsors as of Dec. 15, 2009,



include the following:

- Presenting Sponsors: Gazette and KCRG
- Pro-Am Day Sponsor: Mercy Medical Center
- Volunteer Sponsor: General Mills
- VIP Tent Sponsor: Eastern Iowa Airport
- Scoreboard Sponsor: Z102.9 & ESPN 1600
- Ticket Sponsor: AEGON/ Transamerica
- Adult & Junior Golf Clinic Sponsor: Lynch Chevrolet
- Putting & Chipping Greens: Collins Community Credit Union
- Marshalls Sponsor: Northwestern Mutual The Zach Group

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tee Sponsor: United Fire
- 10<sup>th</sup> Tee Sponsor: Skogman Realty
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tee Sponsor: Iowa Foot & Ankle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tee Sponsor: Bradley & Riley, PC
- Silver Sponsor: Coldwell Banker
- Bronze Sponsors: Guaranty Bank and Schimberg Company

In addition to these secured sponsorships, we have several asks still out there and several yet to be made. If anyone knows of a company who needs to get involved in the Ladies Titan Tire Challenge, please email sponsorship chair Ashley Felder at [acefelder@gmail.com](mailto:acefelder@gmail.com).

Additionally, if anyone would like to help plan and organize tournament week events, please contact Co-Director, Charity Tyler at [charity.tyler@nmfn.com](mailto:charity.tyler@nmfn.com).

**RANK COMMITTEE CHOICES FOR NEXT YEAR**

Did your placement interview pique your interest in a different area of JLCR?

Are you now considering a long-term plan for how to meet your JLCR goals?

The Placement Committee will soon be placing members on committees for next year. Please refer to your placement interview to complete the Placement Request Form. Indicate on the form if you are willing to serve as a committee chair or on more than one committee. Then rank your top three choices for committee placements next year.

At the January General Membership Meeting you will have time to ask your Advisor additional questions placements and complete your placement form. We would like you to complete your Placement Request Form and turn it in to your advisor at the meeting.

If you need more time, **forms must be turned in to**

**your advisor or the League office no later than February 1.**

From February until March, the President-Elect will work to fill chair positions. Then the Placement Committee will meet in early March to determine placements. Our goal is to distribute committee placements at the March GMM. The Placement Committee then uses the rest of the spring to fine-tune committee placements.

The Placement Committee will do its best to place each member on one of her top three choices. To do this, the Placement Committee must have a Placement Request Form from each and every member in a timely manner. If you have any questions regarding different committees or serving as a Committee Chair, please contact your Placement Advisor or the Placement Chair, Kari Kempf.

**HELP NEEDED FOR HISTORY CENTER ARCHIVE**

**Help the History Center Complete JLCR Archive**

JLCR is fortunate to have its historical files preserved at the Carl and Mary Koehler History Center (615 First Avenue SE). Many of those files were donated when the JLCR office moved from the Madge Phillips Center to the Four Oaks Bridge in the late 1990s. However, the JLCR files are not complete and the History Center would like our help to complete the JLCR archive.

If you have old materials in your possession and would like to donate those to the History Center, please contact Exhibits Manager Mike Crist or Registrar Ruth Bassett at 362-1501. Please note that because of space limitations, they are unable to store duplicate copies of materials.

The History Center would like copies of:

- All JLCR newsletters since 1987. The History Center already has copies of all *Leaguely Speaking* issues prior to 1987.
- All JLCR annual reports since 1976 except 1988-1989, 1989-1990, and 2000-2001.
- Any written reports about significant projects or events. For example, the family of Dorothy Carey recently shared a written history of Children’s Theatre dated November 25, 1964.

**Photo Identification Needed**

The History Center also is in possession of many JLCR photos, but the subjects of most photos are unidentified. Staffers shared with us that the photos would be much more valuable to the History Center if the people in the photos were identified.

Gingie Hunstad (365-2869) and Melissa Randall (365-8731) are organizing two work days at the History Center to accomplish this task. Please join



This is part of the JLCR exhibit last fall at the History Center in Cedar Rapids.

them in the Linge Library at the History Center:

- Saturday, Jan. 16, 1-4 pm
- Saturday, Jan. 23, 1-4 pm

**Artifacts Gifted to History Center**

At its December meeting, the JLCR Board of Directors approved a number of recommendations from the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibit Committee regarding JLCR artifacts and historical information. Most significantly, the original version of Dick Pinney’s poster for the JLCR 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be gifted to the History Center, along with several requested EIEIO drawings and architectural plans.

Melanie Alexander, the History Center’s new executive director, shared that they plan to reframe the Pinney poster using materials that will help curtail the fading. The History Center now possesses a number of Pinney artworks, and the JLCR poster will be displayed on a rotating basis with the Pinney wooden wall displays, thereby exposing JLCR’s history to a wider audience, as well as preserving this important JLCR artifact.

***SUSTAINING MEMBERS CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS***

Sustainers celebrated the holidays on Dec. 15, 2009, at two gatherings, a Morning Coffee at Susan Ovel's house and Evening Cocktails at Kathy Layden's house. As part of their celebration, the Sustainers collected toys and gifts for Waypoint.

***Sustainers Can Now Receive IMPACT by E-mail***

Have you made a New Year's resolution to "Go Green?" Or maybe you would just like to reduce the paper mail you receive. Consider receiving your IMPACT newsletter by e-mail.

All Actives receive the IMPACT newsletter by e-mail and now Sustainers have that option as well. The electronic version has the same content and look as the paper version. Simply e-mail Cari Foss at [cari.foss@hotmail.com](mailto:cari.foss@hotmail.com) or call her at 319-270-1902 to be added to the list of Sustainers who already receive IMPACT by e-mail.

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES: December****Minutes from the JLCR Board Meeting Tuesday, December 1, 2009**

The Board meeting began at 5:36 pm at the Bridge. Present were: Kymm Barnes, Abbie Covenah, Marcy Dent, Ashley Felder, Ann Oleson, Karen Pelletier, Mindy Sorg, and guest, Lori Houston.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was approved without any changes.

Approval of November Board Meeting Minutes

The November board minutes were approved.

President's Report

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee submitted some proposals as to what to do with the left over funds and artifacts from the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary exhibit at the History Center. The board liked all of the options presented. However, in section B, part 2 of their proposal, the committee mentions displaying some of the exhibit display boards in the JLCR Office. The board is against this one section due to space limitations in the office.

Mindy received word from the city that EIEIO will continue to be included in the city budget. There are also plans to repair some portions of the exhibits that have been damaged in the past.

Also, Mindy reminded the board that the mid-year retreat will be held on January 23, 2010. So far, she has 22 RSVP's.

Advisory Future Planning

Karen made a motion to accept the procedural failure by the board for amendment to the Advisor By-Law change presented to the November General Membership for ratification. The board acknowledged that we had a defective vote in November.

Karen then made a motion to amend Article X, Section 1B, of the Bylaws to read... "A person must be an active member for at least three years (four years including the new member year) AND have served as Chair of any committee to be eligible to serve on the nominating/placement committee ...". The motion passed with all in favor.

Finance Council

Kymm presented the Year End review and Tax Return review. Kymm made a motion to accept the income tax return for the year ending May 31, 2009. The motion passed with all in favor.

Kymm and Karen will examine the Year End review and submit it for approval at the next board meeting.

The board discussed the Butterfly Kisses fundraiser. Karen is concerned that the committee is

planning to facilitate the photo distribution on the day of the event. Kymm assured her that the committee has considered the logistics needed to make this successful.

Mindy is concerned about the number of people they are planning on having attend. She had hoped that the BK committee would have lowered the number of ticket packages sold when they raised the ticket cost. After some discussion, the board agreed that the committee should consider fewer people.

Karen had some questions about the Budget to Actual report. The funds in question were miscoded.

Other Business

Mindy asked the board for updates on their LTTTC sponsorship solicitations. All board members have made contact with their assigned businesses.

Also, the November GMM closet sale raised \$40.75. We will continue to sell old promotional materials from the closet at future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Abbie Covenah, VP  
Administration

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**GATHERING FOR THE HOLIDAYS**



JLCR Actives attended the annual Holiday Party on Friday, Dec. 18, 2009, at OPN Architects in Cedar Rapids. For more photos of the Holiday Party see [www.juniorleaguecr.org](http://www.juniorleaguecr.org).



Lijun Chadima	1
Katheryn Boatman	3
Stacy Friedman	3
Susan Gehring	3
Stacey Stefani	3
Kelly Harris	4
Kay Hegarty	4
Marcy Dent	5
Kathleen Aller	8
Cindy Duran	9
Dina Igram Dusek	10
Kathryn McKay	10
JoAnn Janda	12
Judy Mrozinski	12
Linda Brotherton	15
Kristin Davis	17
Christine Hayden	18
JoAnne Johnson	18
Ethel Knutson	18
Dina Linge	20
Kati Davis	21
Scott Brunscheen	22
Charlotte Pence	22
LaSheila Yates	25
Molly Scott	26
Elisa Ovel	27
Sue Warren	29
Lu Barron	30
Ann Finneman	30
Barbara Bloomhall	31

**HEART TO HEART**

Share your big life events with your friends in Junior League.

Wedding? New baby?

The Social Committee would like to congratulate you.

Have you lost a loved one? Struggling with an illness?

We'd like to send our sympathies and support. Please take the time to complete our "Heart to Heart" forms available at all general membership meetings, or e-mail a committee member with your news.

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Cindy Duran  
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 Cari Foss, Chair

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**JLCR 2010 CALENDAR**

**JANUARY 2010**

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|----|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 6  | Board Meeting                  | 5:30 p.m.        |
| 12 | DIAD: Gems of Hope             | 6:30-7:30 p.m.   |
| 15 | Impact Stories Due             |                  |
| 19 | GMM                            | 7 p.m.           |
| 27 | New Member Placement Night     | 7 p.m.           |
| 30 | DIAD: Four Oaks Block by Block | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. |
| 31 | Butterfly Kisses               | 1 to 4 p.m.      |

**FEBRUARY 2010**

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|----|--------------------|-----------|
| 2  | Board Meeting      | 5:30 p.m. |
| 15 | Impact Stories Due |           |
| 16 | GMM                | 7 p.m.    |

**MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS**

Active: 96  
 Emeritus: 17  
 Sustainers: 207