



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
NAPA-SONOMA

*Virtual Annual Dinner &
Awards Ceremony
2020-2021*

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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF NAPA-SONOMA

The Junior League of Napa-Sonoma is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

JLNS Board of Directors, 2020-21

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From the League President

Welcome Junior League members,

Our League, our families, and our communities have had a challenging last year. With so many “what-ifs”, and “what should we do?” our League came through it stronger than ever. Together, we persevered individually and as a League.

One word I feel we all held very tight to was HOPE. We all carried that and dug a little deeper. The year was full of zoom and limited in-person volunteering, and I am so glad we can soon see the light shining on the faces at in-person meetings and events in the future.



I am excited for my second year as your president. Excited to take this League toward brighter days. Excited to lead us back in full force to the community that we have so diligently served in these trying times. I know this excitement is growing inside of each one of you as well.

Here is to the end of dark days (in pajamas) and reaching for the sunshine. Let us together, hit the reset button and start our next league year better together and strong than ever!

It has been an honor to serve as your League President. A special thank you to the 2020-2021 Board of Directors: Sandra, Chris, Jackie, Brooke, Corey, Norelia, Margaret, and Shannon! With your dedication and leadership, we continued to move our League forward.

We are Better Together.

Penny Herman

JLNS President 2020-22

Membership Recognition

Welcome New Members!

Becky George (Sonoma)
Emily Boies (Windsor)
Sabina Correa (Napa)
Whitney Hahn (Napa)
Kass Daft (Santa Rosa)
Shannon Carr (Santa Rosa)
Alyson Boyd (Napa)

Welcome Transfers!

Brooke Hannaford (JL Seattle)
Rachel Farac (JLSF)
Natalia Kwiatkowska (JLSF)

Celebrating 5 Years of Service

Maria Freed

Celebrating 10 Years of Service

Amanda Morrison
Dara Peloquin
Kelli Wong

Celebrating 15 Years

Stacey Carlo
Page Munksgard

Celebrating 20 Years

Carol Morse
Kim Nielsen-Glynn

Celebrating 25 Years

Heather Duncan
Patricia Steele

Celebrating 30 Years

Jeanette Herring
Denise Leggins



Hike & Picnic Social at the Coast, May 2021

Thank You to our 2021-21 Councils

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Liz Brusca
Tracy Donovan
Maria Freed
Kelsey Gloor
Pauline Hsu
Natalia Kwiatkowska
Chris Peterson (Co-VP)
Margaret Sluyk (Co-VP)

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Shannon Carr (VP)
Kass Daft
Whitney Hahn
Corey Theune
Emily Boies
Jamie Phillips
Sandra Villa

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Norelia Urena Busch (VP)
Social Chairs
Lisa Soh & Rachel Norwitt
Communications Committee
Lynn Van Fleit & Katie Behrhorst
Diversity and Inclusion Chair
Rachel Farac
Members at large:
Alyson Boyd
Sabina Correa
Deb Breazeale
Lori Hurlburt Jones

NOMINATING & PLACEMENT

Katie Bivin
Chris Peterson
Sandra Villa

***And thank you to
our Sustainer Council!***
Chris Peterson (Co-VP)
Sandra Villa (Co-VP)
Jane Anderson
Lynn Van Fleit
Kathy Perotti
Patricia Steele



Volunteering with Redwood Empire Food Bank

Thank You to our League Donors!

ANNUAL GIVING DONORS

Katie Bivin • Lynn Dorsey • Penny Herman • Laurie Hill • Pamela Layton • Kathy Leonard • Deborah Madigan • Carol Morse • Kim Nielsen-Glynn • Kathy Perotti • Jane Rosenberg • Kathy Sennello • Linda Stevenson • Corey Theune • Cathe Verduco • Sandra Villa

BUNNY O'BRIEN DONORS

Kathy Leonard • Deborah Madigan • Chris Peterson • Patricia Steele • Linda Stevenson • Lynn Van Fleit • Sandra Villa • Joan Webster



Donating Valley of the Moon Children's Home "Go Bags" for infants, February 2021

Community Impact



JLNS is proud to support 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 throughout the county, which seeks to prevent trafficking and rehabilitate victims. It is the task force's collaborative efforts and the unique design that has helped so many women and children. Gioia Garner, past JLNS president, was appointed to the SCHTTF in February 2017 to represent JLNS and now Penny Herman, our incoming president, represents JLNS on the task force. JLNS also supported the task force's annual billboard campaign to raise awareness in our community.



The Living Room

JLNS is proud to support the Living Room, the only day center in Sonoma County that specifically serves homeless and at-risk women and their children. As is our tradition, JLNS provided a (socially-distanced) Valentine's Day lunch and dessert bar to the women of the Living Room again this year.
www.thelivingroomsc.org



State Public Affairs Committee

JLNS is active in legislative advocacy and continues in partnership with 16 other Leagues throughout California to draft and support legislation that affect education, health, violence prevention, human trafficking, and family support across the state. Since 1971, the Junior Leagues of California State Public Affairs Committee (CalSPAC) has represented the interests of its member Leagues and their community projects to policymakers at the national, state, and local levels. Since 1992, CalSPAC has sponsored over half a dozen bills and co-sponsored three bills that are now California Law; sponsored two California Resolutions; and co-sponsored one Congressional Resolution. Our voice in Sacramento is powerful, and we are proud of our nonpartisan efforts.

www.californiaspac.com

Community Impact



V.O.I.C.E.S. Sonoma

Through our continued partnerships in Sonoma County, we were instrumental in the development of VOICES, a program to help youth aging out of the foster care system. The combination of our grant money, countless volunteer hours, and projects has supported VOICES in helping hundreds of youth find their place in our community, and receive information and support with employment, housing, educational opportunities, medical and mental health services, and other valuable life skills. voicesyouthcenter.org



Redwood Empire Food Bank

More than ever, the Redwood Empire Food Bank supported our community through hardships (evacuations, wildfires, and the pandemic.) We held a number of our Done-in-a-Day (DIAD) volunteering events at REFB, packing boxes or bags of food for families in need. Since 1987, the Redwood Empire Food Bank's service has expanded to focus on providing as much healthy food as possible and including nutrition education. REFB currently assists over 82,000 Sonoma County residents every month. www.refb.org



Forget Me Not Farm

During weekly visits to the farm, low-income at-risk youth learn the value of fresh fruits & vegetables by planting, cultivating, and harvesting produce themselves. They celebrate each harvest through cooking lessons that incorporate the produce that they have raised. They send weekly boxes of produce to the children's foster and group homes. This year, League members volunteered at the farm and garden to help with planting and tending to the gardens and animals. forgetmenotfarm.org

Giving Back to Our Community

Junior League Community Grant Recipients for 2020-21

Each year, the Junior League gives over \$4,000 to nonprofits making a difference in our community!

The recipients of this year's grants are listed below.
We look forward to seeing all the good work these nonprofits will do in our community moving forward!

\$1000 – Food for Thought

\$1000 – The Lime Foundation

\$1000 – Up Valley Family Centers

**\$1000 – Valley of the Moon Junior League of Napa-Sonoma
Scholarship Fund**

A total of \$4,000 supporting our communities!



State Public Affairs Committee

SPAC – Year in Review

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 10,000 League women who volunteer over 110,000 hours and spend over \$1.1 million to better their communities.

Your delegates Margaret Sluyk (outgoing Senior) and Katie Bivin (outgoing Junior / incoming Senior) worked hard to represent JLNS at the state level and to “bring SPAC home” to our JLNS membership. SPAC hosted a Bubbles & Ballots session where we learned what items were on our local ballot and how to understand all the facts to make an informed vote. In addition, there was an educational session, teaching members how to analyze a bill.

Although this year continued to be challenging with the pandemic, we continued with virtual conferences and presentations throughout the year. With three conferences and four presentations on each focus area, it was a busy 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.

In preparation for her Senior SPAC year, Katie had training about the Bill Analysis Process & Presentations. Our delegates served on the Family Support and Human Trafficking.



State Public Affairs Committee



The SPAC conferences were 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 15 pieces of legislation in the areas of Health, Family Support, Education, Human Trafficking and Violence Prevention. SPAC delegates will continue to monitor the status of the bills they are supporting.

Through advocacy, community outreach, and 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 impact.

- Margaret Sluyk, Outgoing Senior Delegate



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 (Thom) Freed, Kelsey Gloor, and Corey Theune.

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.

The Andy Shepard Award

This prestigious award is given annually to a spouse or partner of a Junior League member, who has shown outstanding support for the League and in the community. This person is an exemplary volunteer and supports the Junior League Mission. The award is in memory of Andy Shepard, a longtime supporter of the League and the husband of sustainer Mardi Shepard. Past recipients include Greg Nordin, Michael Villa, Albert Handelman, Dave Munksgard, Min Pang, Garrett Glass, George Bradley, Tom Miller, Russ Peloquin, Brian Seel, Peter Herman, and Christopher L. D'Arpino .

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; the best a Junior League member can be. Past recipients include Kara Mills, Penny Herman, Dara Peloquin, and Lynn Van Fleit.

Awards Presentation

The Dream Maker Award

A Dream Maker is someone who has shown exceptional support of the Junior League of Napa-Sonoma. Someone who shares the Junior League's vision and Mission to positively impact the lives of children and families, that special someone that helps to make their dreams come true. A Dream Maker can be an individual, group, or a business whose efforts have produced significant results in our community and/or their commitment to the Junior League Mission. Past recipients include Bob & Cary Fraser, Joanne Dow, 5 Corners Auto Repair, Community First Credit Union, and Daylight Foods.

The Bunny O'Brien Award

The Bunny O'Brien Award is our 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 who 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 are: Chris Peterson, Joan Tallman, Mardi Shepard, Margaret McNab, Lauren Cole, Sandra Villa, Nancy Maushardt, Kristyn Byrne, Linda Stevenson, Patti Bradley, Cari Dodson, Amy Malaise, Nicole Le, Stacey Carlo, Katie Behrhorst, Gioia Garner, Valerie Quinto, Brittanie Matthews, and Lauren Haws, Stephanie Ransom, and Norelia Urena Busch.

Thank You to our Dream Maker!

This year's Dream Maker Award recipient is

Bloomberg

“Philanthropy and service are an integral part of our culture – and have been since Mike Bloomberg founded the company. We’re committed to giving back to the cities in which we live and work, using the time and talents of our employees, and resources of our business to create lasting impact.

“With our unique insight into data and news, and continual focus on innovation, we look to address unmet needs in our communities, deepen engagement with our colleagues, clients and partners, and improve lives around the world. Every Bloomberg employee in every one of our offices makes that commitment possible.

“Even as the pandemic upended how we live and work, a record number of Bloomberg employees participated in our corporate philanthropy programs in 2020, with nearly 12,000 employees volunteering or donating to address unmet needs in our communities and to protect the environment.

**We are honored to present : Bloomberg
with the 2021 Dream Maker Award**

Accepting the award on behalf of Bloomberg is Kelsey Gloor,
League member and Bloomberg employee who participates in
Bloomberg’s philanthropic mission.



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Our Vision Statement

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.

Welcome Board of Directors, 2021-22!

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LITTLE BLACK DRESS INITIATIVE



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The Little Black Dress Initiative is a Junior League campaign that helps **bring awareness to local social issues such as poverty, domestic abuse, and homelessness, focusing on issues impacting women and children.**

For 5 days, JLNS asks you wear the same black outfit – dress, pantsuit, or casual attire while participating in normal daily activities and League-sponsored events all while raising awareness of these issues in our community and funds for JLNS through social media.

Read more about the Little Black Dress Initiative on our social media and JLNS website. More information about LBDI events on social media & in the upcoming June Grapevine (e-newsletter)

Mark Your Calendars! Wed, June 23 – Sun, June 27

Wed 6/23 - Dine & Donate at Mary's Pizza Shack

Fri 6/25 - Vineyard Social, 5PM-7PM. Private venue, St. Helena

Sat 6/26 - Volunteering at the Food Bank, time TBD

Sun 6/27 - Dog Days of LBDI - Social at the dog park! 4PM - 6PM

See you
in 2022!

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RIDE - A - RIG

We'll see you in June 2022

10AM - 2PM

Sonoma County Fairgrounds - Lytle Cow Palace

Ride-a-Rig is an educational community event that will provide children a hands-on opportunity to see & touch a variety of vehicles that play important roles in our community.

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase.

TICKETS

\$6.00 in advance (online at www.JLNS.org or from a JLNS member)
\$7.00 at the Brookwood Avenue gate ● Kids 2 and under admitted FREE

Siren-free 10AM-12PM

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For updates, please visit www.JLNS.org/ride-a-rig.html or
www.facebook.com/JuniorLeagueofNapaSonoma/