

# BLUEPRINTS

WINTER 2020



## INTRODUCING LIVEGIRL LEAGUE

Last year, as part of an Ad Hoc Committee led by our President, Bits Kitts Catino, we set out to answer the question, "What will our next Signature Project be?" Our guiding principle was to develop a program reflective of our members' interests and the needs of our community.

In an effort to make sure every voice was heard, we developed a variety of creative ways to survey our members. Our goal was simple - learn what topics we are passionate about and how our members want to make a positive impact in our community as a League.

We heard you loud and clear - JLSN Empowers was born to empower women and girls.

In our service area, the average income for a female head of household is \$50,000 while the income required to support the basic needs of a woman and child is \$71,460. Further illustrating the need to focus on supporting women, only 10% of every philanthropic dollar is invested in women and girls. Spurred by a desire to close that gap and help each woman and girl live up to her potential, we sought to partner with a local nonprofit organization to amplify its impact and empower women and girls together.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear JLSN Members & Friends,

What an amazing start to the year! We launched our new signature project, LiveGirl League, raised funds through successful events such as fall raffle and treasure box, adapted our approach to provisional education and much more!

We are looking forward to the

remainder of the year with a second pilot of LiveGirl League, a confidence building program in which participants complete a targeted curriculum and are empowered to lead by developing community service projects. A special thank you to the Community Council and the Confidence Coaches who continue to work tirelessly to develop the project.

Additionally, our Funds Council is hard at work researching and implementing new fundraising strategies as well as planning Spring Spirits, our annual silent auction. This year's event features a live auction, guest speaker and special guest performance – you will not want to miss this event! Save the date: March 28th at the Darien Community Association.

Lastly, we continue to expand our outreach and membership. We welcomed new members from the fall provisional class, and the spring provisional class is already off to a great start developing a community impact project.

Thank you for your continued support, commitment and partnership. Stay tuned for more community, fundraising and training opportunities. Together we are changing the community around us! If you have not done so already, I encourage you to donate to our Annual Appeal – every dollar truly makes a difference.

All the best,  
Elizabeth (Bits) Kitts Catino

“ TOGETHER WE ARE  
CHANGING THE  
COMMUNITY AROUND US! ”

## 2019-2020 LEADERSHIP

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## FALL 2019 PROVISIONAL CLASS

In the fall of 2019, a fantastic group of eight women completed JLSN's new member process. Throughout the fall, the ladies attended new member classes led by Provisional Co-Chairs Kate Bagioni and Jess Byrnes, participated in League events, and planned and executed a fundraiser to benefit the League. The fundraiser was a spin class hosted at JoyRide which raised an impressive \$1,560. Funds were raised through the spin class itself, a 50/50 raffle, donations, and a bake sale.

Our new members were voted Active at the end of 2019 and are placed on committees for 2020. Welcome to the League Abby, Alden, Chanel, Emma, Janet, Molly, Paige and Tati!





## INTRODUCING LIVEGIRL LEAGUE

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We discovered LiveGirl, Inc. (LG), a nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower and equip the next generation of brave, inclusive leaders. Since its founding in 2014, LiveGirl, Inc. has served nearly 2,400 girls. LiveGirl, Inc.'s research indicates that 7 out of 10 girls don't feel like they measure up in some way. 100% of middle school students who completed an LG program agreed with the statement, "LiveGirl Inc. has helped me be my best, most confident self."

Collaborating with local Women's Studies Professors, we developed an 8-week program for high school girls. LiveGirl League launched in the fall and 20 high school students from seven different schools and diverse backgrounds participated.

LiveGirl, Inc. trained more than 30 of our members as Confidence Coaches, an important role which includes leading the students through the curriculum and creating a safe space for the girls to discuss topics they're passionate about. Serving as Confidence Coaches proved to be a fulfilling and meaningful role for us. With the help of our mentorship, the girls developed and launched 12 community impact projects of their own. Topics include promoting body positivity, supporting the local homeless population, and supporting awareness, advocacy, and prevention of sexual assault and gun violence. One student created an after school program at her school, and it's been amazing to witness all they've accomplished! The second phase of the pilot program launched the first week of February, has 23 students signed up and is off to a promising start.

Please read on to the DIAD section to learn more about the other nonprofit organizations we've partnered with as part of JLSN Empowers.



*Signature Project- LiveGirl Gratitude Reception in December with JLSN, LG and LGL students*



*JLSN Members prepared and served dinner to families at Inspirica*

## DONE IN A DAY

In further development of JLSN Empowers, we've partnered with Dress For Success (DFS) and Women's Mentoring Network to help support professional women and their families. DFS has helped more than 10,000 women since its inception by providing a network of support to women entering the workforce. This month, we're hosting a professional clothing drive with the goal of satisfying specific unmet needs of their clients.

In December, we hosted our first Resume Review and Career Clinic in partnership with Women's Mentoring Network. Over the course of the two-hour clinic, our members met one-on-one with women to provide feedback on their resumes, act as a sounding board, and help identify their strengths and how they can best market themselves to be successful as they re-enter the workforce. We're hosting our second Resume Review and Career Clinic later this month and invite everyone to experience first hand how helping women in this way can be extraordinarily rewarding.



*The DIAD Committee turned HQ into Santa's Workshop for an afternoon in December, wrapping our members' generous donations to bring holiday cheer to more than 35 families in need.*



## SUSTAINERS

We had a busy fall, from our annual cocktail party to a tour of the New York Public Library and lots in between!

- More than 40 of us attended our annual fall cocktail party in September, spending a lovely evening at the newly imagined Roger Sherman Inn.
- Several of us braved stormy weather in October for "How About Dinner" at Sails in Rowayton.
- In October, 14 of us toured Boscobel House, a museum on the shores of the Hudson containing one of the finest collections of decorative art from the Federalist period. After our tour, we dined at Hudson House in Cold Springs, NY.
- We picked a beautiful Sunday afternoon in November and went for a hike along the Norwalk River.
- Several of us joined the Junior League of Greenwich for a November trip to Mystic Seaport for the J.M.W. Turner Watercolor exhibit.
- In November, we once again hosted the Treasure Box gold and silver buyback fundraiser at JLSN headquarters. Sixteen of us took advantage of the all-time high price of gold to sell unwanted pieces and raise \$5,000 for JLSN. (Some people returned for a second visit!)
- We celebrated the season with a potluck holiday gathering at JLSN headquarters in December.
- Twenty of us took a "sold out" tour of the New York Public Library in December, after which we had lunch at the Bryant Park Grill and visited the holiday market.

Our book club continues to meet at noon on the third Thursday of the month, either at one another's homes or at JLSN HQ. The remaining books for this year are Mothering Sunday, Where the Crawdads Sing, News of the World, A Well-Behaved Woman, The Alice Network and The Woman in the Window. To learn more please contact Betty Anne Deaver at [erdever@aol.com](mailto:erdever@aol.com).



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## SAVE THE DATE

GOING PLACES - "MAD" Museum Tour - Wednesday May 13th  
 2 Columbus Circle, NY, NY, [madmuseum.org](http://madmuseum.org)  
 Meet at Grand Central kiosk at 10am

Join us for a one-hour docent-led tour of this museum of crafts, art and design, architecture, fashion and more. Afterwards we will have lunch at Robert on the museum's ninth floor, and then you are free to wander the museum. Guests are welcome.

Please send check for \$69 (includes admission, tour and lunch) payable to "JLSN Sustainers" to Elizabeth Boscaino, 1 Fox Run Wilton, CT 06897 by May 1st. Please include your cell phone number and email. Questions? Please contact Elizabeth at [ewb05@optonline.net](mailto:ewb05@optonline.net) or 203 762-9170.

Please check the Scoop Sheet (emailed to all Sustainers at the beginning of each month) and [jlsn.org](http://jlsn.org) for upcoming events.



*More than 40 Sustainers, friends and spouses attended our annual fall Sustainer cocktail party at the Roger Sherman Inn.*



## SUSTAINER MILESTONES

### Welcome, transfers!

- Liza Smith from Winston-Salem, NC
- Lorrie Hill from Cincinnati, OH
- Martha Jordan from Northern Westchester, NY
- Jennifer Durkin from Greenwich, CT
- Kelly Henderson from Gainesville, FL
- Kathleen Leuthold from New York, NY
- Christine Marks from Atlanta, GA
- Annemarie Dunleavy from Houston, TX

### Welcome, new Sustainers!

- Sara Adams
- Kourtney Karr
- Kalie Redmer
- Alyssa Roberts
- Michele Treacy
- Charlotte Zoller

### Congratulations!

- Sarah Neumann, elected to Darien Board of Selectman
- Julie Forrester, JLSN liaison to Darien Bicentennial Committee

### In Memoriam

- Phoebe Burston: active in the theater, chaired JLSN Children's Theater and JL Follies, a major fundraiser.
- Joan Corning: JLSN board member, served on several community boards focusing on education and children.
- Brenda Lydecker: served on JLSN active, sustainer and several community boards focusing on music and arts.
- Nancy Martin: Served as JLSN board member and as president from 1987 to 1988.
- Consuelo Nussbaum: JLSN president from 1966 to 1968, Judy Mahony award winner, president of Lockwood Mathews Mansion, a JLSN project.
- Carolyn Schoonmaker: JLSN board member and leadership trainer, leading roles in community and in local politics.
- Leslie Shaffer: JLSN administrative assistant for 20 years, member of the Blue Notes, served on JLSN and other community boards.



*In October, we toured Boscobel House, a museum on the shores of the Hudson featuring decorative art from the Federalist period.*



*After our Boscobel tour, we had lunch at the Hudson House in Cold Springs, NY.*



*Several Sustainers joined the Greenwich League to see the J.M.W. Turner Watercolor exhibit at Mystic Seaport in November.*

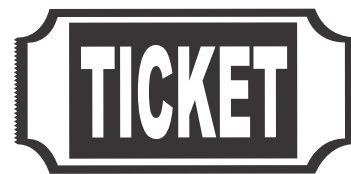


*We took a "sold out" tour of the New York Public Library, followed by lunch at the Bryant Grill, in December.*

## CALLING ALL SUSTAINERS

All Sustainers are invited and encouraged to attend Sustainer board meetings every other month at the JLSN office. If you have a hobby or an interest you'd like to parlay into a Sustainer event, contact Andrea Banyas at [andracroot@yahoo.com](mailto:andracroot@yahoo.com) or (203) 722-4791. We always are looking for new ideas! If you have a favorite restaurant (or a new one you'd like to try), consider hosting a "How About Lunch" or "How About Dinner" event. They are easy to organize and a great way to connect with fellow Sustainers. Also consider taking on a leadership role! Please contact Nominating/Placement Director Betty Boscaino at [ewb05@optonline.net](mailto:ewb05@optonline.net).

## FALL RAFFLE



JLSN's 2019 Fall Raffle featured five prize packages made up of gift cards and items from some of our favorite places in Fairfield County, with 100% of the prizes donated to the League! In total, the 2019 Fall Raffle netted \$4,264 for JLSN. Thank you to our Funds Council and everyone who bought and sold tickets this year!

## 2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear JLSN members and friends,

2018-2019 brought a year of change and new opportunities for JLSN. In the spring, we concluded Read 2 Succeed and an impactful five-year focus on early childhood literacy and school readiness. As our partnership with the Stamford Public Education Foundation (SPEF) came to a close, our multi-generational approach to literacy has been embraced by the Stamford Public Schools where English Language Learner (ELL) students and their families will continue to find resources to navigate the school system and encourage literacy skills at home. Through Read 2 Succeed, JLSN distributed well over 2,500 books and established lending libraries in local shelters, early childhood centers, public schools and Stamford parks.

With the involvement of our entire membership, the Community Planning Ad Hoc Committee identified empowering women and girls as our next community focus and received a number of strong proposals from local nonprofits to build a new signature project. By the end of the League year, we had embarked on an exciting new partnership with LiveGirl, Inc. to develop a leadership development and mentoring program for high school women in Fairfield County and we look forward to approaching our Centennial year with a community focus so closely linked to our mission.

As an organization, we entered the second year of our transition to a new leadership structure and a flexible, member-centric membership model through the Association of Junior Leagues International's guided process for Leagues. Thank you to our 2018-2019 Board of Directors and newly-formed Management Team for their hard work and openness to change, our leadership team, President-Elect Bits Kitts and our first Executive Vice President, Erin Golas, as well as Stephanie O'Brien and Kerry Safir for their support through this process.

We proudly welcomed two enthusiastic new member classes, dedicated hundreds of volunteer hours to our communities, and built a robust calendar of community events, fundraisers, leadership trainings and socials to meet the interests of our members. I am especially proud of the way our Active and Sustaining members worked together throughout the year on some of our most successful events, from a family day at the Maritime Aquarium to a shared Annual Dinner and all-member Annual Meeting. We also made needed improvements to our Headquarters that will benefit our membership and enhance our presence in Darien for years to come.

We could not do what we do without our generous donors and committed volunteers. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to JLSN!

Caroline Sadowska  
2018-2019 President



## 2018-2019 DONORS

The contributions we make and the successes we enjoy are not ours alone. We depend upon community support, cooperation of the people we serve and the generosity of many individuals, foundations, and corporations to help us fulfill our mission. Thank you for helping the Junior League of Stamford-Norwalk, Inc. make a difference in our community.

### Founders Circle \$1,923 and above

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Zulu Nyala Game Lodge

*We apologize for any errors or omissions.  
Please inform us of any corrections so we  
can amend our records.*

## 2018-2019 FINANCIALS

### REVENUE

Contributions and Dues	54,677
Raffle (Net)	4,038
Spring Spirits (Net)	5,344
Miscellaneous Fundraisers	3,827
Interest/Invest & Misc Income	52
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>67,938</b>

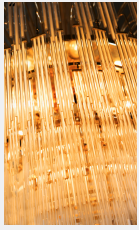
### EXPENSES

Community Projects	32,969
Education/Training	40,850
<b>Total Comm/Program Services</b>	<b>73,819</b>
Management and General	23,998
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>97,817</b>

**NET REVENUES (29,879)**

# SPRING SPIRITS 2020

## THE ROARING 20S



*"The parties were bigger. The pace was faster, the shows were broader, the buildings were higher, the morals were looser, and the liquor was cheaper"*

*"In his blue gardens, men and girls came and went like moths among whisperings and the champagne and the stars"*

*- F. Scott Fitzgerald*



### JLSN is "Puttin' On The Ritz"!

Mark your calendars, invite your friends and family, and join us for a night to remember at the Darien Community Association on Saturday March 28th - A Hollywood Glam 1920s costume fundraiser to support JLSN.

Immerse yourself into the roaring 20s. Arrive in your finest feathers, pearls, diamonds, top hats and Gatsby themed couture, and maybe win Best Costume? Indulge yourself with Michael Joseph's passed hors d'oeuvres, an open bar with a festive signature cocktail, and a delectable dessert station - all while being entertained by local performers, jazzy music, a keynote speaker, and Speak-Easy games! Make your best bid for one of many enticing live and silent auction items raising funds for JLSN's community initiatives. End the lavish night, awash with glamour, heading home with your winning auction items and party favor in hand!

