



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF GREATER ORLANDO

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Junior League of Greater Orlando Announces New Board Members and Cause League Begins Work on New Impact Area for Central Florida Children Starting 2010

ORLANDO, Fla. (June 9, 2009) – Hundreds of dynamic women serving Central Florida have elected a new board to lead them through a year of transition, as the Junior League of Greater Orlando (JLGO), a nonprofit volunteer organization of women, begins to focus its work on the area of Childhood Health, Hunger and Poverty. For more than 60 years the JLGO has served the Orlando community as a diverse group of volunteers in action committed to improving Orlando and during the coming year the League will launch a brand new program focused on one impact area supporting vulnerable children.

This year's board, which took office on June 1, includes:

- **President: Stephanie Nelson Garris*** is a nine-year veteran of the League, who practices law on a part-time basis as a sole practitioner for Nelson Investment Planning Services and is currently raising three boys. Previously, Nelson Garris served in various nonprofit executive roles in Orlando and Washington, D.C. including the position of area executive director for the American Cancer Society of Orlando.
- **President-Elect: Kirstina Bouwmans*** is an 11-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. Bouwmans is an active volunteer at her children's schools.
- **Treasurer: Heather Gantt** is a six-year veteran of the League, who is an information technology project manager at Walt Disney World Resort and has military officer experience. Gantt is currently raising two children and is an active volunteer with Disney VoluntEARS and Orlando World Outreach Center.
- **Recording Secretary: Allison Hudson** is a 12-year veteran of the League, who has been a financial advisor for 19 years. She has two children and frequently volunteers at her children's school and church.
- **VP of Active Membership: Loretta Hawkins** is a 10-year veteran of the League, who serves as a manager in the social services field.
- **VP of Community: Sharese Pace** is a four-year veteran of the League, who is a full-time homemaker and volunteer and currently serves on the executive PTA board.

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- **VP of Finance: Andrea Balanzategui** is a five-year veteran of the League, who serves as the information manager for Deloitte Consulting's Technology practice and volunteers with the Red Cross of Central Florida.
- **VP of Marketing and Communications: Beth Wilson** is a five-year veteran of the League, who is the director of product management for Infor Global Solutions.
- **VP of Research and Development: Elisha Contner** is a nine-year veteran of the League, who is the program manager for an eating disorder program at the Central Florida Behavioral Hospital. Contner is also a member of several national professional organizations and the Daughters of the American Revolution.
- **VP of Sustainer Membership: Lynn Moharam** is a 32-year veteran of the League, who is currently raising teenagers and serves on the board of the Town & Gown Council and volunteers for Habitat for Humanity.
- **Member-At-Large: Wendy Adelson** is a five-year veteran of the League, who is a senior account executive at Valpak of Greater Orlando and serves as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.
- **Parliamentarian: Vicki Pietrack** is an eight-year veteran of the League, who is the operations manager of risk management for Orlando Health and is also the immediate past president of Femmes de Coeur and she volunteers at her church.
- **President's Assistant: Kelly Schupfer** is a five-year veteran of the League, who is a realtor with Re/Max Properties and works part-time at Lilly Pulitzer.
- **President's Pick: Suzanne Tagman** is a two-year veteran of the League, who is a partner at Shores, Tagman, Butler & Company and is on the parent advisory board of her children's school.

"We've got a long legacy in Central Florida and I'm honored to lead the League as we now focus on serving our most vulnerable population -- children," said Junior League of Greater Orlando President Stephanie Nelson Garris. "This year we will continue to be committed to training our members to be the best volunteers they can be in order to make our community a better place to live."

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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