



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF GREATER ORLANDO

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Junior League of Greater Orlando Welcomes New Board; Launches Community Program

League Continues Focus on Programs for Central Florida Children in 2010

ORLANDO, Fla. (August 12, 2010) – Hundreds of dynamic women volunteers serving Central Florida have elected a new board of directors to lead their member-driven nonprofit through a year of transition, as the nonprofit Junior League of Greater Orlando (JLGO) continues its work in the area of Childhood Health, Hunger and Poverty by launching a new community program.

“We are a strong group of women committed to bettering the community that we live and making a difference in the lives of our neighbors,” said Junior League of Greater Orlando President Kirstina Bouwmans. “On behalf of our hundreds of members, this year’s board hopes we can continue to work toward improving the lives of the children in Central Florida through our various community programs.”

The new board, which took office on June 1, includes:

- **President: Kirstina Bouwmans** is a 12-year veteran of the League, who works part-time as a conservation and environmental educator for children’s programs at Walt Disney World Resort and is currently raising two boys with her husband Roger. Having lived and volunteered overseas, she strives to understand the global view of issues that affect women and children around the world as well as in our own community. She loves the Junior League and what it stands for and feels it is an honor to serve.
- **President Elect: Allison Hudson** is a 13-year veteran of the League and has worked as a financial advisor for the past 20 years. She is married and is raising two active boys with her husband Scott. It is her “personal vision to continue to use the opportunity of serving the JLGO as a means to demonstrate a heart geared toward service to my boys.”
- **Treasurer: Barbara Hartley** is a 12-year veteran of the League and has co-chaired the League’s 5K event, as well as other projects such as the Junior League Cook Book. Working on the 5k inspired her to run her first half-marathon! Barbara is Director of Business Development for Unity Mobile.
- **Recording Secretary: Emily Sharpe** is a five-year veteran of the League, and has served as a new member mentor in the League. Emily has also worked on the Themed Social Fundraiser. When she is not volunteering or working as an Operations Manager for New England Financial, she is spending time with her husband Ben and her dog Kaley Mae Sharpe.

- **VP of Active Membership: Anna McPherson** is a five-year veteran of the League, and has since been very involved in membership. Anna is a Marketing Manager for HD Supply Utilities. She spends time with her husband when she is not volunteering or working, and is looking forward to making the membership experience fulfilling and enjoyable.
- **VP of Marketing and Communications: Ashley Pinder** is a two-year veteran of the League. She has most recently held the PR Chair role and works as a Communications Strategist for Curley & Pynn Public Relations. Ashley is also a certified Body Pump instructor at Lifestyle Family Fitness.
- **VP of Sustainer Membership: Holly Vanture** is a 24-year veteran of the League, who has served as a Chair for several committees, and served as President from 1999 – 2000. Her favorite League experience was opening the Crisis Nursery. She is currently a Program Manager for the City of Orlando, and in her free time, spends time with her husband, 2 sons and 3 cats.
- **VP of Community: Katie Byrne** is a 12-year veteran of the League who works for DePrince, Race & Zollo, Inc., an institutional asset management firm located in Winter Park. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her seven nieces and nephews.
- **VP of Finance: Kelly Newton** is a 10-year veteran of the League with her last role being a Mentor. Her favorite memory was volunteering at the Family Support and Visitation Center.
- **VP of Research and Development: Tricia Quinn** is a six-year veteran of the League and has served in various roles, including her last role as the 5k Co-Chair. Tricia's favorite League experience was attending the AJLI Annual Conference. She is an Architect Consultant, and enjoys spending time with her two nieces. Tricia is also a yoga instructor.
- **Member at Large: Alison Register** is a 10-year veteran of the League and has served in a variety of positions, her favorite memory being the relationships she has been able to form with others in and outside of the League. Alison is busy raising her children, but in her spare time volunteers at Arnold Palmer Hospital.
- **Parliamentarian: J.J. Mackle** is a nine-year veteran of the League and works in financial planning and also part time, in consumer research. J.J. loves to think outside the box and be challenged with new ideas and ways of thinking. She has been married to Robert for 12 years and has 2 sons, Hayden and Colin (ages 2 and 3 ½).
- **President's Assistant: Diane Stull** is a 10-year veteran of the League, and has been a board member three times. She has held various positions as vice president, chair and co-chair on different committees. Diane works in finance and is looking forward to helping Kirstina have a great year.
- **President's Pick: Tiana Davis** is a two-year veteran of the League volunteering as a member and Chair of the CRPD (Community Research and Program Development) committee. Tiana is a Senior Planner for the Orange County Government, and enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

Under the leadership of the new board, this year JLGO has launched a brand new initiative focused on supporting vulnerable children through the HIP (Healthy, Informed and Playful) Kids program taking place at the Callahan Center in the Parramore neighborhood. The program fulfills JLGO's membership priorities of helping combat childhood hunger and poverty while educating impoverished children and their families on healthy habits. For more information, visit www.jlgo.org.

ABOUT JLGO

The Junior League of Greater Orlando Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable with a focus on identifying and creating programs that address the issues of child well being and family enrichment. The Junior League of Greater Orlando celebrates its 62nd year serving Greater Orlando and involves more than 800 women who believe in making a difference in their community. For more information, visit www.jlgo.org.

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