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President's Greeting

A Message from JLD President Angela Turk

The beginning of 2015 marks the mid-year point of the Junior League of DeKalb County's league year. We've accomplished a lot since June, and we look forward to finishing the league year strong.

To highlight some of our successes:

- Rentals of our headquarters, the Mary Gay House, are on the upswing, and we have met (and surpassed) our budgeted goal of \$45,000.
- Thanks to the community's generosity, we sold over 1,000 poinsettias during our annual sale, and secured 81 donated poinsettias to give to local businesses and organizations in the community, in honor of our 80th Anniversary.
- We participated in Georgia Gives Day for the first time, raising over \$1,000 in one day for JLD.
- We held our first meeting in October 2014 with our new Community Advisory Board.
- We donated toiletries to one of JLD's founding projects, the International Women's House, during the holiday season.
- We welcomed 22 women as part of our 2014-2015 Provisional Class.
- We hosted a leadership and community impact training for all members in January.

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2015 Tour of Kitchens

Mark Your Calendars & Show Your Support

JLD's 3rd annual Tour of Kitchens will showcase several of DeKalb County's best residential kitchens with eye-catching yet functional designs. Looking for inspiration in your cooking too? Chef demonstrations and a culinary challenge with DeKalb County high school youth are included in the program. It is a wonderful outing for the entire family!

Over the past two years, hundreds of local residents and visitors experienced our Tour of Kitchens event. Along with providing exquisite kitchens for participants to tour, the event promotes local restaurants and businesses in DeKalb County through advertising and live demonstrations held at houses on the tour.

The event is promoted through print and social media, Junior League of DeKalb County's website, and advertising by our members throughout DeKalb County. Tour of Kitchens introduces DeKalb County residents and visitors to businesses right in their own neighborhood!

[Click here](#) or on the Tour of Kitchens box below for sponsorship information.



3rd Annual
**TOUR of
KITCHENS**
JUNIOR LEAGUE of DEKALB COUNTY

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015
11:00AM to 5:00PM

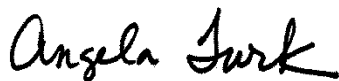
Chef Demonstrations by
No. 246 | Parker's on Ponce | Strippaggio
Community Farmer's Market | DeKalb High School Culinary Teams

President's Greeting, continued

The next three months of our league year will be full of successes as well. We are busy preparing for our 3rd Annual Tour of Kitchens, which will be held Saturday, April 25. Also, on April 18, we will host our 80th Anniversary Community Day. We will spend the day with Partners for Action in Health Living, Inc. planting gardens and flowers, and hosting physical activities and food demonstrations for children and seniors.

Although we've been busy, we're looking forward to accomplishing even more. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events as we continue to grow JLD's mission.

Sincerely,



Angela Turk
President, 2014-2015



Leadership & Community

JLD Members Trained to Make an Impact



Leadership and Community Training Day was held on Saturday, January 17th at the Mary Gay House. A special thanks to *Glorious Events* for providing breakfast and *Farm Burger* for providing lunch. The morning session was facilitated by Terri Theisen, founder and principal consultant of *Theisen Consulting LLC*. This interactive workshop reviewed the legal and fiduciary roles of a nonprofit board, functions of a nonprofit board and responsibilities of members, how to identify and choose a nonprofit board to serve on and how to lead committees and working groups of nonprofit organizations. The afternoon session was facilitated by JLD's Issues Based Community Impact Rollout task-force. While reviewing DeKalb County demographics and community needs, the committee fielded questions and moderated a lively discussion. Over 45 JLD members, community partners and other guests participated in the event and left with a wealth of knowledge and renewed vigor to improve the DeKalb County community through civic leadership.

Proactive Focus on Issues

JLD Launches Issues Based Community Impact Model (IBCI)

This league year, JLD launched the Issues Based Community Impact Model (IBCI), a new and exciting initiative through the Association of Junior Leagues International. The goal of this new model is to enable leagues to have deeper community impact and greater membership satisfaction by focusing on issues rather than on individual projects.

The communities where we live and work are more complex, diverse and mobile. The world around us is changing. In order to keep pace with the changes, JLD must proactively shape how we are viewed as a non-profit and how we are recognized for our value. To do this, JLD formed a task force to assist in the implementation of the IBCI model. One objective is for JLD to have a deep knowledge of our community and an awareness of how and where the organization wants to be positioned in the community.

The Junior League's approach to community impact is defined by three distinct elements:

- Listening to the community's needs and responding with well-designed strategies for change
- Focusing on developing our members' community and civic leadership potential
- Creating meaningful and long-lasting community change

JLD will explore a wide spectrum of strategies and relationships for long-term solutions beyond relieving the immediate needs that communities might have. This long-view approach guides JLD to fulfill our mission of "improving communities" in a meaningful way.

80th Anniversary Fact

Know Your League

In 1978, JLD accepted ownership of the Mary Gay House, a historic home which was renovated and moved to Adair Park in 1980.



The Mary Gay House was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976 and is situated over a fresh water spring. The Junior League restored the front three rooms of the Mary Gay House to their 1825-1850 appearance. A large meeting room was added to the rear of the house. For more information, visit www.marygayhouse.org.

Making a Difference Throughout the Year

The International Women's House

JLD's Annual Holiday Tea was not only a time for members to come together to celebrate, but also to serve. Members brought a variety of donated items to the tea, ranging from gently used household goods, toiletry items and books. All items donated benefitted the residents of the International Women's House (IWH). As the League continues to celebrate its 80 years of service to DeKalb County these efforts were especially meaningful as IWH was started by the League in 1997 and offers shelter and assistance to victims of domestic violence with a unique understanding to immigrant populations. Special thanks go to the members of the Community Impact Committee who were on hand for collection and sorting. The official presentation was made to staff at IWH by President Angela Turk, Vice President of Community Renee Bazemore and Community Impact Chair Rebecca Dugger. The staff and residents were most grateful for the donation. The League will continue to partner and assist the organization with its efforts not only during the holiday season but throughout the year.

Interested in Joining JLD?

Prospective Member Open House

JLD will host an informational session on Sunday, March 15 that will provide potential new members with an opportunity to meet current members, ask questions, and learn about the volunteering, educational, and social opportunities JLD provides its members. A reception starts at 2:30 pm, with programming beginning at 3:00 pm at the Mary Gay House (716 W Trinity Place, Decatur). [Click here](#) to register for the Open House.

Shopping for a Cause

Support JLD When You Shop at Kroger



Did you know you can support JLD simply by registering and swiping your Kroger Plus Card when shopping at their metro Atlanta stores?

Once your card is registered to JLD, your purchases at Kroger will be turned into cash rewards each quarter. It takes less than 5 minutes! Follow these steps and start supporting the JLD mission with each Kroger purchase:

- Register online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com.
- Our organization information is NPO 42649 or Junior League of DeKalb County.

Featured JLD Recipe

Strawberries Romanoff*

Try this with Blueberries, too!
8 servings

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 4 tablespoons confectioners sugar
- 1 pint vanilla ice cream, slightly softened
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 2 ounces Cointreau
- 1 ounce white rum
- 1 quart strawberries



In a 2-quart bowl, whip heavy cream with confectioners sugar until stiff. Add vanilla ice cream, lemon juice, Cointreau and rum. Blend the mixture lightly until smooth. Stem strawberries, wash, clean and thoroughly chill. Fill champagne glasses with the fruit. Spoon 3-4 tablespoons ice cream mixture over the berries.

* From the JLD cookbook *Puttin' on the Peachtree!* Order one online at <http://www.JLDekalb.org> or e-mail jldfunddev@gmail.com for more information.

Provisional Members Spotlight



Name: Valencia Breedlove
Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia
Years Lived in DeKalb: 10
Profession: Senior Probation Officer for DeKalb County Juvenile Court
Fun Fact: I love to blurt out a song or tune. My friends say I am show tune Val. I cannot sing. I just love the sound of music.

Committee Placement: Tour of Kitchens
Why did you join JLD?: I joined JLD to volunteer, network and find ways to make DeKalb County a safe comfortable and inviting county.



Name: Rani Clark
Hometown: Agra, India
Fun Fact: I enjoy video games.
Committee Placement: Tour of Kitchens

Why did you join JLD?: I joined JLD so that I can spend my time participating in community projects. I believe it is imperative to get involved if I want to see changes in my county.