

Junior League of Long Beach
Community Newsletter
March 2017

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Welcome to the Junior League of Long Beach's Community Newsletter.

The Junior League of Long Beach is a volunteer organization whose members share a common philosophy of community service and willingness to dedicate their resources and efforts to solving some of the greatest needs of our society. For 85 years, our members have made a big impact in Long Beach by launching more than 60 programs addressing critical needs in the community.

Our more than 400 Active and Sustaining members today are comprised of diverse professions and unique perspectives, yet share the vision for building a better community. The training our members receive in the League enables them to confidently serve as civic leaders, facilitators, educators and board members for other non-profits.

I invite you to step forward and help the next generation of women leaders make significant impacts to improve the lives of children in Long Beach. You can do that by becoming a member, supporting our fundraisers, or becoming a partner. Big change happens when we work together.

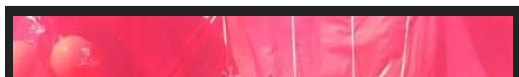
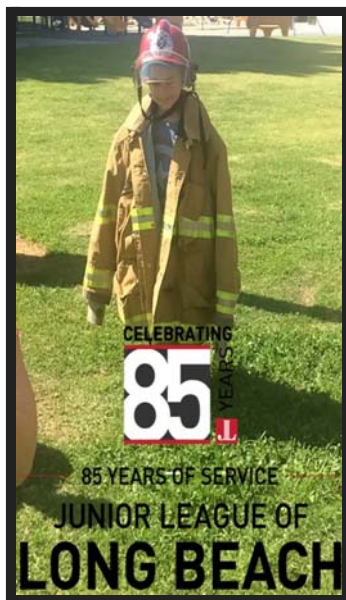
All the best,

Virginia Zart
President 2016-2017
Junior League of Long Beach
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This year at Kids in the Kitchen, EspeciallyMe!, and Confidence & Me



The Junior League of Long Beach wants to say **thank you so much** to our donors over the past 85 years. We see the positive impact your money and resources have in the community and wanted to share a bit of it with you.





Looking Forward to LUNAFEST

By Summer Smith, LUNAFEST 2016-2017 Chair

To help us continue our work in this wonderful community, **we cordially invite you to our 6th annual LUNAFEST film festival, Brunch at the Cinema.** A hosted reception features small plates from local eateries and brunch hot-spots, all-inclusive selection of wine and craft beer, as well as opportunity drawings and a silent auction. Ticket sales from the event benefit the Junior League of Long Beach's upcoming year and the Breast Cancer Fund. **The LUNAFEST film festival and brunch take place on Sunday, April 2, 2017, from 11:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Art Theatre of Long Beach.**

The LUNAFEST film festival tours nationally as a highly anticipated, fundraising event. It is dedicated to promoting awareness about women's issues, emphasizing female filmmakers, and bringing women together in their communities. This year's selections showcase nine films. Though vastly different, they were chosen to start conversations, explore the hidden moments that make us human, and inspire us to reach



out. Genres range from animation to fictional drama, covering issues such as women's health, motherhood, aging, body image, cultural diversity, and breaking barriers.

Proceeds of the event support the Junior League of Long Beach's 2017-2018 mission and impact programs, including its work with community partners in addressing the issue of bullying through character development and life skills programs for 5th to 8th graders and their caregivers. In addition, 15% of the proceeds support the Breast Cancer Fund to continue their work raising awareness of environmental causes of breast cancer. Last year's event generated over \$42,000, with \$5,800 going toward The Breast Cancer Fund.

For the first time, a small number of VIP tickets have been made available for online purchase or at the door. These tickets feature reserved seating and premium wine served in a complimentary exclusive 85th anniversary glass. General admission tickets to the festival cost \$55 each and can be bought online or at the door as available. To purchase tickets, become a sponsor, and learn more about the film festival visit www.JLLB.org/LUNAFEST.



Meet the Incoming 2017-2018 Board of Directors

President: Christie Bettendorf
President-Elect: Paula Barrow
Treasurer: Aly Sheridan
Executive Secretary: Summer Ugale
Sustaining Advisor: Shelly Horvath
Community Vice President: Maylynn Salley
Fund Development Vice President: Summer Smith
Nominating Chair: Laura Reimer
Membership Vice President: Alexandra Weiss



From left to right backrow: Maylynn Salley, Paula Barrow, Aly Sheridan, Laura Reimer, Summer Smith. Front row: Hitchcock, Shelly Horvath, Summer Ugale, Kristi Culpepper-Nott

*Meghan
Christie Bettendorf,*

Developing the Potential of Women

The Junior League of Long Beach
allocates

25%

of each year's budget on

• **TRAINING** •

members to be

C o m m u n i t y L e a d e r s

Allowing
us to host

31

training
seminars

FOR 926 ATTENDEES

to be trained in...

goal setting

public speaking

asking for a raise

strategic planning

stewardship of resources

yearly planning to achieve measurable

positive results within an impact area

meeting facilitation

team management

grant writing

Fundraising for the Future

In celebration of our 85 years of service in Long Beach, we aim to raise \$85,000 this year to fund our work in the upcoming years.

You can help us reach our goal by purchasing a ticket to LUNAFEST, this years fundraising event!

LUNAFEST is the sole fundraiser for the Junior League of Long Beach to support our upcoming year in addition to donations made by our members and from within the community. Showtime begins at noon on Sunday, April 2nd and tickets to the event can be purchased at the door if not sold out and at www.jllb.org/lunafest.

Thank You to Our Generous LUNAFEST Sponsors!

\$1,000 – Crescent Moon Sponsors

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\$500 – Friends of LUNAFEST

Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell, 70th District

Holly Carpenter

Pamela M. Spoo, Coldwell Banker Coastal Alliance

\$250 – LUNAFEST Supporters

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The Links Incorporated, Orange County (CA) Chapter

Lesley & Bob Boyer

Encore Welding Supply

Thank you to our food and beverage donors

Bigmista's BBQ

The Red Leprechaun

Salud Juice

Delightful Crepes Cafe

Wide Eyes Open Palms

Beachwood BBQ

The Bottle Shoppe

Boathouse on the Bay

Golden Star Family Restaurant

Bake N' Broil

Rance's Pizza

4th Street Vine

Baja Sonora

Kafe Neo

Mimi's Cafe

The Caffeinated Kitchen

Can't make it to LUNAFEST but still want to help out? Donate to us directly at <https://www.jllb.org/support/> and become a Pillar of the Community! Thank you to our current Pillars of the Community

The Weiss Family
 Holly Carpenter
 Lynton and Trinkka Rowsell
 Krishna and Christine Manvi
 Steve and Fran Briggs
 City Prosecutor Doug Haubert
 Kathy Lingle
 Paula and Brian Barrow

Supporting our Mission

By Jaylene Westfall

On March 11th and 12th, Junior League Delegates from 17 California Leagues congregated in Bakersfield, California to review legislation introduced in the new California Legislative cycle. The legislation listed below is aligned with our mission and supported by Junior Leagues California State Public Affairs Committee.

FAMILY SUPPORT

SB213 “Expanding Foster Child Placements”

Author: Senator Holly Mitchell

- Reduces delays in relative placements for children in foster care and expands the availability of placements with prospective caregivers.

AB1520 “Lifting Children and Families Out of Poverty”

Author: Assemblywoman Autumn Burke

- Commits to reducing child poverty by 50%
- Provides a framework of researched-back solutions to achieve it
- Requires the legislature to invest in programs that have been proven to significantly reduce child poverty.
- These programs include but are not limited to child care and early childhood education, home visiting programs, after school and summer school programs, work force development, Medi-Cal expansion, affordable housing, EITC expansion, CalWORKS increases and investment in promise zones.

EDUCATION

AB1567 “Amend Section 89346 of the Education Code”

Author: Assemblymember Chris Holden

- Requires that the State Department of Social Service and county welfare departments share relevant information with California public colleges upon the enrollment of foster youth so that foster youth are offered access to programs that provide assistance.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION

AB41 “Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting Act”

Author: Assemblymember David Chiu

- Requires local law enforcement agencies track and annually report out to the legislature all rape kits collected from survivors by using



the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Tracking System (SAFE-T) a statewide system created by the California Department of Justice.

AB27 “Amend Section 667.5 of the Penal Code”

Author: Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez/ Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez

– Classifies all forms of rape committed against a victim incapable of consent (i.e. mentally ill, intoxicated, etc.) as “violent felonies”.

HEALTH

AB9 “No Tax on Tampons”

Author: Assembly Member Cristina Garcia

– Continues the movement to make our tax code gender neutral by exempting feminine hygiene products from the sales and use tax at the state and local level. *California State Public Affairs Committee delegates from across California, including Jaylene Westfall and Sara Garcia of Long Beach.*



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

AB260 “Human Trafficking – Hotline Poster Requirement”

Author: Assembly Member Miguel Santiago

– Amends the current civil code regarding the requirement to post information about the National Human Trafficking Hotline to include “hotels, motels, inns, bed and breakfasts, and locations that provide transient lodging, other than personal residences” in the mandate.

SB567 “Human Trafficking – Victim Confidentiality

Author: Senator Connie Leyva

Amends the government code that allows victims to apply for a confidential address through the Secretary of State to include victims of human trafficking.

SB270 “Human Trafficking Awareness in Hotels”

Author: Senator Toni Atkins

– Requires all California hotels and motels to train their employees to recognize the signs of human trafficking and how to report those signs to law enforcement by January 1, 2019.
– Requires the Department of Justice to develop and post online an approved, free training program.



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