



CELEBRATING THE 2023-24 LEAGUE YEAR

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OUR MISSION

The Junior League of Napa-Sonoma is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

OUR VISION

We will be an active and diverse group of trained volunteers who are committed to positively impacting the lives of children and families. JLNS is a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. which includes over 290 Leagues in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and England.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear JLNS members,

It has been an honor and a joy to return as Junior League president for the 2023-24 League year, and I am so happy to have had the experience to work (and play!) closely with the current League membership. We are a “small but mighty” group of women who are committed to making a difference through our volunteering efforts, supporting each other in our growth as League members and as people, and exploring opportunities for engagement and discovery in our communities.



I want to thank our amazing board of directors - Corey, Lisa, Lori, Andrea, Joanie, Katie, Carol, Emily, Patricia, and Lynn for your humor, hard work, and creativity this year as we moved the League forward. Our League accomplished a lot this year in trying to reset post-pandemic, and I know that the incoming leadership will continue the good works of the League, growing our membership and further building our community relationships. Thank you all for supporting the Junior League and for being such wonderful women.

Yours In Service, *Katie Behrhorst*



OUR COUNCILS

Community Outreach

Katie Bivin (Co-VP)
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Melissa Ladrech
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Kelsey Gloor
Amy Bastow
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Lynn Dorsey (Co-VP), Patricia Steele (Co-VP),
Jane Anderson, Kathleen Farrington,
Kathy Perotti, Chris Peterson, Lynn Van Fleit,
Sandra Villa

Nominating & Placement

Sandra Villa, Chris Peterson, Katie Bivin

GLOW Committee & Supporters

Melissa Ladrech (Chair), Katie Bivin,
Rachel Norwitt, Lisa Soh, Maria Freed,
Chris Peterson, Amy Bastow, Lynn Van Fleit

Ride-a-Rig Committee 2023

Linda Stevenson, Sandra Villa, Kass Daft,
Lynn Van Fleit, Katie Behrhorst,
Lucy Hironymous, Logan Reich-Stevenson

***A heartfelt THANK YOU to all our amazing new, active,
and sustaining members for all their dedication, humor,
and hard work this League year!***



MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Welcome New Members!

Katie Baker
Amy Bastow
Elene Chung
Daniela DeBaca
Jen Ferrer
Kathleen Haack
Monica Long
Jaime Lott

5 Years of Service

Rachel Farac

10 Years of Service

Gioia Garner
Stephanie Ransom

15 Years of Service

Katie Behrhorst
Caitlin Cameron
Mary Christopher

25 Years of Service

Kendy Fallentine
Stacey Yamanaka Sams

Welcome Transfers!

Karis Clarke (*JL Atlanta*)
Molly Malloy (*JL Tampa*)
Tanya Phares (*JL Reno*)

New Sustainers!

Rachel Farac
Kelsey Gloor
Pauline Hsu
Andrea Yaley

30 Years of Service

Nancy Cooper
Margaret McNab
Joanie Tallman

35 Years of Service

Patti Dietzen
Jane Rosenberg
Cheryl Tolin



Thank you to our Annual Giving & Bunny O'Brien donors for your support

Katie Behrhorst, Katie Bivin, Nancy Cooper, Lynn Dorsey, Susan Dzieza, Kendace Fallentine, Kathleen Ferrington, Gioia Garner, Pamela Layton, Deborah Madigan, Kim Nielsen-Glynn, Kathleen Perotti, Chris Peterson, Emily Jane Rosenberg, Kathy Sennello, Mardi Shepard, Patricia Steele, Linda Stevenson, Corey Theune, Cathe Verduco, Joan Webster, Janet Whalen



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Here are just a few of the community programs that our League volunteers supported this year.



The Princess Project promotes self-confidence and individual beauty by providing free prom dresses and accessories to high school teens who cannot otherwise afford them. JLNS is proud to support this wonderful organization, a past grant recipient. Our League volunteers have helped with set-up and dress shopping days.

www.princessprojectsonoma.org



JLNS is proud to support the SCHTTF in its fight against human trafficking in Sonoma County. The District Attorney's Office chairs the task force, a group comprised of 19 organizations, that seeks to prevent trafficking and rehabilitate survivors. JLNS also helps fund the task force's annual billboard campaign to raise awareness in our community. Past JLNS delegates include Stacey Carlo, Penny Herman, Gioia Garner, and Maria Freed.



Our Village Closet (OVC) improves outcomes for youth and families impacted by foster care by providing essentials, support, and community connections. A two-time JLNS grant recipient, OVC operates a "store" on Mendocino Ave providing new and gently used items for families in need. Established in 2018, OVC supports over 300 youth and caregivers of foster and kinship care each month. www.ourvillagecloset.org/

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The Valley of the Moon Children's Home Foundation is a private, non-profit organization that is committed to providing supportive and educational services to positively impact the present and future lives of abused, abandoned and neglected children and youth. The Foundation supports children and youth that are presently experiencing foster care or have transitioned out of foster care and are current or former residents of Sonoma County. <https://www.vomcf.org/>



Each year, the Sparkle Foundation seeks nominations of women and their families that could use a little extra sparkle each holiday season. The Sparkle

Foundation solicits donations and coordinates a gift wrapping drive in three areas of California (and growing.) JLNS participated in the Winter 2023 gift wrapping event, contributing to the support of over 250 individuals and 80 families. followed by a League holiday brunch. www.sparklenow.org/initiatives#holiday-gift-drive



2023-24 GRANT RECIPIENTS

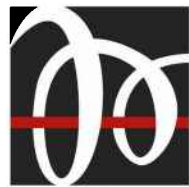
Each year, the Junior League gives grants to nonprofits that are making a difference in our communities!



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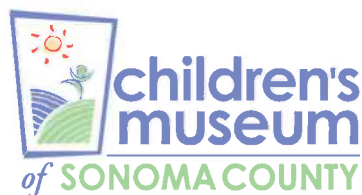
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www.onthemovebayarea.org



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Redemption House
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Children's Museum
of Sonoma County
www.cmosc.org



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FOUNDATION**

\$1,000 to
VOMCF's Scholarship Fund
www.vomcf.org

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Junior League of Napa-Sonoma is proud to continue **GLOW - Girls Leading Our World**, after its hiatus during the pandemic. League members and guest speakers hosted the girls empowerment program at Roseland University Prep during the 2023-24 school year.

Thank you to the amazing students for participating, RUP teacher Griselda Vigil for hosting us, and our guest speakers for sharing their expertise and insight with the students.

**Community First Credit Union ~ DJ Crystal Diamante
Maria Freed (Skin by Maria) ~ Amy Bastow**



JUNIOR LEAGUE STATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (SPAC)

It was another great year for the Junior Leagues of California State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC). SPAC is 17 California Leagues strong and represents over 6,500 League women who volunteer over 110,000 hours and spend over \$1.1 million to better their communities.

Your delegates Emily Hoover-Finnigan (outgoing Senior) and Margaret Sluyk (outgoing Junior / incoming Senior) worked hard to represent JLNS at the state level and to “bring SPAC home” to our JLNS membership.

During the League year, we heard from several Assembly members from across California and learned from key organizations about what policies matter to the work they do and how advocacy can play a key role in their important work.

Our delegates served as the treasurer and on the health committee. This year included in-person SPAC conferences and provided amazing opportunities to work together analyzing and advocating for legislation, and a great way to hear from so many legislators to understand SPAC for what we are: a well-respected and hardworking force, advocating for our state’s most vulnerable people.

This year, SPAC supported over 12 pieces of legislation in the areas of Health, Family Support, Education, Anti-Human Trafficking, and Violence Prevention. SPAC delegates will continue to monitor the status of the bills they are supporting.

Through advocacy, community outreach, and the development of ourselves as leaders, **we can make a real and lasting impact**. Thank you for supporting our League’s participation in SPAC as part of that ongoing impact.

- Emily & Margaret



AWARDS PRESENTATION

Rising Star Award

Established in 2017, this award recognizes an active member of JLNS who has made a significant impact on the League and its Mission. This member is recognized for her contributions as well as for her potential as a leader in the League. Members who are eligible are active members or transfers who have been part of JLNS for three years or less. Previous recipients include Maria Freed, Kelsey Gloor, Corey Theune, Rachel Norwitt, Kass Daft, and Melissa Ladrech.

Congratulations to this year's Rising Star, **Amy Bastow!**

Sustainer of the Year Award

The Sustainer of the Year award goes to a member who has contributed to the League and our community as a sustainer and has served as a leader to other League members, sustainers and actives alike. Past recipients include Paula Handelman, Chris Peterson, Katie Behrhorst, Patricia Steele, Kim Nielsen-Glynn, and Linda Stevenson.

Congratulations to this year's Sustainer of the Year, **Joanie Tallman!**

The President's Award

This prestigious award is given annually to the League member who has shown not only outstanding commitment to the League and to the community, but also has demonstrated a willingness to assume responsibility and take leadership in these roles. This woman is both an exemplary volunteer and a leader. Past recipients include Sandra Villa, Susan Dickson, Grace Nash Meeks, Barbara Jura, Kathy Nordin, Linda Stevenson, Kara (Mills) Clark, Cari Dodson, Lorraine Glass, Penny Herman, Dara Peloquin, Lynn Van Fleit, Corey Theune, Pauline Hsu, and Lisa Soh.

Congratulations to this year's President's Award recipient, **Lynn Van Fleit!**



AWARDS PRESENTATION

The Bunny O'Brien Award

The Bunny O'Brien Award is the Junior League of Napa-Sonoma's highest honor, given annually to an active Junior League Member who demonstrates an exemplary commitment to volunteerism both within the League and the community at large. The recipient of this honor is an inspiration to each of us through her giving spirit.

Bunny O'Brien was a founding member of the Junior League of Napa-Sonoma as well as the driving force behind of the establishment of this organization. It was her idea that the communities of Napa and Sonoma counties could benefit from a Junior League of their own.

During her life, Bunny O'Brien demonstrated her commitment to community in a variety of ways. She volunteered with numerous organizations whose efforts benefited the arts, humanity, and the environment. Those who had the good fortune to know her were touched

by her quiet strength, warmth, and sense of humor. This award was created in her memory following her death in 1995.

Previous recipients of the Bunny O'Brien Award include: Chris Peterson, Joan Tallman, Mardi Shepard, Margaret McNab, Lauren Cole, Sandra Villa, Nancy Maushardt, Kristyn Byrne, Linda Stevenson, Stacey Sams, Patti Bradley, Cari Dodson, Amy Malaise, Nicole Le, Stacey Carlo, Katie Behrhorst, Gioia Garner, Valerie Quinto, Brittanie Matthews, Lauren Haws, Stephanie Ransom, Norelia Busch, Tracy Donovan, Katie Bivin, and Pauline Hsu.

Congratulations to this year's Bunny O'Brien award recipient, **Lynn Dorsey!**



INCOMING PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Junior League Members,

It is truly an honor to have the opportunity to step back into leadership and work with such a dedicated group of women who are committed to making a positive impact in our community.

I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to guide our efforts and initiatives as president, and I am excited for the possibilities that lie ahead.

I firmly believe that together we can achieve great things. With your support and dedication, I am confident that we will continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

I look forward to working closely with each of you in the coming months as we embark on this new chapter together. Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a successful and fulfilling year ahead!

Yours In Service, *Corey Theune*



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