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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF GREATER COVINGTON



PROJECT PROM SPARKLES AT THE GREENWOOD, A SOUTHERN HOTEL PROPERTY

THE MARCH 2024 ISSUE

“Women are the real architects of society.”

- **Harriet Beecher Stowe,**

abolitionist and author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*

Each March, JLGC celebrates not only Women's History Month, but also our own visionary founding.

In March 1977, three bold women, **Martha Green, Suellen Fey** and **Judy Wolf**, ignited a women's movement to lead positive social change in West St. Tammany Parish. With the guidance of their advisor, **Mrs. Jane Maunsell**, a two-time president of the Junior League of New Orleans, and six additional founding members – **Mary Shoup, Cathy Burns, Joanne Champagne, Nan Nelson, Patricia Gordon** and **Mimi Curran**— the “Greater Covington Junior Service League” became a reality.

It was during these early years of the late 1970s and early 80s that the League gained its reputation for servant leadership assisting in the formation of the West St. Tammany YMCA, Youth Service Bureau and Northlake Nature Center among many other projects and programs serving the community to this day.

Undoubtedly, the Junior League of Greater Covington stands on the shoulders of women who were not satisfied with the status quo. Our Founders didn't let uncertainty paralyze their progress, nor do we today.

Nearly five decades later, JLGC's commitment to building a better West St. Tammany continues to be passed down from generation to generation of members. The league remains a beacon for women of all backgrounds to develop their fullest personal and professional potential despite the societal dynamics of each generation.

**TOGETHER,
WE HAVE IMPROVED
LIVES.**

**TOGETHER,
WE HAVE STRENGTHENED
OUR COMMUNITY.**

**TOGETHER,
WE ARE DEVELOPING
WOMEN LEADERS TO DO A
WORLD OF GOOD.**

This Women's History Month, we celebrate the strength, accomplishments, and unmistakable role women have played in shaping our society.

Today, JLGC invests nearly \$100,000 every year into our community programs, chapter operations, and member training.

In turn, our completely volunteer membership re-invests its time – over 4,500 hours a year and an economic savings of \$135,000 to St. Tammany Parish – into building a stronger, better community for the future.

The Junior League of Greater Covington...now that's a Herstory worth celebrating!

Carpe Diem,

*Amy A.
Puerto, D.D.*



March GMM & Spring Business Meeting

DATE

Monday, March 18

TIME

social 6p

meeting 7p-8:30p

PLACE

Mandeville Community
Center
3090 E. Causeway
Approach

ON THE AGENDA

Spring Leadership
Elections - Governing
Board & MGMT Team

Membership Voting -
2024-25 Budget

Placement Fair

DONE IN A MEETING

The Provisional class is holding a food drive for The Samaritan Center. See the Provisional Page for more details.



Installation Banquet

Sunday, May 19

Benedict's Plantation

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us as our outgoing President Amy Puerto reflects on the past year and we welcome incoming President Bernie Taylor and the 2024-2025 Board and Management team!

Also featuring:

- Recognition of this year's Community Grant Recipients
- Provisional Class Project Overview
- Installation of the 2023-2024 Provisional Class

More details will be available soon.

Be Healthy. Be Happy. Be You!

Celebrating 20th Girls Health Day at Lakeview Hospital LCMC Health



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Social Media Education: Kati LeBreton, The Redhead Method



Free Health Screenings
Vision, Scoliosis, Dental Hygiene

Health Talks & Demonstrations

Yoga & Zumba, Healthy Eating, Tobacco Hazards, Safe Dating, Puberty, Internet Safety, Sexual Health

Plus

Glitter Bar, Door Prizes & Giveaways!

JLGC in partnership with Lakeview Hospital LCMC Health will host the 20th annual Girls Health Day Saturday, April 13, from 9a to 12:30p on the LCMC Health campus.

- Mother/Guardian & Daughter Day Out for girls ages 8-14
- Register \$5 per girl, parent or guardian free
- Registration is required

[Click Here](#)

to buy or donate tickets

MARCH

Social

Every Thursday is **BINGO NIGHT** at the Covington Beer Garden!

Join us March 28th, 7p for the March Social!

Sign up in Digital Cheetah.

Project Prom Sparkled in its New Location

The Project Prom team, led by Kelly Bernard, transformed the elegant Greenwood, a Southern Hotel Property, into a glamorous boutique for a chic shopping experience these prom-goers will not soon forget!



Thank you to our 2024 Project Prom Sponsors & Donors!



Amy Puerto, Bernie Taylor, Josh Kelley

Training Two Cents



Presented monthly by JLGC Training & Development Committee

The following financial education tips have been provided by our own **Hannah Varnado**, CFP, APMA, MSF, Financial Advisor with Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC & co-chair of the JLGC provisional class project.

Why go with a Diversified Portfolio?

The reason we want to diversify is that we know not to put "all your eggs in one basket." If we are only invested in one area, we take more risk of losing. You can diversify by investing in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate, etc.

We are more likely to meet our goals if we set aside money toward those goals first, then give ourselves an allowance for lifestyle spending.

If we allow lifestyle spending to come first, there may not be money left to put toward goals.

Lifestyle spending can include dining out, hobbies, subscriptions, gifts, travel, housekeeping,

salon/spa services, cable, membership dues, etc.

Some people even establish a separate account for pre-determined lifestyle expenses to ensure they don't overspend.

And don't forget to increase contributions toward your goals when you receive a pay raise, and avoid inadvertently increasing lifestyle expenses.

MARCH

Book Club

Thursday, Mar 21, 6p

Dogwood Cottage

Potluck: Bring a Dish! Sign up in Digital Cheetah. Book: *The Paris Daughter* by Kristin Harmel



Sustainer's Social

Wednesday, Mar 27, 6p

Duman Artisan Kitchen

821 Girod Street
Mandeville



League Birthdays

MARCH

Nicole Gonzales 4

Caitlyn Hurstell 5

Molly Burns 5

Leigh Anne Wall 7

Phyllis Distefano 9

Trollie Estes 12

Robin Lewis 12



Mandy Green 12

Andrea Pacaccio-Arceneaux 16

Sheryl Durrett 20

Katherine Riecke 22

Misty Levy 23

Dona Kiesel 28

Kellie Cutrera Huval 29

Margaret Burns 29



APRIL

Katie Palazzo 1

Kristal Williams 9

Bethany Boice 13

Saray Petty 14

Arpil Carpenter 16

Caroline France 17

Alicia Dabezies 17

Jennifer Rush 18

Hannah Varnado 26

Rochelle Heap 28

Provisional Class Holds Done In A Meeting Food Drive for The Samaritan Center Project

The Provisional class is partnering with The Samaritan Center to provide support through financial and physical volunteer efforts, to aid both the Cancer Assistance program and the Food Bank at The Samaritan Center.

In keeping with the collective goals of the Provisional Project to uplift and assist The Samaritan Center, the Provisional Class will collect food items that will ultimately be provided to those who need it most.

Unlike most food drives, our food drive is targeted specifically to reach certain households that have been identified as in need.

Local agencies refer children who they identify as in need to the Samaritan Center. The Samaritan Center then delivers food packages, which will include the items we collect, to the children at their school, who bring the food home to share with the household.

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DONE IN A MEETING
MARCH 18, 2024

Food Drive

benefiting
The Samaritan Center

Seeking:

Rice	Red Beans	Chef Boyardee
Noodles	Cookies	Peanut Butter
Pork & Beans	Cereal	Jelly
Pasta Sauce	Crackers	Canned Tuna
Mac n Cheese		

5 items = 1 Community Fund Hour
6+ items = 2 Community Fund Hours
Sign up in Digital Cheetah. Note: NO GLASS JARS

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Sign up in Digital Cheetah



March Business Meeting & GMM

Set-up, Roux to Do Shifts Available

Monday, March 18, 6p

Mandeville Community Center, 3090 E. Causeway Approach, Mandeville



March Book Club Potluck

RTD Shifts Available

Thursday, March 21, 6p

Dogwood Cottage



Founders' Day Brunch - Dogwood Society & Legacy Builder Donors

Invitation Only

Saturday, March 23, 10a

Dogwood Cottage



March Provisional Meeting

RTD Shifts Available

Monday, March 25, 6:30p

Dogwood Cottage



Financial Planning Presentation

Tuesday, March 26, 6:30p

Dogwood Cottage



Sustainer Social

Wednesday, March 27, 6p

Duman Artisan Kitchen, 821 Girod Street, Mandeville



March Social BINGO Night!

Thursday, March 28, 7p

Covington Beer Garden, 436 N New Hampshire St. Covington

Project Prom Fun!

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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.

Project Prom Photobooth

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