

Entre Nous

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF GREATER COVINGTON



2023 FALL SLATE OF OFFICERS APPROVED

THE NOVEMBER 2023 ISSUE

Dear Community,

Gratitude season is here! In my leadership journey, gratitude is a personal calling to recognize the greatness of teams and to celebrate the silver linings in all experiences. Whether in conflict or triumph, there's always a lesson to be learned and growth to be had. I firmly believe gratefulness, in spite of challenges, builds the tenacity to fulfill our leadership potential and the mission of our organizations.

Therefore, I am incredibly grateful to the Junior League of Greater Covington. For almost five decades, our organization has been a witness to the current events that shape our life experiences. From natural disasters to wars, our members have been deeply impacted by events both in our backyard and abroad.

Today is no different. Despite these difficult times, I am inspired by our members who demonstrate resilience to life's challenges and prioritize women's leadership through service.

“**Whether in conflict or triumph, there's always a lesson to be learned and growth to be had.**”

With more than 295 Junior Leagues strong, the unceasing desire of our membership to make a positive impact in the lives of others affirms the global impact our organization has as the Association of Junior Leagues International.

I am in humble appreciation for the decades of women leaders who have served and continue to serve the Junior League of Greater Covington with strength in times of adversity. You all are the light in the darkness. Together we continue to uphold the special responsibility to move our communities to a greater good.

Alongside each of you, thank you for giving me the opportunity to leverage leadership through gratitude.

Carpe Diem,
Amy A. Puerto, J.D.



Friendsgiving

DATE

Monday, Nov. 13

TIME

Set-Up: 5:30pm // **RTD:** 6:00-6:15p

Potluck: 6:30pm // **Meeting** 7p

PLACE

Mandeville Community Center

3090 E Causeway Approach, Mandeville

Sign Up for Friendsgiving Potluck in Digital Cheetah



GUEST SPEAKER

Joy Scott

“Live With Unstoppable Hope”



Done In A Meeting

Jackets for children

Bring your new or like-new children's coats and warm jackets sizes 4T to 16/18 for donation to James Samaritan. **Community Hours:** 1-2 coats = 1 hour 3+ coats = 2 hours Sign up in Digital Cheetah

Upcoming League Meetings

Check Digital Cheetah for updates

2023-2024 Sustainer of the Year Holiday Brunch

Open to ALL MEMBERS

Saturday, Dec. 2

Location Announced at Friendsgiving

Provisional Class Holiday Party

Saturday, Dec. 9

Location TBA

JLGC Book Club

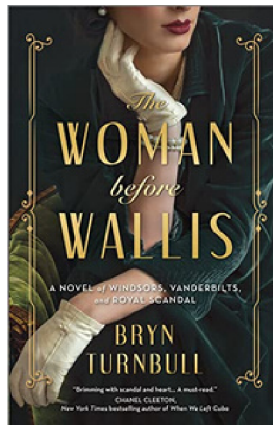
Thursday, Nov 18, 6p

Dogwood Cottage

Roux to Do: Potluck

Sign up in Digital Cheetah

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!



November Book Club

The Woman Before Wallis

by Bryn Turnbull

A novel of Windsors, Vanderbilts and Royal Scandal!

For fans of *The Paris Wife* and *The Crown*, this stunning novel tells the true story of the American divorcée who captured Prince Edward's heart before he abdicated his throne for Wallis Simpson.

Brimming with scandal and an equal amount of heart...a sweeping yet intimate look at the lives of some of history's most notorious figures!

New JLGC Board and Management Team Members Elected

JLGC members voted to fill several positions at the Fall Business Meeting in October.

Thank you to Nominating Committee leads **April Carpenter** and **Allie Matte** for their efforts to fill these positions.

JLGC is still in need of a Treasurer & Asst. Treasurer for 2024-2025.

To learn more about this skill-gaining leadership role, please contact treasurer@jlgc.net.



(From left to right): **Allie Matte**, Nominating Committee Co-Chair; **Taylor Haskins**, Community AVP; **Lexi Verret**, Communications AVP; **Bernie Taylor**, President-Elect; **Sarah Khalili**, Chief Operating Officer-Elect; **Amanda Trosclair**, Asst. Recording Secretary; **April Carpenter**, Nominating Committee Chair

REMINDER: Fall obligations are due! Attention all ACTIVE and PROVISIONAL members!

Fall Financial Obligations (\$75) are due by Dec. 31. Square invoices have been emailed; if you need yours texted or resent, please email treasurer@jlgc.net. If you want to avoid paying the credit card fees, you can mail or drop off a check at Dogwood Cottage, 529 N. Columbia St, or hand deliver to Treasurer **Tiffany VanHazebroeck** at the Nov. 13 Friendsgiving GMM.

New members want to know:

What are my Active Membership Obligations?

Annual Volunteer Hours

48 volunteer hours to be allotted as:

- 34 hours in Community*
 - Examples: Sudden Impact Activities, Committee Placement/Meetings, Signature Community Projects (Find the Good Day, Project Prom, Girls Health Day), League-sponsored leadership training + up to 2 additional GMMs
- 14 hours within In-League Fundraising Development*

Attendance

2 GMMs + 2 annual Business Meetings (Spring and Fall)

Financial

Annual Dues of \$120; Fall Obligations of \$75; Spring Obligations of \$50

Roux To Do

- Purchase 10 books at \$120
- 2 Roux To Do shifts at a value of \$20 each

**Provisional Volunteer Requirement is 17 Community hours & 7 Fund hours*



Save the Date!

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

4 pm - 8 pm



Mercedes-Benz
of Covington

VIP Tickets for the sip 'n shop experience Sugar Plum Market are on sale NOW! VIP tickets are \$20 including a swag bag PLUS two drink tickets.

Get VIP tickets today at givebutter.com/sugarplummarket

We have a 50/50 cash raffle drawing at \$10 per ticket and a gift raffle for a David Yurman bracelet valued at \$1800 for only \$25 per ticket!



Ask your friends and family to buy raffle tickets! JLGC members can earn volunteer hours for selling bracelet raffle & 50/50 tickets:

- 5 tickets=1 fund hour
 - Up to 10 tickets =2 fund hours
- *Max of 2 hours for each raffle

Get raffle tickets today at givebutter.com/sugarplum

Volunteer spots open in Digital Cheetah!
We will need load-in, load-out, traffic directors, vendor liaison assistants, and floaters.

Sugar Plum apparel available in the JLGC Bonfire store! 2 week minimum turn around; *Order by Thanksgiving!*



Get t-shirts at bonfire.com/sugarplum-collection

Thank You to Our Sponsors



Our Vendors

The Artful Pour Karen Van Zandt Art
Susan Lange Designs

Select sponsorships still available: email sugarplum@jlgc.net

Project Prom

JLGC Project Prom committee is excited to announce a **NEW VENUE** for 2024 Project Prom!

The Greenwood (A Southern Hotel Property), formerly Vintage Court, will be the new glamorous location.

Sponsorships are available at Givebutter.com/projectprom

Event Sponsor \$2,000 (1 available)

Includes name under Project 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

SAVE THE DATE

PROJECT PROM
Sunday, March 3, 2024



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.





TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Carnival Couture continues to seek sponsors and JLGC models. carnivalcouture@jlgc.net

VIP Tables are sold out! But there are still a few general admission seats available. Act fast! This event will sell out!

Get tickets today at givebutter.com/carnivalcouture

Thank you to our sponsors!



Thank you to our in-kind donors!



Thank you to our participating boutiques!



November Training & Development Opportunities

Joy Scott - Living a Life of Gratitude November GMM Friendsgiving



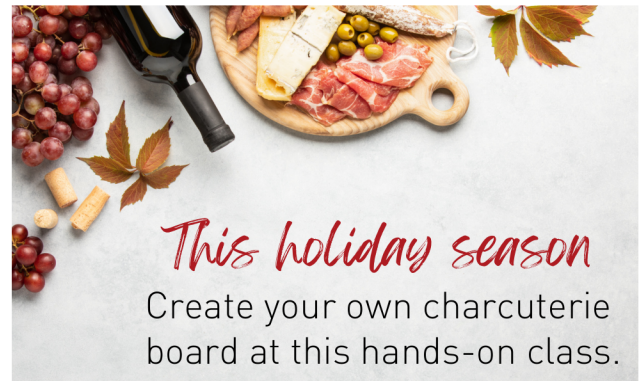
Joy Scott is an inspiring author, speaker, boy mom, and best friend to her husband, Jon.

Encouraging women and students to help them reach

their highest potential lights a fire inside of Joy. She lives to love and lift others to their highest potential.

Joy passionately shares about overcoming devastating obstacles in life, including the loss of her first-born son to cancer, divorce, depression, and disappointment along with how to courageously move forward.

Reminder! DIY Charcuterie Boards Nov 8, 7p Dogwood Cottage



This holiday season
Create your own charcuterie board at this hands-on class.

Led by Kayla O'Neil
Class fee of \$40 covers all supplies
Pre-registration required. Invoices have been sent and must be paid prior to the class

Training Two Cents



Presented monthly by JLGC Training & Development Committee

Robert's Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order provides four general types of motions: Main motions, Subsidiary motions, Incidental motions and Renewal motions.

The Main motions are the most important ones, as they can bring any particular subject before the organization of its action.

For more information on Robert's Rules of Order and the types of motions, visit robertsrules.com

National Homeless Youth Awareness Month

November was first declared as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month in 2007. Since then, November has been a time to acknowledge those children and families experiencing homelessness.

According to The National Child Traumatic Stress Network, as many as 2.5 million youth per year experience homelessness. Along with losing their home, community, friends and routines as well as their sense of stability and safety, many homeless youth are also victims of trauma. While trying to survive on the streets, youth are exposed to countless dangers, with an increased likelihood of substance abuse, early parenthood, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and a vulnerability to being trafficked.

For more on how you can to support teens experiencing homelessness in our community, visit One Way Love, our 2023 Provisional Project partner onewaylove.org

Provisional Class Selects 2024 Project

The October Provisional Meeting began with newly-elected Clerk of Court and Junior League member, **Jessica Jenkins Brewster**, sharing her experience as chair of last year's Provisional Project. "This is where you'll grow as members of the League," she told the group, encouraging them to select a project that they felt the most connected with.

Several members proposed projects, including **Hannah Varnado**, financial literacy for high school girls; **Katherine Rieke**, Hope House; **Trish Glover**, Samaritan Center; **Cody Gonzales Gannon** and **Stephanie Doorwar**, mentoring teen girls; and **Kirstin Valerio**, Louisiana Key Academy.

In the end, after much discussion and strategizing, **the Provisional Class united to select Samaritan Center as the partner of the 2024 class project.**



Trish Glover (center) presented the selected Provisional Project of Samaritan Center. **Jessica Jenkins Brewster** (left) shared her experience as last year's Project Chair and Provisional Co-Chair, **Jacquie Freeman** (right), led the October Meeting.



Thank you to all our spirited Provisional Class members who dressed for the occasion!

Winner of the Costume Contest, provisional **Paula Mahne** (center), was "The Spirit of AJLI Founder, Mary Harriman" congratulations on your creativity.

Women Build

JLGC members participated in the annual Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West Women Build 2023.

The Women Build program empowers women to build Habitat for Humanity homes, learn basic construction skills, and enables them to positively impact the lives of children by making homeownership a present reality for families.



October OWL Award Recipient: Faith Troxler

JLGC recognized **Faith Troxler**, first year Active, as our October Outstanding Woman Leader (O.W.L) recipient for her work leading our first Find the Good Day event.

“Faith took on a brand new program and did it with such kindness and service in her heart,” said **Heather Rietschel**, Community Vice President.

Thank you, Faith, for your dedication to JLGC and your outstanding leadership!



League Birthdays

NOVEMBER

- Anita Mixon 1
- Mattilyn Batson 2
- Tina Taylor Abbey 2
- Tiffany McCarthy 5
- Kalisa Hobbs 5
- Gina Rader 7
- Dorothy Childress 12
- Brittany McBeth 22
- D. Winn Venable 22
- Amy Puerto 23
- Theresa Rawicki 30

DECEMBER

- Clair Colvin 2
- Brandon Simon-Daivs 3
- Sheila Dugger 5
- Cindy Kemp 7
- Kristin Valerio 7
- Camille Walther 8
- Cody Gonzalez Gannon 11
- Rebecca Birkett 16
- Cecily Bateman 18
- Leighanne Weeks 19



- Marcelle Almeida 20
- Christina Crane 21
- Kathleen Ward 22
- Amy Heintz 23



Sustainer Social Lunch

Bistro Byronz

Friday Nov 10, Noon

Bistro Byronz 1901 Hwy. 190, Mandeville



November GMM Friendsgiving

RTD Shifts Available. Joy Scott, speaker

Monday Nov 13, 6:30 pm Potluck 7 pm Meeting Starts

Mandeville Community Center



November Book Club Potluck

RTD Shifts Available. "The Woman Before Wallis," by Bryn Turnbull

Monday Nov 16, 6 pm

Dogwood Cottage



November Provisional Meeting

RTD Shifts Available. Provisional Project Planning

Monday, Nov 27, 6:30p

Dogwood Cottage



Holiday Brunch & Sustainer of the Year

Saturday, Dec 2, 12 noon

Location & 2023-2024 Sustainer of the Year Announced at Friendsgiving



Sugar Plum Market

Wednesday, Dec 6, 4-8p

Mercedes Benz of Covington



Provisional Class Holiday Party

Saturday, Dec 9

Location TBA



The real treat is the Sugar Plum Market!



Capture it, remember it



Baby, let the games begin



How evergreen, our group of friends



JLGC demonstrates the power of women!

Got Pics?

We want to feature you!

Send photos of your JLGC meetings & events to entrenous@jlgc.net



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.