

#### Women Building Better Communities April 2023

#### Upcoming Events Calendar

April Social Weds., April 5, 5:30 Belly Left Coast, SR More Info <u>HERE</u>

April GMM via Zoom April 26, 6:00-7:30 More info HERE

April DIAD Food for Thought Garden April 15, 10-noon. More info HERE

Flower Arranging April 23, 2-4:00 More info HERE

GLOW Girls Leading Our World

Dates: 4/27 and 5/18.
More info below.

Sustainer/New Member Tea Save the Date! April 29, 2:00-4:00 More info HERE

CalSPAC Spring Conference May 5-7 Sacramento

CalSPAC Day at the Capitol Save the Date! May 8, 2023

Human Race Save the Date! May 13 More info HERE

May GMM May 24, 6:00-7:30 More info HERE

Leadership Day has been postponed

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Ride-a-Rig

#### A Letter from the President

Greetings to you all!

As we enter the month of April, I can't help but think of the adage "April Showers Bring May Flowers." We've certainly had more than our fair share of rain, and I am hoping that April will bring an abundance of warmth and sunshine.



Speaking of rain, it took us on a bit of an adventure for the March DIAD, the meal train for Social Advocates for Youth (SAY). We were within ½ mile of Chris Peterson's house when our cars were stopped due to a road closure because of a rockslide. We ended up having to travel the long way around. Rachel Norwitt was the fearless leader of the caravan and navigated us the extra 25 minutes to get to Chris's using the backroads. We had a ton of fun while figuring out how to improvise the recipe and how it was put together! The event really was a testament to the spirit of JLNS; adapt to whatever the situation throws at you and have fun while doing it.

At the March GMM, we had a wonderful recap of past signature projects presented by Linda Stevenson and Lynn Dorsey. Like many others, I'm always inspired hearing about what JLNS has accomplished in Napa and Sonoma Counties. We learned about projects such as the Valley of the Moon Children's Home, the Children's Museum, VOICES, CASA, etc.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the virtual GMM on April 26th! As a reminder, it will be a voting meeting.

With constant gratitude, I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Corey Theune
President 2022-24

# BETTER JUNIOR LEAGUE TOGETHER

#### It's Dues Time!

Dear Valued Member of the Junior League,

While these past few years have been far from normal, we still successfully completed events that positively impacted our community thanks to your loyal JLNS membership.

Last year, we supported various organizations with donations, grants, and volunteer time: Our Village Closet, The Living Room Women's Shelter, VOICES Youth Center, Redemption House, Princess Project, Ride-A-Rig, Sparkle Foundation, and more. We were also excited to get our GLOW (Girls Leading Our World) Signature project running again and help girls at Roseland University Prep navigate real-world challenges.

As we approach a new JLNS year, we hope you will continue to support the Junior League's mission by renewing your membership with us. Your support and commitment enable us to continue our mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

The membership renewal form can be found HERE and payment can be made <u>online</u> (if any of your contact information has changed, please contact secretary@jlns.org) or via snail mail.

With Gratitude, Junior League Napa-Sonoma UPDATE YOUR JLNS INFORMATION

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The Junior League of Napa-Sonoma thanks you for your membership. Please help us plan for next year by paying your membership dues by April 30th, 2023.

In addition to your membership dues, we ask that you consider supporting the League by contributing to one of our endowment funds. All funds gathered help the League support our members and community. The optional contribution funds are:

- Annual Giving Campaign: We encourage all members to donate to annual giving as it encourages greater community support if our members support this campaign. Funds donated will be used to fund community projects, member training, and other League expenses.
- Bunny O'Brien Memorial Scholarship Fund: Monies in this fund are used to alleviate financial hardship for prospective and current members of JLNS.
- McNear Endowment Fund: These are restricted funds held in reserve for projects or other needs deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Please contact your Placement Advisor no later than April 15th, 2023, if you wish to arrange a dues payment plan or be considered for a scholarship. All payment plans are confidential, and all payment plan dues are non-refundable in whole or in part. Committee placements for the year are not confirmed until your dues have been paid (or payment arrangements have been made).

If you are paying online by credit or debit card, please click "Member Area" on our <a href="www.jins.org">www.jins.org</a> home page and then click "Dues." There you will have the option to pay membership dues. If you would also like to donate, please click "Donate" on the same page as the "Dues" link. If you prefer to pay by check, return this form with your check made payable to "JLNS" by April 30th, 2023, and mail it to JLNS TREASURER, EMILY BOIES, P.O. Box 5752 Santa Rosa, CA 95402.

The IRS has ruled that dues to charitable organizations are deductible if, in return, the member receives no substantial personal benefit. Accordingly, the Junior League of Napa-Sonoma does qualify as a charitable contribution for members. Tax laws change yearly; please consult your accountant (Tax ID#68-0206018). If you have questions regarding the online payment process, please email info@jins.org.

## secretary@jlns.org with any informational changes. Member Name: Phone Number: Email Address: Mobile Phone: Mailing Address:

Please note any contact information changes in the spaces below. If there are changes and you are paying online, please email

| Membership Status (Select One): | Active                 |  | Honored Active                               |            | Honored Active Gold |  |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|------------|---------------------|--|
|                                 | Sustainer              |  | Emeritus*                                    |            |                     |  |
|                                 |                        |  | *Members aged 80 and above, no dues required |            |                     |  |
| Membership Dues:                | Active Dues            |  | \$140 (JLNS \$97 /                           | AJLI \$43) | \$                  |  |
|                                 | Sustainer Dues         |  | \$105 (JLNS \$62 /                           | AJLI \$43) | \$                  |  |
|                                 | Late Fee**             |  | \$25   |            | \$                  |  |
| Optional Contributions:         | Annual Giving Campaign |  |  |            | \$                  |  |
|                                 | Bunny O'Brien Fund     |  |  |            | \$                  |  |
|                                 | McNear Endowment Fund  |  |  |            | \$                  |  |
|                                 |                        |  |  | TOTAL      | \$                  |  |

#### **Happy Hour Social**

<sup>\*\*</sup>PLEASE NOTE: Dues postmarked after April 30th, 2023, are considered late, and MUST include a late fee of \$25.00 per the Board of Directors.



JOIN JLNS FOR

### Happy Hour Social



WED, APRIL 5TH 5:30PM

BELLY LEFT COAST 523 FOURTH ST, DOWNTOWN SR

LEAGUE MEMBERS &
POTENTIAL MEMBERS WELCOME!

RSVP: MEMBERSHIP@JLNS.ORG

#### Flower Arranging Anyone?

Join us for an afternoon with Sustainer Kathleen Nordin on Sunday, April 23rd from 2:00-4:00. She will show us how to make a beautiful flower centerpiece arrangement. Cost is \$20 prepaid to secure your spot. (Because flowers are perishable, refunds will only be given if your spot can be replaced.) Kathleen will provide all the materials needed for this workshop. The event limit is 8 and is full - but please add yourself to the waitlist as there are often last minute cancellations. Find out more HERE



#### **Princess Project DIAD**









#### **Food For Thought Garden DIAD**

Come out to beautiful Forestville to volunteer at the Food For Thought Garden on Saturday, April 15th from 10:00-Noon!

We will follow up with a no-host lunch social at Sonoma Pizza Co. Want more info? HERE



Join us for a volunteer day at the

#### **Food For Thought garden**

2022 grant recipient

#### Saturday April 15th 10:00am - 12:00pm

6550 Railroad Ave Forestville





Dear League Members,

We hope you are planning to join us at the upcoming Association of Junior Leagues International 101st Annual Conference! As you know, this year's theme is Leading the Way for Change, and plans are revving up for what we hope will be an exciting and impactful time together.

For more than 100 years, the women of the Junior League movement have proven to be thoughtful and influential change agents. Women who need to be celebrated. As we thought of ways that our Leagues celebrate and honor each other, we realized that The Junior League doesn't have a symbolic flower. Many of you are used to the concept of having a symbolic flower; whether it was your Girl Scout troop, your sorority, other service clubs or even your state. For example Girl Scouts uses the daisy since their founder Juliette Gordon Lowe's nickname was Daisy. Mary Harriman, Junior League's founder was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma whose symbolic flower was the fleur-de-lis (or iris) - representative of their colors; their jewel was sapphire – a symbol of truth, sincerity, and constancy. The Junior League was founded in New York State and the state flower for New York is a rose (any color).

AJLI is excited to be implementing a symbolic component to its legacy - and just in time to unveil at this year's conference.

We want you to be part of the selection! <u>Click HERE</u> to submit your thoughts as to what flower you believe would be a great representation of The Junior League. Which flower best represents The Junior League? Submit your best ideas for consideration by midnight, April 15.

Looking forward to some great submissions!

The AJLI Team

#### **Sonoma County Human Race**

Hey, Junior Leaguers! There are opportunities to help the Sonoma County Human Race - <u>Join the team</u> or volunteer with the Membership Council at the JLNS table in the Community Village. Any questions about tabling: membership@jlns.org.

Official sign up for the 5K is <u>here</u>. **Note early bird pricing is \$35 until April 14th!** Then prices go up accordingly.



#### **JOIN US AT THE HUMAN RACE!**

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH 7am-11AM

OLD COURTHOUSE SQUARE, SANTA ROSA
sign up: www.JLNS.org

#### **SAY Meal Train Prep**

Despite a rough start (who could predict a falling rock would block Calistoga Road?!?), members had a great time at Chris Peterson's house making a "Stacked Enchiladas and Salad" meal for 32 youths at <u>Social Advocates for Youth (SAY)</u>. Winter meal support is so important as more youths are served then than during the warmer months.





#### **GLOW Update**

Greetings again from the GLOW committee! Our after-school educational program at Roseland University Prep continues to deliver key life skills and beneficial information.

The March session, our 5th of the school year, focused on "Financial Survival Skills and Money Management." Rebecca Nystrom of Community First Credit Union provided comprehensive topics ranging from how to avoid scams and phishing texts/emails - to the importance of building credit.

The GLOW program (Girls Leading Our World) is living up to its JLNS mission to empower and better prepare young adults. The evaluation forms, submitted by the students following the session, underscored their keen interest and their retention! Per our format, nutritious snacks were provided, along with tasty Cake Pops by Maria Thom. Thanks to our energetic participating members and the faculty of Roseland University Prep.

Upcoming program dates are: Thursday, April 27th and Thursday, May 18th. Topics are still being considered, therefore if you know of an inspiring speaker, please contact either of our members below:

Chris Peterson: (Cell) 707-888-5273; Email: dskinwrks@sonic.net

Katie Bivin: Email: katiebivin1@gmail.com









#### **Nominating & Placement News**

The Nominating & Placement Committee (Chris Peterson and Katie Bivin) are working

with the Sustainer VPs (Patricia Steele and Lynn Dorsey) to put together the 2023-2024 Board. We are pairing Sustainers with Actives to create a synergy of learning and training. We want to highlight the training aspect of Junior League. To be a board member, one needs to have chaired an event or social. You don't need to know the machinations of the board position. That is where the Sustainer support and training comes in. The Sustainer would be your choice. Or you can have someone who has held the position before.

Please consider the board positions of President-Elect, Fund Development VP, Junior SPAC and Junior Treasurer. The incoming Junior SPAC position comes with a bit of fun travel! You will join the current Sr. and Jr. SPAC representatives at the SPAC conference in Sacramento on May 5-8th. The PE, Junior SPAC and Junior Treasurer positions come with the following year in the stepped-up position.

Please contact Katie: <u>Katiebivin1@gmail.com</u> or Chris: <u>dsinwrks@sonic.net</u> with any questions.

#### **AJLI and JLNS Trainings**

Trainings have been a hallmark of the Junior League. Unfortunately, they have taken a backseat in our redirection with COVID.

We want to show what is available going forward. The Nominating and Placement Committee typically keeps track of members' interests and alerts them to matching trainings. Let's create those links again! Feel free to inquire about any training and what specific skillsets will be covered. Trainings happen year-round and all are budgeted except the Southwest Exchange.

Here is the schedule:

May 5-8

SPAC Spring Conference Sacramento Sr. & Jr. & Incoming Jr. SPAC to attend

May 8

Day at the Capitol Sacramento
All members. 2 funded, 3 @ \$75 per person

May 11-13

Annual Conference Indianapolis

President & PE to attend

TBD

NorCal Presidents Conference President & PE to attend

**TBD** 

NorCal Regional 12 funded members

Contact: Chris Peterson (dsinwrks@sonic.net) or Katie Bivin (Katiebivin1@gmail.com)

#### **Sustainer News**

All sustainers have been called to action to support and assist the League! If you'd like to be more involved or become a mentor, please contact Patricia Steele (patricia.steele.jlns@gmail.com) or Lynn Dorsey (lynndorsey321@gmail.com) for more information.

#### **Upcoming Sustainer Council Meetings:**

April 5 – 1:30 pm (location pending)

#### **Sustainer / New Member Tea**

#### Save the Date!

It's the Annual Meet and Greet for Sustainers and New Members! An afternoon tea on Saturday, April 29, 2:00-4:00

Everyone is invited - Sustainers, New Members and Actives alike!

Find more info HERE



#### **SPAC News**

#### **CalSPAC Winter Conference:**

Emily Hoover-Finnigan (Jr. Delegate) & Katie Bivin (Co-Chair) attended. Rachel Farac (Sr. SPAC Delegate) was unable to attend.

#### **Supported Legislation:**

Family Support

AB 899

Health

AB 90

Education

AB 230

SB 691

Anti-Human Trafficking

AB 1394

Violence Prevention

AB 330

AB 479

SB 603

#### **Sponsored Legislation:**

SB 848

#### **Upcoming CalSPAC Conference Dates**

Spring Conference/Sacramento: Friday, May 5-Sunday, May 7, 2023

Day at the Capitol/Sacramento: Monday, May 8, 2023

\*The CalSPAC budget has funds to pay for 2 tickets for 2 JLNS members to DATC. Please immediately contact Rachel Farac, Emily Hoover-Finnigan or Katie Bivin if you are interested in attending.

#### **More SPAC News**

Junior League of Los Angeles hosts Junior Leagues of California State Public
Affairs Committee 2023 Winter Conference
NEWS PROVIDED BY EIN Presswire, Mar 31, 2023

The Junior Leagues of California State Public Affairs Committee (CalSPAC), an all-volunteer, non-partisan education and advocacy organization comprised of a 38-woman Delegation from 17 Junior Leagues across California, representing over 6,000 women statewide, held its 2023 winter conference on March 24-26, 2023 at the Junior League of

Los Angeles (JLLA). CalSPAC has a 50-year track record of advocacy for policies that improve the lives of California women, children, and families. Its Delegation demonstrates the impactful contributions of Junior League women across our state.

By using its collective voice, CalSPAC advocates for legislation impacting its five community-based issue areas that address education, family support, health, anti-human trafficking, and violence prevention. The volunteer organization has sponsored over 12 legislative bills that have become law, and the group has greatly impacted our state. Leading CalSPAC are **Co-Chairs Katie Bivin**, **Junior League of Napa-Sonoma**, and Lena Ross, Junior League of Orange County, who remarked that "CalSPAC takes action on state and national issues that affect our projects, priority issues, and communities primarily by sponsoring and supporting legislation."

Winter conference chair Amy Mathias, along with Jill Brownfield, both from the Junior League of Los Angeles, coordinated the meeting to educate and inform the CalSPAC Delegation about the legislative process, educate new members about advocacy and public policy, coordinate the exchange of information from community-based league projects to policymakers, while receiving training on budget advocacy, supporting legislation, and current affairs. Guest speakers highlighting Women's History Month included Joy C. Williams, President, Junior League of Los Angeles; Nithya Raman, Los Angeles City Councilmember, 4th District; Sumaya Nahar, legislative analyst, Political Solutions; Joy Burkhard, Founder and Executive Director of Policy Center, Maternal Mental Health, formerly 2020 Mom; and Cristina Rivard, Strategic Planning Chair, Junior League of Los Angeles.

One of the most notable pieces of legislation that CalSPAC sponsored was AB2268, the Bicycle Helmut Law. The organization has also supported or sponsored several other pieces of legislation, including AB2878, which provided breast cancer treatment for uninsured women; AB172, which provided significant funds for, and expanded, preschool programs; and ACR 105, that designated the month of May as perinatal depression month in California while also establishing the California Maternal Mental Health Collaborative, chaired by former Assemblywoman Christina Garcia, (D-58). The collaboration was supported by California's Departments of Health Care Services, Public Health, and Mental Health; First 5 California, among others.

JLLA President Joy C. Williams remarked, "CalSPAC is a valuable asset to the Association of Junior Leagues, International. Out of 294 Leagues in four countries, the organization is one of only eight State Public Affairs Committees."

This year's CalSPAC Trainer is Andi Fetzner, Junior League of Los Angeles. Women in California are encouraged to join Junior League and become delegates. CalSPAC provides the education, training, and empowerment to enable women to collaborate on public policy, analyze a legislative bill, and make a positive difference. Rounding out the leadership with Ms. Fetzner, **Ms. Bivin**, and Ms. Ross, the CalSPAC Advisor and immediate past Co-Chair Jocelyn Ferguson, Junior League of Pasadena. Ms. Ferguson commented, "CalSPAC is a safe learning environment where women from diverse, multicultural backgrounds come together to develop, support, or sponsor legislation in California. We applaud our volunteers and their commitment and advocacy for creating sustainable change and being change-makers. We are Junior League women building better communities together!"

The Junior League of Los Angeles is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

## HOW YOUR JUNIOR LEAGUE CAN SUPPORT CALSPAC'S SB 848

California Senate Bill 848, authored by Senator Susan Rubio, would ensure employees are allowed to take up to five days of reproductive loss leave following a miscarriage, unsuccessful assisted reproduction, failed adoption, failed surrogacy, diagnosis negatively impacting pregnancy, diagnosis negatively impacting fertility, or stillbirth. This leave would additionally apply to the individual's spouse or domestic partner, or another co-parenting individual, if that individual would have been a parent of a child had they been successful. Existing family leave programs are limited in scope and access and do not fully apply to all persons impacted.

CalSPAC Delegates have worked with California state legislators, Legislative Counsel, committee staff, and several organizations to draft and sponsor SB 848 on behalf of and in service to women and couples throughout the state who experience reproductive loss. CalSPAC strongly believes that California employees deserve the security of job protection when taking employment leave to heal from these devastating reproductive loss events.

#### **Suggested Home League Actions**

- · Publicize bill language and fact sheets to League members via email and social media
- Request brief 1-3 sentence testimonials from League members with lived experience related to the bill's focus of reproductive loss employment leave to be used in supporting materials (Note: testimonials can be posted anonymously, if requested)
- Work with your CalSPAC Delegate to draft a Letter of Support on behalf your League to be submitted to the bill Author's office
- Create a list of organizations in your League area that address issues surrounding the bill's focus of reproductive loss to submit to your CalSPAC Delegate for further outreach
- Stay up-to-date on bill progress and actions items by visiting CalSPAC's Legislative Support Tracker (LST): www.CalSPACtracker.org
- Reserve time at League GMM's and other meetings for CalSPAC Delegates to provide additional background and training about the bill and California's legislative process
- Ask League members phone to call their legislators' Capitol Office to vote in support of the bill before committee hearings and full floor votes
- · Attend committee hearings in person to provide public comment in support of the bill
- For more information, contact your CalSPAC Delegate

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**Winter Conference Highlights** 











#### Day at the Capitol

Join CalSPAC in celebrating our 50+ years of State advocacy at our 2023 Day at the Capitol event in Sacramento, California on Monday, May 8th.

Programming runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will include California State Senator and Assemblymember speakers, a luncheon where we will be presenting our Legislator of the Year Awards, Capitol Hill tours, as well as other fun and educational activities. Tickets are \$75 and three (3) tickets are available per Junior League.

Celebrate CalSPAC's 50+ years of State Advocacy at



#### Monday May 8th, 2023

9am - 4pm Speakers, Luncheon, Tours, & Activities Hyatt Regency - Capitol View Room (15th Floor) 1209 L Street, Sacramento, California 95814

#### \$75 per ticket

3 additional tickets available for purchase per CalSPAC Member League



#### **Show Off Your JLNS Pride!**

Show off your JLNS pride by wearing your name tag, JL pin or JLNS tee to every JL meeting, DIAD or event where you are representing our League.

Don't have what you need? Contact Katie Behrhorst (membership@jlns.org) and she can help get you situated! And if you need a binder, she can assist with that, too!



The t-shirt is short sleeved and runs a little small (sizes s,m,l,xl,xxl available).

#### Join Our Facebook Group!

Come join us for informal chats on Facebook with all of your JLNS friends! Organize carpools, meet ups and share ideas. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/jlnschat/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/jlnschat/</a>



#### **The League Cares**

#### THE LEAGUE CARES

Before the pandemic, every general meeting we passed around our "TLC" box as a way to stay connected to our members. As it's passed around, you could put in a note requesting a card for a League member to celebrate good news or send supportive thoughts in a difficult time -- did they get a promotion at work? Have a new baby? Been sick? Are they grieving a family member or beloved pet? Our TLC box is funded by member donations.

This thoughtful service is still available to all League members -- if you know of a member who would appreciate a TLC card, please email board@jlns.org.



#### **OUR MISSION**

The Junior League of Napa-Sonoma is an organization of women committed to**promoting voluntarism**, **developing the potential of women and improving communities** through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

#### **OUR VISION**

We will be an active and diverse group of trained volunteers who are committed to positively impacting the lives of children and families.

JLNS is a member of the <u>Association of Junior Leagues International</u>, Inc. which includes over 290 Leagues in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and England.

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