



## A Message from the President

As I sit and write the introduction to our second issue of The Source this year, it is hard to believe half of the 2018/2019 Junior League year is over. When I reflect on our accomplishments, I wonder how all of our committee chairs and members are able to balance their daily obligations and their volunteer roles. Not a day goes by that I am not impressed with their dedication to improving communities.

This year's provisional class of 12 is off to a great start as they are formulating their Provisional Project. The group of talented women heard our mission and have embraced our impact area as they are finding ways to lessen hunger with a very targeted group of individuals. The League is very excited to see what new connections and partnerships they are able to form with their work.

Community Research has also been hard at work finding opportunities for us to connect with our partners. We have been at the Nancy Kay Holmes Library nine times, and taught youth and their caretakers about health and nutrition and how to make healthier choices at home. We also prepared meals at the Ronald McDonald House, and brought cheer through the holidays as we caroled at the Gino Merli Veteran's Center.

While we are working hard, we are still finding times to get together and build friendships. Under the leadership of Mary Luchansky, our Arrangements Committee has taken us to a pumpkin patch, an escape room, out to dinner, and to the movies. We also had a wonderful Holiday Party at the Tripp House in December. In the spring look for opportunities to join us at a local winery.

I am so proud to report on the things we have already done, but I can hardly contain my excitement for what the year still has to offer. Christina Nasser and her Education and Training Committee have spearheaded a county-wide food drive. In partnership with the Sponsorship Committee, we will be collecting food at several area supermarkets and businesses to help replenish the shelves of the local food pantries that have been hit hard over the past months. The Junior League of Scranton will also be matching any healthy item donated during the drive, doubling our supporters' donations.

In April, Pam Anslinger and Amy Hnat will be working with United Neighborhood Center to spearhead our Community Event, Healthy at Home. This is a three-week series where caretakers will be taught how to meal plan using healthy ingredients and use the same ingredients for more than one meal.

Most excitedly, I am happy to ask you to save the date for a Regional Training. The Junior League of Scranton will be holding a training at the Tripp House in Scranton on May 18, 2019. As we celebrate our 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary, leadership in our League continues to discuss growing our membership. As such, one topic we are hoping to cover during this training is volunteer recruitment and retention. Please let us know if you would like more information about the training.

P.T. Barnum once said, "Men suffers more from imagining too little than imagining too much." Luckily, imagining too little is not a problem for members of the Junior League of Scranton, both new and experienced.

**Nicole A. Lance**



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## 2018 Friends of the Poor Thanksgiving Dinner



Junior League of Scranton members volunteered at the annual Friends of the Poor Thanksgiving Dinner in November at the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple. The event held right before Thanksgiving serves adults and senior citizens in the community. Our volunteers did everything from folding napkins, to peeling potatoes, and delivering hot, delicious Thanksgiving dinners to homebound clients. The event has been an annual holiday event for 42 years in Scranton. Our Junior League members love giving back and sharing the holiday with so many of our great community!

Pictured, from left to right, in the front row: **Megan Boettcher, Dana Ward, Amy DiChiara with Joe, Holly Scacchitti, Gretchen Wintermantel, Amy Betts with Nora, Nicole Lance, and Ashley DeAngelo.** From left to right in the second row: **Tania Stoker, Mary Gerrity, Pamela Anslinger, Terra McAuliffe, and Becky Wallace.**

### Kids in the Kitchen

Our Kids in the Kitchen program makes developing and maintaining a healthy diet a fun event for both kids and their families. This event is held monthly by Junior League members at local venues, such as The Nancy Kay Holmes Library in the Green Ridge section of Scranton. Members engage in reading a story to the children and then help them make a healthy snack. Our November, December, and February events had many eager kids who made many tasty treats, including fruit cornucopias, strawberry banana candy canes, and fruity valentines! Thanks to our captains **Elizabeth McLane, Shannon Black, JoAnne Rossi,** and our members for sharing their recipes with our kids in the kitchen!



## 2018 Annual Holiday Dinner

The Junior League of Scranton held its annual 2018 Holiday Dinner in December at The Tripp House. Many of our Active, Provisional, and Sustaining members were in attendance to jumpstart the holiday season. The event was catered by Constantino's. As part of our tradition, our ladies participated in an ornament exchange. Thank you to **Mary Luchansky** and the

entire Arrangements Committee for putting together a wonderful event! Holiday cheer was had by all!

## Christmas Caroling

During the holiday season, Junior League members had the opportunity to show off their singing talents and make the holidays a little brighter for patients at the Gino Merli Veterans Center in Scranton. Thanks for Gina McAndrew for organizing this wonderful event! Carolers pictures from left to right: **Mary Gerrity, Mackenzie Lucas, Kendra Menth with Catherine, Gina McAndrew, Sarah Kane, Gretchen Wintermantel, Mary Luchansky with Jax, Shannon Black, Megan Boettcher, and Yvonne Caudullo.**



## Cooking at The Ronald McDonald House



In December, some of our Junior League members put their chef skills to the test and made stuffed shells and garlic bread dinners for families staying at The Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House in Scranton is one of more than 350 that provide stability to families who are coping with a child with an illness. The Junior League enjoyed helping these families enjoy a meal together during this difficult time. Some of these dinners were also delivered to the family room at a local hospital to also help families coping with a sick loved one.

Members pictured, left to right: **Nichole Little, Maria Turetsky, Tami Nasser, Megan Boettcher, Caroline Goldschein, and Tania Stoker**

## Marley's Mission Blue Ribbon Gala

On February 16, active member **Mackenzie Lucas** acted as one of the tri-chairs for the 9th Annual Blue Ribbon Gala to benefit Marley's Mission. Marley's Mission is a nonprofit organization that provides equine-based therapy free of charge to children and their families who have experienced trauma. Mackenzie was supported by a dedicated Gala Committee comprised of several League members including **Gretchen Wintermantel, Tami Nasser, Amy Hnat, and Maggie Martinelli**. Through the skills learned in the Junior League, those involved were able to create a successful event which helped to provide approximately 80% of Marley's Mission operating budget for the year.



Pictured, from left to right, **Tami Nasser, Gretchen Wintermantel, Gina McAndrew, Maggie Martinelli, Amy Hnat, Mackenzie Lucas and Joanne Rossi**

## Girls' Night Out!



Our members have been enjoying League outings in between our volunteer efforts. Ladies got together to complete the escape room at Electric City Escape, owned by Active Member **Amy Hnat**. The ladies completed their mission with 5 seconds to spare! Other events included a night out to dinner and the movies. Upcoming outings include

a night at the theatre to see “The King and I” and a spring wine night at Maiolatesi’s. Stay tuned for updates for these fun outings!

Picture at Electric City Escape, from left to right: **Lindsey Courtright, Nicole Lance, Mary Luchansky, Holly Scacchitti, and Amy Hnat**

## History Archiving Project Progressing

The History Committee finished the project undertaken with the \$2,500 Scranton Area Community Foundation grant awarded in 2017. We had our oldest scrapbooks and loose news articles digitized at Backstage Library Works. The committee purchased the first set of archival boxes for the books, and they will be safely stored permanently at the Tripp House. All articles and photos from the scrapbooks will eventually be available to League members digitally.

This year, the committee is focusing on organizing, archiving, and storing our memorabilia. If you have historical items, photos, documents, or other memorabilia from your time in the League that you would like to donate or lend to us to copy, please contact **Gretchen Wintermantel** at [juniorleagueofscranton@gmail.com](mailto:juniorleagueofscranton@gmail.com) or (570) 961-8120.

## *Leave Your Legacy*

The Junior League of Scranton thanks the following Sustaining Members for their generous donations to the ***Leave Your Legacy*** sponsorship campaign:

**Laura Frieder  
Dorothy D. Mackie  
Angela Casey Marshall  
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All donations made to this sponsorship campaign are used for the History Committee’s extensive archiving project. For more information on how to “*Leave Your Legacy*”, please visit our Web site: [juniorleagueofscranton.org](http://juniorleagueofscranton.org)

## Women in Philanthropy



In December, two Sustaining Members, **Katie Gilmartin** and **Laurie Cadden** were honored with awards at the Women in Philanthropy Annual Event hosted by the Scranton Area Community Foundation. Our President, **Nicole Lance**, was honored to present Katie the 2018 Roseann Smith Alperin Award. Family members of Margareta presented Laurie with the 2018 Margareta Belin Chamberlin Award.

Pictured, left to right: Recipients **Katie Gilmartin** and **Laurie Cadden**, **Katie Gilmartin** with presenter **Nicole Lance**

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## Congratulations!!!!

-**Megan Boettcher** and her husband, Robert, welcomed their son, Leo Robert, on December 14.

-**Dorothy Grill** was recently picked to serve on the NEPA Youth Shelter Board

as a Board Member at Large.

-**Dawn Talley** will be graduating from Johns Hopkins University Hospital, with a degree in Clinical Pastoral Education, on March 8.

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