

Entre Nous

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF GREATER COVINGTON



JLGC KICKS OFF CARNIVAL SEASON WITH INAUGURAL CARNIVAL COUTURE

THE JANUARY 2024 ISSUE

Happy New Year! Bonne Annee! ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

The Junior League of Greater Covington has paraded into 2024 with all the pomp and revelry of Mardi Gras. With a second-line entrance, JLGC kicked off the New Year with its inaugural Carnival Couture Mardi Gras Fashion Show on January 12, 2024. Presented by Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry & Gifts and Emcee'd by WDSU's beloved anchor, Morgan Lentes, JLGC's Carnival Couture embodied Louisiana's joie de vivre culture, food and fashion for a good cause in support of the mission, projects and philanthropy of the Junior League. What a trumpeting success it was!

JLGC is grateful to the overwhelming community response and support for this new initiative, and the many sponsors and vendors who participated in the event. Together, all proceeds will serve our Northshore community by advancing our mission; including our long-standing community assistance grant program, which will provide needed funds in furthering the good work our fellow nonprofits do in West St. Tammany.

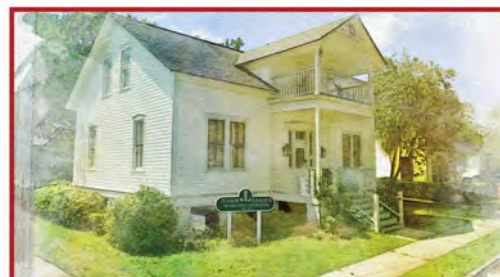
And THAT is the Junior League. We, as Junior League women strive to be civic leaders doing the work and meeting the needs of our community.

We align with fellow nonprofits offering our resources, grants and members lending a hand to their community outreach.

JLGC provides its members invaluable learning opportunities, ranging from leadership and organizational development training to community programming and nonprofit fundraising skills. It's a curriculum all its own, and members learn how to not only manage and train committees, but also, how to collaborate with local and state community agencies, serve on the boards of nonprofits and commissions, and how to become advocates for the issues facing women and families in our communities.

JLGC is part of the coalition of nonprofit forces building a better west St. Tammany.

It is in the grassroots work we do, we turn to the timeless leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, and in his words, "The time is always right to do what is right."



Support the legacy of JLGC and 20th Anniversary of Dogwood Cottage by giving a tax-deductible donation to this year's Dogwood Cottage Fund.

Scan the QR code for more information!



This week we observed Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and it serves as a poignant reminder of the power we have as individuals and a collective community to be a force of good in our community. Dr. King's legacy inspires us to be catalysts for positive change, to champion justice, and to advocate and exemplify unity.

In the spirit of Dr. King's vision, the Junior League continues to dedicate itself as change agents. It is through our members, projects, and initiatives the JLGC is focused on making a meaningful impact where it matters most. It's with Junior League's actions, mission, and outreach, we seek to positively affirm Dr. King's question, "What are you doing for others?"

To our members and community, thank you for another year of your unwavering dedication to the Junior League of Greater Covington. Here's to a year of purpose, impact, and collective achievement toward women's leadership and uplifting our community!

Carpe Diem,

*Amy A.
Puerto, D.D.*



January General Membership Meeting

DATE

Monday, January 22

TIME

social 6p

meeting 7p-8:30p

PLACE

Hybrid Meeting: Dogwood Cottage & Zoom.

See Digital Cheetah for sign up & Zoom link.

ON THE AGENDA

Announcing the positions for nomination for the next Business Meeting



The Good Stuffed food truck will serve their delicious menu from 6p-7:30p. Menu includes a variety of soups, pastas, wraps, salads and quesadillas.

Upcoming League Meetings

Check Digital Cheetah for updates

January GMM
Monday, Jan. 22
Dogwood Cottage

Provisional Meeting
Monday, Jan. 29
Dogwood Cottage

February GMM
Monday, Feb. 19

Provisional Meeting
Monday, Feb. 26



Calling All Local Non-Profits!

JLGC will be awarding community grants to recognize organizations making an impact in St. Tammany!

Community Assistance Grant Applications will be OPEN from Friday, March 1 through Friday, April 12.

Community Assistance Grants open March 1st

The Community Assistance Grant application must be filled out in full and should benefit non-profit organizations that match JLGC's impact areas of social services, education, community awareness and/or cultural enrichment.

The funds must be used in the West St. Tammany area, and all funds must benefit the community at large.

The following will not be considered for funding: religious instruction or teaching, political activities, fundraising expenses, contributions to capital drives or salary/overhead expenses. For-profit organizations will not be considered.

Watch jlgc.net/community-assistance-grants for the application and more info!

Inaugural Carnival Couture Sets a Stylish New Standard for Northshore Carnival Season



Above: Audience members upgraded their seats to sit runway front row. That's a runway Front Row worthy of Anna Wintour! Below left: Sustainers Phoebe Whealdon and Elizabeth Westervelt are ready to Second Line!



Thank you to our Carnival Couture Committee for their dedication to creating this amazing new event!

Jill Savoy

Stacy Gilmore

Taylor Haskin

Emily Christina

Allison Laborde

Heather Rietschel

Kristal Williams

D'Anne Lucario

Sarah Petty

Bethany Boice



The 801 Brass Band welcomed revelers!
Below: The Glitter Bar by Butterfly FX was a big hit!



Bethany Boice Carnival Couture MC and De'Anne Lucario, Carnival Couture co-chair



Angelle Victoria walked the runway with a very well-dressed Larry the Dog!



The show finale was a frothy tiered gown from Afri Modiste

Krewe-Ella DeVille made an appearance



Carnival Couture

ENTRE NOUS | JANUARY 2024





Thank you to our sponsors for making this magical carnival event possible!

DJ Sponsor



Dr. Amy Puerto
2023 National Young Optometrist of the Year

Lee Michaels
FINE JEWELRY & DISTINCTIVE GIFTS

Event Sponsor

Carnival Cocktail Sponsor



Backdrop Sponsor



King Cake Sponsor



Prize Wall Sponsor



GULF COAST BANK & Trust Company

Second Line Sponsor



Photo Booth Sponsor



Carnival Bling Sponsor





**Thank you to our
in-kind donors
and participating
boutiques!**

Lee Michaels
FINE JEWELRY & DISTINCTIVE GIFTS
Event Sponsor

Thank you to our in-kind donors!



INSIDE NORTHSIDE



Thank you to our participating boutiques!



JANUARY

Book Club

Thursday, Jan 18, 6p

Dogwood Cottage

Potluck: Bring a Dish!

Sign up in Digital Cheetah

Book: *The Shop on Royal*

Street by Karen White

*JLGC Sustainers invite **all members** to join our new Book Club! Potluck meetings will be held the third Thursday of the month, 6-8p at Dogwood Cottage.*

All members are invited to participate!

JANUARY

Sustainers Social



Wednesday, Jan 24, 2pm

Haven Coffee and Cocktails

534 New Hampshire St Covington

Leadership Interest Session

Thursday, Feb 1, 7:30p

Zoom Presentation

A brief introduction to leadership positions available for Board, Management and Chair/Co-Chair positions). Sign up in Digital Cheetah for the link. The meeting will be recorded and posted under the Placements & Leadership tab in "Resources" of your DC member profile.



2024-2025 Financial Obligations due by March 15!

Watch your email for spring dues invoices. Dues for 2024-25 can be paid with a check mailed to Dogwood Cottage or by credit card through the Quickbooks invoice.

There will be a \$15 late fee for dues not received by March 15, 2024. Payment plans are available and encouraged for any member needing accommodations. Email treasurer@jlgc.net.

Mid-Year Retreat for all Committees

Tuesday, Jan 30, 6-8p.m. | Dogwood Cottage

The time to prepare for next year is NOW! All current Chairs and Co-chairs are asked to attend this in-person guided retreat for learning from each other's best practices and prepare co-chairs for assuming leadership next year. This for all chairs/co-chairs even if you won't be assuming the role again next year. The time will also be spent reviewing itemized budgets year-to-date and a discussion for preparing for the league's annual budget planning meeting will take place. Dinner from Abita Roasting will be served. See Digital Cheetah for additional details.

Dogwood Cottage Fund Campaign Ends February 29th

For nearly half a century, the Junior League of Greater Covington has advanced women's leadership through transformative community impact. In 2024, JLGC will celebrate the 20th anniversary of our historic downtown Covington headquarters, Dogwood Cottage. We are asking Members and Friends of the League to support JLGC with a tax-deductible contribution to the Dogwood Cottage Fund.

The funds raised during this campaign will go exclusively toward replenishing the league's fund to maintain our beautiful headquarters, allowing the money earned through fundraising and membership dues to better serve and support our many mission-based community projects.

"I am so proud of the accomplishments of all your volunteers, and am happy to help with the maintenance of Dogwood Cottage. Keep it up, ladies!"

- League founder & anonymous donor

Your gracious gift will be recognized at the following giving levels:

Dogwood Society (>\$400)

- Invited to Dogwood Cottage History Day Brunch, March 23
- Exclusive Dogwood flower pin
- Dogwood Cottage 20th anniversary ornament
- Recognition on JLGC website, social media, Installation Banquet program and Annual Report

Legacy Builder (\$200)

- Invited to Dogwood Cottage History Day Brunch, March 23
- Dogwood Cottage 20th anniversary ornament
- Recognition on JLGC website, social media, Installation Banquet program and Annual Report

Lagniappe Circle (>\$100)

- Dogwood Cottage 20th anniversary ornament
- Recognition on JLGC website, social media, Installation Banquet program and Annual Report

Club '20 (\$20)

- Recognition on JLGC website, social media, Installation Banquet program and Annual Report



Your tax-deductible donation to the Annual Campaign can be paid in one sum or in planned-giving amounts invoiced throughout the year. Campaign ends February 29, 2024. Please make checks payable to JLGC and note "2023 Annual Campaign" in the memo. Checks can be mailed to The Junior League of Greater Covington, 529 N. Columbia Street, Covington, La. 70433

Scan to



Project Prom

Sponsor the Sparkle



Event Sponsor \$2,000 (1 available)

Includes name under Project Prom logo as "sponsored by" on all media; logo placement at main entrance of The Greenwood; sponsor recognition on website, social media and local radio spot; and 2 GA tickets to 2025 Carnival Couture

Prom Queen/King Sponsor \$1,000 (1 available)

Includes logo/name placement at ballroom entrance; sponsor recognition on website, social media and local radio spot

Welcome Sponsor \$500 (1 available)

Includes logo/name placement at check-in table; sponsor recognition on website and social media

Dress Rack Sponsor \$200 (8 available)

Includes logo/name on a dress rack; website & social media recognition

Dressing Room Sponsor \$150 (8 available)

Includes logo/name on a dressing room; website & social media recognition

Lighted Mirror Sponsor \$100 (4 available)

Includes logo/name on a mirror; website & social media recognition

JLGC Project Prom sponsorships are available at

[Givebutter.com/projectprom](https://givebutter.com/projectprom)

SAVE THE DATE
PROJECT PROM
Sunday, March 3

Volunteer Ops

With the new location, the League needs all hands on deck...

From moving dresses from the Dogwood Attic to Greenwood and more!

Watch Digital Cheetah for opportunities and registration.

NOTE: Project Prom is no longer accepting dresses for this year.

Thank you to our 2024 Project Prom Supporters!



Let the Good Times Roll at Dogwood with JLGC

Members and their families are invited to join this JLGC tradition of potluck food and libations as we celebrate Mardi Gras at Dogwood Cottage! All paid members and their families will receive a wristband to enter.

Cost is \$5 per person (children under 17 are free!) + one potluck item for a crowd. Cash or card accepted. Sign up for the potluck on Digital Cheetah.

Don't miss JLGC women riding in the first ever Krewe of Bogue Falaya!

Mystic Krewe of Olympia

Saturday, Feb. 3

Rolls at 6p

Dogwood Opens at 3:30p

Lions Club / Krewe of Bogue Falaya

Fat Tuesday, Feb. 13

Rolls at 10a

Dogwood Opens at 8a



Clean restroom open to the public \$5 per person for unlimited wristband pass

League Birthdays

JANUARY

Bonnie Laurent 1

Jennifer Jeanfreau 2

Chelsea Santangelo 5

Ann Habisreitering Barre 6

Polly Burrall 13

Sonia Gutierrez 13

Grace Loup 16

Jennifer Gardner 17

Kimberly Brechtel 19

Heather Rietschel 22

Brittany Tanner 31

FEBRUARY

Stephanie Doorwar 2

Rachel Stafford 3

Melinda Carmeli 8

Rachel Hryniewich 8

Cyndi Belina 10

Robin Eckert 12

Cindy Petry 12

Melissa Foster 19

Shelley Romero 20

Kaitlyn Seiler 22

Kelly Anne Beile 23

Shannon Capouch 23

Lisa Rivere 24

Lindsey Chevalier 28

Trisha Glover 29





January Book Club Potluck

RTD Shifts Available. The Shop on Royal Street, by Karen White

Thursday, Jan 18, 6 pm

Dogwood Cottage



January GMM

The Good Stuffed food truck

Monday, Jan 22, 6:00p

Dogwood Cottage



January Provisional Meeting

RTD Shifts Available. Provisional Project Planning

Monday, Jan 29, 6:30p

Dogwood Cottage



Leadership Interest Session

Thursday Feb 1

Zoom Meeting. Sign up in Digital Cheetah for the link



Olympia Parade Potluck

\$5 per person. Sign up on Digital Cheetah

Saturday, Feb 3, 5p

Dogwood Cottage



Fat Tuesday Parade Potluck

\$5 per person. Sign up on Digital Cheetah

Tuesday, Feb 13, 10a

Dogwood Cottage



Junior League Day at the Capitol

DATE TBA

Join JLGC and other Leagues across the state to tour the Capitol, meet legislators and discuss the issues affecting our impact areas. Contact **Anna Kornick** for more information.

Sugar Plum Fun

ENTRE NOUS | JANUARY 2024



The Junior League of Greater Covington is an organization of women whose Mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.