

A Message from the President

Dear Membership and Friends of the Junior League of Scranton,

Please join me in saying Happy Anniversary to our League. February 15, 2020 marked the beginning of our 80th year of service to the Scranton area. As I reflect on what this means, the lives we have touched over the years and the social problems we have brought attention to and worked to fix, I cannot imagine our founder, Margaret L. Richards, would be anything but proud.

In order to make sure we are around for another 80 years, our Membership Development Committee is working hard to train our newest volunteers. You will meet our new members in this edition of The Source. This year's class of seven is off to a great start. These talented women heard our mission and are finding new ways to build connections between the League and our Community.

Our Community Research Committee is keeping League members busy with 11 community volunteer events since September and 14 more in the upcoming months. You can also find League members at the NEPA Youth Shelter over the upcoming months, as we execute our Teens at the Table community events.

In addition to working hard, League members found time to gather in celebration of the holidays at our Annual Holiday Party. Most recently, our Arrangements Committee planned a snow tubing night at Montage Mountain. Some members enjoyed the mountain and the crisp night air, while others enjoyed a warm drink in the restaurant.

While I am thrilled to talk about our accomplishments so far, I am even more excited to announce the 2nd Annual Little Black Dress Initiative, slated for March 28 through April 4. We will be starting the week with a new and exciting fundraiser and ending it with a celebratory hockey game. Please watch our social media for updates! We will also have anniversary celebrations over the next few months and hope to get members - both new and sustaining - together to celebrate.

Albert Einstein said, "The woman who follows the crowd will usually go no further than the crowd. The woman who walks alone is likely to find herself in places no one has ever been before." As the rest of the year unfolds, I look forward to seeing where the women of our League end up.

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2019 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 has been an annual holiday event for 43 years in Scranton. Our Junior League members love giving back and sharing the holiday with so many people in our community.

Pictured, from left to right, in the front row: **Brienne Marco, Holly Scacchitti, Jessica Hiller, Nathan Hiller, Dana Ward, Ashley DeAngelo, and Lindsay Pasquale.**

From left to right in the second row: **Tania Stoker, Joanne Rossi, Nora Betts, Gretchen Wintermantel, Amy Betts, and Sarah Kane.**



2019 Scranton Santa Parade

The Junior League of Scranton participated in the 2019 Scranton Santa Parade in November in downtown Scranton. More than 20 members, along with their children and furry friends, braved the cold to parade through the streets of downtown Scranton to pass out candy and spread holiday cheer!



2019 Annual Holiday Dinner

The Junior League of Scranton held its 2019 Holiday Dinner on December 3, 2019 at Tripp House. Forty Active, Provisional, and Sustaining members were in attendance to jumpstart the holiday season. Guests enjoyed food catered by Constantino's catering and the ladies enjoyed participating in the annual ornament exchange. Thank you to **Holly Scacchitti** and the entire Arrangements Committee for putting together a wonderful event!



Kids in the Kitchen

The Junior League of Scranton held Thanksgiving and snowman themed Kids in the Kitchen events at the Nancy Kay Holmes Library in November and December. Children read books such as The Berenstain Bears Thanksgiving. They also colored turkeys and snowmen and made veggie turkeys and snowmen out of fruit!



Christmas Caroling

During the holiday season, Junior League members had the opportunity to show off their singing skills and make the holidays a little brighter for patients at the Gino Merli Veterans Center and Holy Family Residence. Thank you to **Gina McAndrew** for organizing this wonderful event! Carolers pictured are **Gina McAndrew, Heather Burke, Mary Luchansky** with son Jackson, **Dana Ward, Gretchen Wintermantel, Heather Stanton, Lindsay Pasquale,** and **AshleyDeAngelo** with daughter Carmella.



Meet the Provisional Class 2019-2020



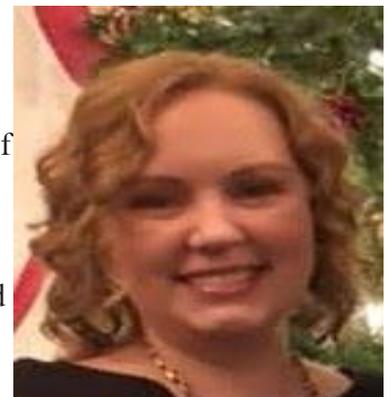
My name is Heather Stanton. I was born and raised in NEPA and currently reside in Dunmore with my boyfriend Art, our two doodles Remington and Brighton, and our turtle Koopa. I studied dance at Middlesex University in London, England. I then went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Child Studies and Dance from Marywood University. Most recently, I earned a Master's degree in Special Education from Marywood University. Additionally, I hold certifications in the areas of Elementary Education and Reading Specialist. I am currently employed by the Lakeland School District as a Life Skills/Multiple Disabilities Support Teacher for grades K-2. I volunteer for Lakeland Elementary: Mayfield Campus' Faithful Foods program. My favorite hobbies are traveling and adding stamps to my passport. I can also be found sampling wines, taking pictures of my dogs, and spending time with her friends in my downtime.

My name is Sarah Cruz. I was born in Brooklyn, NY and raised in Dunmore with my older sister and brother. I now live in Scranton. I am a graduate of Lackawanna College and Marywood University and am currently a sales associate at Boscov's Department Store. I was recently elected to the Scranton School Board and am actively involved in the city's creative and artistic community, including volunteering with the Scranton Fringe Festival.



My name is Jessica Hiller. I was born and raised in Scranton and currently live in Clarks Summit. I received an Associate's degree in Human Development and Family Studies, Bachelor's in Human Resources, and am currently working towards my Master's in Human Resources from Penn State. I am currently a relationship specialist at Prudential Retirement through which I frequently volunteer. I have 3 boys. Nathan is 10, Bentley is 6, and Sawyer is 1 1/2. I enjoy reading, spending time with my kids, and watching my kids play sports.

My name is Brienne Marco. My husband Adam and I moved to the Hill Section of Scranton about two years ago. Originally from Greensburg, PA, I spent most of the last decade in Charleston. I graduated from Chatham College (now Chatham University) in Pittsburgh. When I attended, Chatham was a women's college. I also earned a J.D. from the West Virginia University College of Law. I am a lawyer at Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC. Prior to moving to Scranton, I served on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Central West Virginia and ran my firm's annual United Way campaign. My hobbies include cooking, making hand-made greeting cards, and loving on my four ginger tabbies.





My name is Lindsay Pasquale. I was born and raised in Olyphant, where I live with my mother, father, and younger brother. In the last year, I became a proud auntie to my oldest brother's daughter, Layla. I am a graduate of Marywood University with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education and a Master's Degree in Special Education. I currently work at The Graham Academy in Kingston, which is a specialized school for students with autism. My first experience with this unique population of individuals was when I was involved with Big Brother Big Sisters. Recently, my family added a fur baby to the household -- an American Bulldog named Molly. If I could, I would adopt every dog!

My name is Janette Scardillo. I was born and raised in Whiting, which is the southern part of central NJ. I attended college at The University of Scranton and obtained my Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate degrees in the field of physical therapy. After college, I moved around and lived in Baltimore, northern California, Washington, DC, New Jersey, Philadelphia, and have now settled in Scranton. I currently live in South Scranton with my dog, Oliver, and go home to New Jersey often to see my three nieces. My hobbies include photography, crafting, snowboarding, and hanging out with family and friends. I currently work at The University of Scranton as a professor and the Director of Clinical Education in the Physical Therapy Department. I love to spend time volunteering with my students in The Edward R. Leahy Jr. Center Physical Therapy Clinic for The Uninsured and going on domestic and international service trips with both my PT students and undergrad students at the University.



My name is Heather Burke. I live in Dalton with my 16-year-old son. I work as a Senior Process Technician at MTF Biologics in Jessup. My first placement in the Junior League of Scranton is on the Ways and Means Committee. I joined after talking to my dear friend and Junior League Sustaining Member Terra McAulliffe about this group of amazing women and I knew I wanted to be a part of something extraordinary!

Congratulations!!!!

Maria Turetsky and her husband, Karl, who welcomed their son, Stephen, born on December 11, 2019.

Paige Cognetti and her husband, Ryan, who welcomed their daughter, Sloane, born December 20, 2019.



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