The University Club

The JLOCC is proud to recognize the support of the University Club at the University of California, Irvine, the host of the Junior League's General Membership Meetings in 2006-2007.

"The University Club is proud to be a supporter of the Junior League of Orange County. We are glad to help the organization in its positive efforts for the community." Tiffany Saito, The University Club at UC Irvine.

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The JLOCC gives a wonderful opportunity for me to give back to the community.

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President’s Message

Angie Rowe, President
Member since 1987, Aliso Viejo

Warmest regards,

Throughout the publication you will hear first hand the impact the JLOCC has had on our members and community. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you to our members, your families, our donors, our project partners and community advisors for giving your time, talents and treasures to helping the JLOCC make a difference in our community.

When talking about our amazing organization. However, only recently did I sit down and think about the cultural norms of our society during the time of the Junior League’s founding.

Mary Harriman and her friends could not vote, serve on a jury, or run for elected office and she and her friends’ economic situation fundamentally depended on their marital status. Imagine the personality and tenacity she must have had and the strength she endured to want to go and provide. Way to go JLOCC!

Heather McKenzie-Densmore (Lage), Spring Fundraiser Committee, member since 2006

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teaching me how to be an effective volunteer for a variety of organizations. I have become more confident participating, leading and organizing in many types of groups from Cub Scouts to Meals on Wheels thanks to the invaluable training JLOCC has provided. Way to go JLOCC!

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Genevieve is the president of Anton Communications, Inc., a public relations firm. A former journalist with more than 20 years of experience and broadcast experience — including several years as a producer at Cable News Network — Genevieve now specializes in media strategy, networking and training, as well as issues and crisis management. Prior to becoming a journalist, Genevieve was a member of the Executive Staff of the White House, where she worked on the political team that brought Congress.

Dr. Lisa Barron
Dr. Barron is a faculty member of Organization and Strategy at the Paul Merage School of Business, University of California, Irvine and has consulted and coached several large and small organizations. Her law and teaching areas include organization, communication and leadership, relationships between intercultural issues and diversity and gender in organizations and intergroup relations.

Carol Goldschaifer
Carol is an experienced grantwriter with more than 25 years of experience, 10 years as a freelance grantwriter. She has served as Executive Director of two youth-serving nonprofit organizations for the past 25 years and has 10 years of experience in public health training and the family violence field. She has also served as a grants administrator and principal investigator.

Pat Halberstadt
Pat Halberstadt has been the Chief Professional Officer for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Orange County for more than 40 years. She serves on the California State Advisory Board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

Gene Howard
Gene Howard is the Executive Director of the Orange County Children's Foundation, a non-profit organization serving abused and neglected children in Orange County. With more than 30 years of experience, she has held key positions such as a Vice President of the OCHCA Foundation for Children at Orange Children's Hospital, executive director of the Children's Health Council of Orange County, and has served as a grantwriter for various non-profit organizations.

Judge Pamela Iles
Judge Iles has served as a Judge in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange for more than 14 years. She has been instrumental in the development and implementation of various programs for teachers, the clergy and the military.

Mayor Beth Krom
Mayor Krom was elected to the Irvine City Council in 2000 and is currently in her term as the Mayor of Irvine. Prior to her election, she was the parent of four children and an advocate for children. She has been a strong advocate for the education and well-being of children and has served as a Community Advisor to the Junior League of Los Angeles.

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Jeff Wilcox is a Certified Fundraising Executive and the immediate past president of the Orange County Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. He is the former Executive Director of United Way of Greater Los Angeles and Executive Director of CHOC Foundation for Children at Orange Children's Hospital of Orange County. His service includes organization development, staffing, and training. In addition, he has served on the Board of Directors for the Orange County Chamber of Commerce.

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Fifty years ago, as Orange County was just beginning its transformation from a suburb of Los Angeles to a dynamic center of commerce and culture, 44 visionary local women organized the Newport Harbor Service League which was to become the Junior League of Orange County, CA, Inc., in an effort to provide effective volunteer service to the community. Their efforts were successful and provided a substantial part of the non-profit infrastructure that exists in Orange County today.

Many of the League’s early projects are part of this infrastructure, though they now function independently of the Junior League, and owe their creation to the women of the JLOCC who saw a community need and developed a program to effectively meet it. The Volunteer Center of Orange County, Assessment and Treatment Services Center of Coastal Orange County (ATSC) and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are but a few examples of JLOCC created projects that, today, stand alone and make up part of the non-profit infrastructure of Orange County. In addition, the JLOCC was the first organization in the county to offer a challenge grant to rebuild the Albert Sitton Home for Dependent Children which was to become Orangewood Children’s Home.

More recently, the JLOCC has partnered with other non-profit organizations that moved to Orange County to provide trained volunteers and resources to enhance their programs and services. The JLOCC has been happy to work with The Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove and Capo Valley, Girls Incorporated and Laura’s House among others on more current community projects.

Things change so quickly that it is easy to forget the vital role that the JLOCC has played in creating the non-profit community that exists in Orange County today. As the Junior League moves into the future it looks to build upon the strong and diverse non-profit infrastructure that those visionary 44 women started more than 50 years ago.

This year the Junior League of Orange County membership voted to adopt The Orangewood Academy as its new Signature Project. The decision to adopt a JLOCC Signature Project came after looking at three key points:

- The dynamic Orange County community is host to many non-profit organizations doing great work and addressing different problems. The JLOCC’s proven success and historical role in non-profit start-up needs to be defined so as not to create more non-profits but to help existing non-profits expand their reach.
- JLOCC members expressed desire to solidify our brand and identity in the community by aligning ourselves with an organization that can provide a variety of meaningful hands-on volunteer opportunities and experiences.
- JLOCC’s excellence and leadership in the creation and development of programs with a positive impact in the community should be leveraged to benefit both our membership and the community in a significant way as was done with past projects including The Volunteer Center of Orange County, CASA/CAST, Orangewood Children’s Home and New Directions for Women.

The Orangewood Academy is targeted to open fall 2009 and serve as residential high school for 120 dependent youth in Orange County. It will be modeled after the San Pasqual Academy in San Diego, the nation’s first residential education campus for dependent youth. The Orangewood Academy is slated to occupy 23 acres on the Great Park Area of Irvine. A charter school on site is planned to serve 201 students from low income areas, in addition to the dependent youth housed there.

This comprehensive educational and residential program will meet the specific needs of dependent children in Orange County that are not available today. The Orangewood Academy will provide dependent youth a solid foundation for life, instilling in them the skills, goals and confidence needed to live healthy, productive lives and ultimately breaking the cycle of abuse.

The potential for dynamic and diverse opportunities with The Orangewood Academy is plentiful: tutoring or mentoring; career planning and counseling; assisting with college and scholarship applications; promoting health and fitness program awareness and developing activities for local elder citizens.

The JLOCC is excited to be involved in such a unique project from inception to completion. The JLOCC is committed to working in partnership with The Orangewood Foundation to bring The Orangewood Academy to a meaningful and successful life in the Orange County non-profit landscape.
Developing the potential of women—how does the JLOCC implement this part of our mission? It occurs in many ways, one important way is through the formal training curriculum offered to our members. Training within the JLOCC is essential to producing women who lead and serve in the community effectively. The JLOCC is known for its commitment to voluntarism, and training enhances our experiences and better equips us to perform our work. The common thread through all this is impact—the impact trainings have on members and how we as trained volunteers can impact those we serve.

The 2006-2007 training year hosted events to appeal to all women in the JLOCC: From a Self Defense class, helping members and the young women at Girls Inc. learn how to empower themselves, to an Event Planning training, offering planning tips from a small gathering up to a major fundraiser. The JLOCC training courses are chosen to educate and impact JLOCC members who then in turn share what they’ve learned with our Orange County community members.

Another training this year hosted two very informative speakers: Clete Menke of Canyon Acres and Karen White of CASA. Involved heavily in working with abused children, they discussed children’s issues within the county. Said a member who attended this training, “It was so valuable to hear about what child abuse can be, how these organizations support helping children and families, etc. It was exactly the kind of training we should be having and that most of our members should be attending.”

A participant of the event planning training said, “The training was useful in that it enabled me to plan events and by learning how to do that more effectively and efficiently will result in better events enabling the JLOCC to reach more people in the community.”

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“Turning Junior League Training into a Dream Career”

By Sandra Gee, Fund Development Director, Member since 1999, Placentia

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Those opportunities for our members are just one of the many ways the JLOCC impacts our membership and the Orange County community through value-added, educational and leadership trainings not available elsewhere.

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The JLOCC collaborates with several Orange County non-profit organizations by providing both funds and volunteer power for projects that promote and support the health, safety and education of individuals in our community. During the last year, JLOCC members working directly on projects reached over 1,000 children and volunteered more than 2,200 hours in the Orange County community. This year, over 20% of JLOCC active members have volunteered more than 2,200 hours in the Orange County community. This year, over 20% of JLOCC active members have volunteered more than 2,200 hours in the Orange County community.  

JLOCC Reaches Out to the Women of Casa Teresa

By Sarah Dressler, Casa Teresa, Member since 2005, Costa Mesa

T he JLOCC Casa Teresa Committee has been working on developing and implementing a mentoring program for women who are members of Casa Teresa’s Transition Program. Casa Teresa provides a temporary home for single, pregnant women who have nowhere to go and have decided to either keep their babies or place them for adoption. The Transition Program is an extended program for women after the birth of their baby. The JLOCC identified four potential mentors who are currently undergoing training with members of the Casa Teresa staff and then will begin mentoring the moms at Casa Teresa. Each mentor-mentee pairing will be handled by Casa Teresa’s staff psychologist.

While the JLOCC is still in the implementation phase of the program, both the JLOCC and Casa Teresa expect a significant impact on the lives of the women it will serve.

As one former member of Casa Teresa said, “While I was at Casa Teresa, I learned many things about life, parenting and most importantly, unconditional love. The staff showed me what my responsibilities were to my child as well as to myself. Because of them, I have flourished and made a successful future for us.”

The JLOCC hopes to leave Casa Teresa with a well-designed, well-tested program with established mentor-mentee relationships that will continue and grow with the support of Casa Teresa’s own staff.

In addition to year-long projects, JLOCC completes short-term projects through Impact OC. Pictured above, JLOCC volunteers support the St. Joseph’s Ballet performance.

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The mission of the Orange County Bar Foundation (OCBF) is to provide legal education to families in order to prevent juvenile crime. Over the last 36 years, the OCBF has found disadvantaged youth are less likely to become delinquent if they have additional social support. One OCBF program, Higher Education Mentoring serves Latina girls betwee ages of 12 to 17. The program provides educational support so the girls can graduate from high school, enter college and prepare for professional careers. The JLOCC will support the OCBF’s Higher Education Mentoring Program by helping to facilitate monthly guest speakers for group mentoring sessions, providing individual mentoring of program participants, and planning a graduation celebration of the girls at the end of the year. Additionally, the JLOCC will organize a reunion and establish an alumni program to maintain contact with graduates.

The JLOCC and the Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA) of Orange County have formed a partnership designed to develop a model for instilling a lifelong pattern of voluntarism in youth deemed to be at risk for adolescent pregnancy. This service project, called the Youth Service Corps, focuses on training youth to develop and implement their own volunteer service projects. Of the various forms of intervention aimed at reducing teen pregnancy, research shows that voluntarism – namely, broad-based community service – has the strongest impact of the various forms of intervention.

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2006-2007 Community Projects

By Meredith Cagle, Projects Director, Member since 2001, Newport Beach

Girls Incorporated of Orange County (formerly known as Girls Clubs of America) is a national non-profit youth organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. JLOCC has teamed up with Girls Inc. to help conduct a self-defense and violence prevention course for girls nine to 11 years old designed to teach girls negotiation, assertiveness, and self-defense skills to protect them from abuse and harassment. JLOCC volunteers will also develop a community awareness program for child abuse prevention. This past year has continued to provide a list of fabulous speakers for the Girls Inc. speaker program. Topics have included First Aid, Internet Safety, and an Adventure Boot Camp for the Girls Inc. committee also offered the Girls Inc. speaker program. Topics have included First Aid, Internet Safety, and an Adventure Boot Camp for the Girls Inc. committee also offered the Girls Inc. speaker program.

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Through OCCTAC, the JLOCC helps fund private sessions with music, dance, and art therapists for specifically identified at-risk families. The partnership with OCCTAC also helped the director secure an on-site county-funded social worker to further their child abuse prevention activities. In addition, JLOCC committee members attend monthly art workshops supported by the Junior League and work directly with children to help them create cultural and seasonal works of art.

This year, our committee’s primary focus was helping to promote OCCTAC’s growing programs for at-risk youth and child abuse prevention among the social service professionals in the area. JLOCC hosted an Open House event with speakers and tours of OCCTAC’s new facility. The event helped to increase awareness of OCCTAC programs among social workers, community officials, school district representatives, therapists and other interested community members.

By Cynthia Newcomb, OCCTAC Committee Member, Member since 2005, Irvine

Art & Creativity for Healing: Expressing Emotions through Art

By Jennifer Gatewood, Grants and Scholarships Committee, Member since 2006, Aliso Viejo

"Art helps children" forget that they are ill while being in a strong place that otherwise might be frightening. Art connects children to delight and discovery and brings back some of the experience of being a child, not just a sick child." Anne Ridingson, Journal of the American Medical Association, February 28, 1998.

This is where Orange County’s Art & Creativity for Healing, Inc. comes in. For the past 17 years, Art and Creativity for Healing has been providing fine art classes and workshops for children to address the emotional and social aspects of abuse, illness, grief and stress through the language of color and paint in order to provide encouragement and motivation for individuals living with these conditions. JLOCC has recognized the value of expression through art, particularly for children hospitalized with life-threatening illness, by selecting Art & Creativity for Healing as a 2007 recipient of a Community Grant for the organization’s "Bedside Art Program". The "Bedside Art Program" hosts workshops that take place twice per week at Children’s Hospital of Orange County (CHOC), whose staff recruits children ages 6 to 12 who are patients in the Hematology/Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant Units at CHOC. During each workshop, art instructors and counselors encourage their patients to talk about their artwork and their creative process so that they can work through the physical, social and emotional challenges of experiencing hospitalization and other cancers and treatments, especially at such a young age.

Expressing emotions through art leads to greater self-awareness, the confidence to process feelings and emotions and the ability to articulate and share these feelings and emotions with others. Thus, Art and Creativity for Healing’s goal is to provide children the tools to document their individual experiences in a profound way to help nurture the healing process.

Art & Creativity for Healing for Healing has honored JLOCC with its 2007 Big Heart Award for Outstanding Community Partner Organization. Founder and Director of Art & Creativity for Healing, Laurie Zagon, said, “Over the past six years the JLOCC has played an important role in helping our small nonprofit arts organization grow and flourish with the Orange County community. The support we have received from the Junior League members has been vital to the success of our organization.”

Art & Creativity for Healing for Healing was pleased to fund educators and artists in order to double the number of children served in the "Bedside Art Program" from 400 children in 2006 to 800 children in 2007. JLOCC applauds the "Bedside Art Program” and is proud to award a Community Grant so that Art & Creativity for Healing can continue its mission of helping children who are coping with leukemia and other cancers to find solace and comfort knowing that the community is rooting for them every step of the way. JLOCC has also selected the Community and School Collaboration, MOMS Resource Center, Orange County High School of the Arts and Mariposa Women and Family Center, as additional community grants recipients for the year 2007. JLOCC is pleased to recognize the invaluable efforts and contributions being made by all of its 2007 grant recipients!
of changing the juvenile correctional system so that teenage criminals can change their lives.

Girls Inc. Teen Program Facilitator Jveti Lopes said of Isabel, “Her ambition to be a responsible and productive human being is an inspiration to everyone around her.” The JLOCC has awarded Isabel a $5,000 scholarship.

Kada ’Umem found strength at Laurel House Teen Shelter and prevailed over a tumultuous time in her young life when she admits she was on the wrong track. Through her time at Laurel House, Kada became a completely different person: improving her grades, establishing a close relationship with her family and respect for herself.

Kada has remained involved with Laurel House as a mentor to girls who faced struggles similar to those she overcame. Kada became an active member of Trinity Presbyterian Church and completed mission work in Mexico teaching day camp at an orphanage and building a home for an impoverished family. Kada believes that through God and education, she will be able to work toward a greater purpose in life and make a difference. The JLOCC has awarded Kada a $5,000 Scholarship.

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In her college studies at California State University Los Angeles, Isabel plans to major in criminology to better understand the emotional damage of violent crime and support victims of that crime, as she says “It is through my work that I can help and support the victims of sexual assault.”

“Teaching is a core value of commitment to voluntarism,” said Donna Gulding, Houseparent at Laurel House, said of Kada, “She uses her life experiences to help others and show how you can overcome obstacles in your life.” Kada plans to attend Hope International University to study social work and ultimately pursue her Masters degree. Kada believes that through education and God, she will be able to work toward a greater purpose in life and make a difference. The JLOCC has awarded Kada a $5,000 Scholarship.

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JLOCC Awards $10,000 in Scholarships

By Cindy Fung, Grants and Scholarships Chair, Member since 2005, Irvine

The Junior League of Orange County scholarship program is just one of many ways the JLOCC realizes its vision of a community in which the health, safety and education of all individuals are promoted and supported.

In 2007, the JLOCC awarded scholarships to two inspiring young women. Applications were reviewed from former and current participants in a JLOCC sponsored program or organization. These deserving young women were selected based on academic grades, participation in extracurricular activities, and a determination to reach their goals despite many past obstacles.

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As a participant in the Girls Inc. Eureka! and Taking Care of Business programs, Isabel Gomez found a higher sense of self-esteem and a passion for women’s rights. As a Junior Intern with Girls Incorporated, Isabel worked with adolescent girls to instill in them a sense of self-confidence and a positive attitude. Besides earning a high GPA, Isabel has participated in many extracurricular activities including UCI’s Criminology Outreach and CampMed Programs and mentoring students at TeWinkle Middle School.

In her college studies at California State University Los Angeles, Isabel plans to major in criminology to better understand the emotional damage of violent crime and support victims of that crime, as she says “It is through my work that I can help and support the victims of sexual assault.”

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JLOCC Members Unite Under a Common Mission

By Laura Gilles, Membership Director-Elect, Member since 2003, Huntington Beach

Our members come from varying backgrounds and interests and share a core value of commitment to volunteering. The Junior League has applied human and monetary capital to serving the people of Orange County to make a positive impact on the lives of those living in our community. Together, we are women building better communities.

Individuals, our members are mothers, daughters, sisters, wives, single, friends, working professionals, stay-at-home moms and students, who spend time participating in community work organized by the membership and supported by our local community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The members of the JLOCC share a vision of an Orange County community in which the health, safety and education of all individuals are promoted and supported. Additionally, the members of the JLOCC share a vision of the organization in which the experience, knowledge and leadership skills of all members are promoted and supported.

The JLOCC was founded in 1956 to provide volunteer services in the Orange County community. Since then, the membership of the JLOCC has responded to the needs of the community, always with the aim of helping to make Orange County a better place to live. The JLOCC membership is a diverse group of trained volunteer women, dedicated to making an impact and strengthening Orange County. Throughout the League’s history, we have been advocates and volunteers on issues primarily affecting women, children and families.

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Members of the Junior League of Orange County, California, Inc. come from a wide variety of backgrounds to unite under a common mission: promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The members of the JLOCC share a vision of an Orange County community in which the health, safety and education of all individuals are promoted and supported. Additionally, the members of the JLOCC share a vision of the organization in which the experience, knowledge and leadership skills of all members are promoted and supported.

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Merriam-Webster defines the word “sustainer” in many ways, including: to give support or relief to; to supply with sustenance, nourish, keep up, prolong, to support the weight of, to buoy up. JLOCC's Sustainer members live up to this definition by supporting, supplying and buoying up the League, and they do so with glad hearts.

Each Sustainer member of the Junior League has served many years as an Active member and has taken her leadership talents into the community, as she was trained to do by the JLOCC. The JLOCC has more than 400 Sustainer members who continue to support the League financially. Even though Sustainers do not need to actively participate to meet membership requirements, many Sustainers choose to participate in JLOCC activities such as serving on the Nominating Committee or the Board of Directors as Sustainer Representatives, or taking leadership or committee positions on the Sustainer Committee.

What is a JLOCC Provisional? They are the wonderful ladies of the Orange County community that choose to join the JLOCC each year. What does a JLOCC Provisional do? They dedicate their first few months of membership in our organization to being trained on who the JLOCC is, what the JLOCC is and why the JLOCC effectively promotes voluntarism, develops the potential of women and improves the Orange County community!

This year was an exciting year to join the JLOCC as a new member, because the JLOCC offered the opportunity twice instead of once and over a much shorter time period.

A highlight of the updated Provisional curriculum is the one-day orientation and bus tour. After a morning at the JLOCC headquarters, including a tour of our facilities, the Provisional classes board a bus for a tour of current and former JLOCC community projects.

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In September, JLOCC's first group of new members visited Orangewood Children's Home and past JLOCC project, the Boys and Girls' Club of Garden Grove. In February, the JLOCC's second group of new members also visited Orangewood Children's Home and current project Orange County Therapeutic Arts for Children. The emotional introduction of OCACTA by its director, Dr. Jimenez, and her explanation of the many ways the JLOCC is helping the organization was a particularly memorable event.

Provisionals also gain direct experience in fundraising for the Junior League by working at the JLOCC fundraiser falling during their Provisional term – either the Christmas Company in the fall or the spring fundraiser, Golf Tournament by the Sea. Additionally, Provisionals learn more about JLOCC by attending General Membership Meetings and formal Junior League training events.

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Making the Most of Membership through League Life

In addition to providing valuable training, rewarding volunteer opportunities and the chance to better our community, The Junior League of Orange County also serves as a great social outlet full of dynamic, active women. The League Life/Transfers committee coordinates social activities that provide an avenue for members to meet and mingle with Junior League peers outside of their regular placement commitments, further enhancing the Junior League experience.

The League Life/Transfers committee organized a variety of fun monthly events to encourage Provisionals, Actives, Transfers and Sustainers to meet fellow members, make new friends and experience the diverse culture of activities Orange County has to offer!

During the first half of the year, Leaguers enjoyed the music of Men at Work frontman Colin Hay at the Fashion Island Summer Concert Series, participated on Team JLOCC in the Susan Komen Race for the Cure, attended the Laguna Beach Art Walk, supported the charitable efforts of the Mission Viejo Elks Lodge by attending BINGO night and got into the holiday spirit on a holiday lights walk around Balboa Island.

Members toasted the second half of the Junior League year at French 75 Restaurant’s “Bubbly Hour,” had a thought-provoking discussion at book club, welcomed spring at the annual Shamrock Soiree social, sharpened their palate at wine tasting and cheered on the home team at an Angels baseball game.

In addition to planning a variety of social activities, the League Life/Transfers committee put members with similar interests in touch by facilitating the formation of several intra-League clubs. Members interested in bunco, poker, scrapbooking, tennis, golf, happy hour, college alumni, and moms clubs had the opportunity to meet like-minded women and organize get-togethers around their shared interests.

The JLOCC is fortunate to include a large group of successful, talented, interesting women, and as members it is wonderful to enhance the rewarding training and volunteer experiences the Junior League has to offer by making the most of the friendships, networking, and social opportunities that supplement the membership experience.

The 31st Annual The Christmas Company was a smashing success, raising nearly $200,000 to help support the projects of the JLOCC. From an Evening of Food & Wine hosted by a legendary winemaker Gallo of Sonoma to a Hawaiian-themed gala, a variety of events for all ages added to the fun! The Christmas Company shopping extravaganza held this year at the Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort.

Themed “A Holiday Hawaiian Style,” the JLOCC’s signature fundraising event gave attendees the opportunity to shop from nearly 65 vendors from across the United States, some of which have been featured on “The Oprah Winfrey Show” and “The Today Show” and have had specialty items displayed at the White House.

Throughout The Christmas Company, the JLOCC featured special events including An Evening of Food & Wine hosted by Gina Gallo and the Gallo Family Vineyards, a Tommy Bahama Fashion Show & Luncheon, a Preferred Shoppers Breakfast, and the popular American Girl Fashion Shows.

The five-day shopping event kicked off with the black-tie optional Opening Night Gala, “Formals and Flip-Flops,” which included a silent auction, a preview of the event’s merchant booths and fine foods from local restaurants and eateries.

The continuing success of The Christmas Company enables the JLOCC to go into the community and support organizations that benefit from the trained volunteers of the JLOCC. In 2007, The Christmas Company will return to the Orange County Fairgrounds from Friday, November 16 through Monday, November 19. The JLOCC extends its thanks to the many generous event sponsors and to the members for putting their time and effort into making The Christmas Company a wonderful event.

*Numbers not yet verified by independent auditor.
Statement of Activities
For the year ending May 31, 2006

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Net Revenue and Support:
Fundraising Events:
The Christmas Company
The Christmas Company Revenue
809,912
Direct Expenses
(386,071)
Net direct support from The Christmas Company
423,741
Spring Fundraiser
Spring Fundraiser revenue
92,853
Direct expenses
(64,717)
Net direct support from Spring Fundraiser
28,136
Miscellaneous Fundraising Events:
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Direct Expenses
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Contributions
3,386
Donated materials and services
37,318
Dues and Fees
83,367
Interest and dividend income
32,657
Unrealized loss on investments
6,089
Other Revenue
2,880
Subtotal revenue and support
340,340
Net assets released from restriction
5,453
Total net revenue and support
345,793

Functional expenses:
Program services
355,308
Supporting services
52,669
Total functional expenses
408,977
Increase in unrestricted net assets
27,736

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Support and revenue:
Contributions
809
Interest income on perpetual trust
1,481
Unrealized gain on educational scholarship
2,843
Total support and revenue
4,333
Decrease in temporarily restricted net assets
(920)

PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Increase in permanent restricted net assets
26,454
Net assets at beginning of year
1,249,308
Net assets at end of year
1,276,124

Statement of Financial Position
May 31, 2006

ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Notes:
These statements have been excerpted from audited financial statements prepared by Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.
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For the second year in a row, the JLOC: Spring fundraiser was a golf tournament held at the beautiful and challenging course at Monarch Beach Golf Links in Dana Point, California. 128 golfers came out on a picture perfect day to enjoy a day of golf and show their support for the activities of the JLOC.

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The day ended at Club 19 with an elegant buffet dinner reception for golfers and several guests. The Todd Oliver Jazz Trio provided jazz dinner music. Tom Johnson, Publisher of The Daily Pilot, was a terrific Master of Ceremonies. Michael Joseph, Dacor Chief Executive Officer, was awarded a bronze golfer statue as a special thank you for Dacor’s generosity and support of the JLOC.

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