



# League Link

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## President's Greeting

A Message from JLD President Mindy Kaplan

Welcome to the 2015-2016 League Year! For over 80 years, the Junior League of DeKalb County has invested in our community and our members through impactful community projects and member trainings.



JLD's positive impact can be seen throughout DeKalb County. From establishing a "milk fund" for needy children in 1937 to adopting the International Women's House as our signature project in 1994, we have been investing in and strengthening our community through the hard work and dedication of our trained volunteers.

This year, we are mission focused. JLD will deliver impactful financial support and trained volunteer time to our community partners and offer our members training opportunities to help instill a lifetime commitment to civic service. By continuing to invest in our community, women, and one another, we know the return to our community will be impactful.

I invite you to join me. Join me in building a better DeKalb County by learning more about our organization, supporting one of our amazing fundraisers, or joining us on a community work day. Together, we can promote voluntarism, improve our community, and develop the potential of women!

Sincerely,

Mindy Kaplan  
President, 2015-2016



4<sup>th</sup> Annual

## POINSETTIA SALE

JUNIOR LEAGUE of DEKALB COUNTY

Make the holidays brighter for you, your friends, and colleagues by purchasing these gorgeous plants during JLD's Annual Poinsettia Sale. We partner with Dixie Green, Inc., who supplies poinsettias to Walt Disney World and Sea World, to offer some of the most beautiful plants available.

Starting September 1, 2015, you can place your orders online or by post as desired. Flowers are available in red, white, and pink for purchase or donation to our favorite charities. The deadline for orders is November 7, 2015.

This year's Fall Fundraiser Chair, Hillary Thomas, hopes to build momentum around the Annual Poinsettia Sale. "We want to create an even bigger impact in the DeKalb County community through our poinsettia sale this year. All funds raised go to support the League's mission, and we will personally deliver flower donations to selected charities this holiday season," says Thomas.

Want to spruce up your office or church service this holiday season? All poinsettia orders over \$150 qualify for free delivery by Junior League members.

For more information about the sale, please email us at [poinsettiasale@jldekalb.org](mailto:poinsettiasale@jldekalb.org). Also, keep a look out for our 2015 Poinsettia Sales Order Form on our website, [www.jldekalb.org](http://www.jldekalb.org).

### 2015- 2016 Board of Directors

Mindy Kaplan, President

Suzanne Success Osborne, President-Elect

Shara Sanders, Secretary

Allison Lockhart, Vice President Finance & Operations

Olivia Greene, Vice President Fund Development

Rashidah Hasan, Vice President Community

Kimberly Roberts, Vice President Membership

Natalie Wilkes-Shaw, Nominating Chair

Sandra Smith, Sustainer Advisor

# Investing In Our Community

## District 5 Forum

On June 11, Junior League of DeKalb County partnered with Parent Councils United, South DeKalb Improvement Association - SDIA and Leadership DeKalb to host a forum for the District 5 special election at DeKalb Medical.



## Welcome Reception for Dr. Green

Leadership DeKalb, Parent Councils United and the Junior League of DeKalb County hosted a welcome reception on August 18 for the new DeKalb County School Superintendent, Dr. R. Stephen Green at the Mary Gay House. Dr. Green was introduced by Interim CEO Lee May and spoke about his vision for DeKalb County Schools stating, "I'm about the business of getting it done. I'm about results and outcomes." Special thanks to presenting sponsors Nelson Mullins Riley and Scarborough LLP, and Jacobs.

## Community Partner Spotlight:



**Website:** <http://eastlakefoundation.org/>

**Mission:** The East Lake Foundation helps families build better lives and children reach their highest potential through its holistic approach to community revitalization incorporating mixed-income housing, cradle-to-college education and community wellness.



JLD was excited to support the East Lake Foundation by sponsoring their inaugural Road to East Lake 5K on August 22.



## ADA25 Georgia Legacy Parade

JLD members volunteered as parade marshals for the ADA25 Georgia Legacy Parade on June 13. This parade was part of a series of events taking place all across the US to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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# Investing In Women and One Another



## JLD Leadership Training

JLD incoming leaders were trained in communication processes, project management, budgeting, and the history of the organization on June 6. Hosted at The Food Movement, JLD members also participated in the Give-Back Team Building program, working in teams to make 20 lasagnas. These meals were donated through Second Helpings Atlanta to Malachi's Storehouse, feeding over 200 people who are food insecure.



## New Member Training

On August 8, new members learned more about JLD, including a tour of our headquarters, overviews of member obligations, Digital Cheetah member website, and nominating processes. The Board of Directors also covered the Issue Based Community Impact model, fundraisers and finances. A special thanks to Farm Burger for providing lunch!



## Leagues United Training

On July 18, leaders from Junior League of Atlanta, Junior League of Cobb-Marietta, Junior League of DeKalb County, Junior League of Douglas County, and Junior League of Gwinnett and North Fulton Counties gathered at the Atlanta Speech School to share ideas and enhance their skills to better serve their respective communities. Training topics included Leadership 101, Leadership 601 and Conflict Management, Personal Branding, Project Management, and Social Media Engagement.

## Welcome New JLD Members!

Eliza Bartleet	Dawn Montgomery-Greene
Michelle Bonds	Atira Rochester
Valencia Breedlove	Jenny Sewell
Yolanda Broome	Sarah Sullivan
Beth Daniell	Shonda Sylvester
Sara Floor-Robinson	Hillary Thomas
Ronda Gedward	LaDawn Thomas
Gena Hill	Kimberly Washington
Ashley Lyle	Sandi Witherspoon

## Congratulations JLD Member Shondeana Crews-Morris!



Governor Nathan Deal recently appointed Shondeana Crews-Morris to serve as one of the new full time judges of the Traffic Court Division of the DeKalb County State Court. She also was selected to participate in Leadership DeKalb's Class of 2016.

## JLD's Community Advisory Board

We are thankful to the amazing community and business leaders who serve on our Community Advisory Board. Thank you for your service and guidance!

### Lori Beard-Daily

Chief Now Officer  
Working On Your Now

### Deirdre Pierce

Community Volunteer

### Erin Croom

Farm to School Director  
Georgia Organics

### Amanda Posey

Wellness Center Director  
DeKalb Medical

### Debra Golymbieski

Partner  
Wilson, Morton & Downs, LLC

### Katerina Taylor

President and CEO  
DeKalb Chamber of  
Commerce

### S. Elizabeth Ford, M.D.

District Health Director  
DeKalb County Board of Health

### Judy Turner

President  
Private Bank of Decatur

### John Hewitt

Chief Operating Officer  
The Champion Newspaper/  
Champion Free Press

### Gregory White

Active Living Director  
City of Decatur

### The Honorable Steen Miles

Former State Senator  
Retired Journalist

### Emily Anne Vall, Ph.D.

Obesity Project Manager  
Georgia Department of  
Public Health

### Paige Nathan

Business Development Manager  
The Food Movement



Located in downtown Decatur, the historic Mary Gay House provides southern charm for any event.

Built in the 1820s, the Mary Gay House is one of the few pre-Civil War houses still standing in the Atlanta area and is on the National Register of Historic places.

Please contact our Rental Agent, Elizabeth Scott, at [404-378-2162](tel:404-378-2162) or [MaryGayHouse@gmail.com](mailto:MaryGayHouse@gmail.com) to reserve your special date today!



## Support JLD While You Shop!!

Raise money for JLD while shopping— what could be easier? We are pleased to announce that JLD is partnering with **Kroger Community Rewards** and **Amazon Smile**. Every time you shop at Kroger and use your Kroger Plus Card or make an eligible purchase on Amazon, the company makes a donation to JLD!

To sign up for Kroger Community Rewards, simply get a free Kroger Plus card, log on to <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards> and select JLD as your charity. To participate with Amazon Smile, log into your Amazon.com account via <https://smile.amazon.com> and choose JLD.



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