

Junior League of Springfield

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Winter
2013

Commitment to Training

JLS Calendar

- February 1: Kids in the Kitchen
- February 11: GMM
- March 11: GMM
- April 8: GMM
- May 4: Kitchen Tour in Panther Creek
- May 13: Annual Meeting



JLS welcomes our Provisional class for 2013-2014!

Our commitment to training sets us apart from other volunteer organizations. JLS is recommitting ourselves to training, ensuring that we are equipping our members to be effective volunteers and civic leaders.

In the fall of 2013, our President and President Elect attended the Association of Junior Leagues International's (AJLI's) Fall Leadership Conference in Detroit, where they participated in diverse sessions and were able to bring implementable ideas back to JLS. We also sent three members to AJLI's Organizational Development Institute (ODI) in Indianapolis, for training on improving our financial management, strengthening our membership development, and

building our internal capacity. Each attendee came back excited to share what they had learned with the rest of League. Finally, JLS helped to sponsor the recent Bridges Out of Poverty Training in Springfield. Three League members attended with League scholarships, and six members attended on their own, representing JLS and other community organizations. This impactful training opened our eyes to how we can be more effective in reaching out to underserved parts of the community and will be very useful as we undertake Issue Based Community Impact next year.

In the Spring of 2014, JLS will be sending our 2013-14 and 2014-15 President Elects (PE's) to AJLI's Winter Leader-

ship Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona. This training is specifically targeted to helping them to build their leadership skills and strong working relationships that will lead to successful League governance.



Megan Swanson, President, meets Anne Dalton, AJLI Chief Officer for Strategic Initiatives

Sustainer News

Our Back to Basics goal for this year continues with efforts to reconnect and remember. Our Friday lunches are intimate in size but broad in scope as the mix of "years" delightfully changes each month. This fall's project has been to clean up the database so we know who we are and where we are.

Sustainers are always invited and encouraged to come

and participate in any League activities, special events or education/leadership opportunities. Watch the Tuesday



Sustainers enjoy a Sustainer Friday Lunch.

Tidbits for details.

Connect with Sustainers on Facebook. Look for JLS Sustainers, Springfield IL and Like us. Don't have Facebook? Send an email to Jill and let her know you need other reminders and invites.

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JLS donated civil war style clothing to the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. These dresses will be put on display at their museum.



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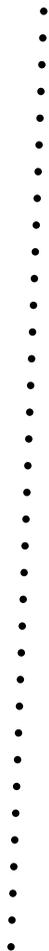
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Members Make an Impact

JLS has been busy lending a helping hand in our community this year. Even before our first meeting, a number of members went to the KABOOM! playground build at Sojourn and gave an afternoon of their time making a safe and fun playground. Our next event was very special to us, helping at Ronald McDonald House. We had three shifts of volunteers who devoted their time to the Ronald



JLS volunteered at the Annual Goldwing Riders event at the Ronald McDonald House.



JLS was happy to assist with a Kaboom! Playground Build at Sojourn Shelter and Services.

McDonald House Annual Goldwing Fundraiser. In October, the League held its annual Literacy Fair, "Set Sail!" at the Springfield Lincoln Library. It was a fun day interacting and teaching children about Christopher Columbus and exploration. Also in October,

we worked with our community partners, US Marble and Granite, to present a check for \$3000 to Memorial Medical Center's Mammography Assistance Fund. In November, our members had two great ways to kick off the holidays. Members decorated a planter in downtown Springfield for the holidays, while others volunteered at the

Festival of Trees. It was a great year of service in 2013, and we have every intention of keeping it up in 2014!



Members got in the holiday spirit this year by helping at the Festival of Trees and decorating a planter downtown Springfield.

