



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SCHENECTADY AND SARATOGA COUNTIES

# SCHENEXUS

## President's Message

March 2009



"You must be the change you want to see in the world."  
– Mahatma Gandhi

I was reading something the other day and as I thought about it later in the day, it really touched me... *It is not who I am or what I can accomplish but who we are and what we can accomplish.*

Throughout the years this is exactly what the Junior League has stood for, we are not one but we are whole and together we can and do make a difference. This economic downturn has surely affected us all, but it also makes us vibrantly aware of what we have and what we can give to help others. In many instances, it is not only monetarily that we need to give, but to give of ourselves and this is truly a commodity that we can all afford.

On Saturday, February 21, JLSS held its very first "Super Volunteer Saturday" and I am so proud of what was accomplished. In just a few hours on a single day, our volunteers provided food for the City Mission, helped children learn about science at the Schenectady Museum and Suites Bueche Planetarium, while our provisional new members assisted the Umbrella organization with its office procedures and played bingo with the seniors at Ellis Hospital. All in all, there were over 20 women who came out and supported these activities. These are the first steps needed to build a better tomorrow.

Do you have a few hours to give of yourself? If so, please mark your calendars for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month and check out our website to see what we have planned and join us. Together we will make a difference in our communities.

### **Mission Statement**

***The Junior League of Schenectady and Saratoga Counties is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.***

### **2008-2009 JLS Officers**

**President:** Deneen Palmateer

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## ROSE BALL – THANK YOU

On Friday, February 13, JLSS held its Rose Ball at the Edison Club. At the ball, there was a silent auction, amazing giveaways, delicious food and decadent banana crepes, and fabulous dancing to the music of T.S. Ensemble. It truly was a night to remember and the League benefited by making over \$5,000 to use on future community projects and programs.

There are so many members of the League and especially our new provisional members who need to be personally thanked for their generous support of the event and for helping to make the evening so enjoyable.

First, a special thank you to our honorary committee of past presidents led by Anne Phillips. When Anne was asked if she would help organize the honorary committee for the Rose Ball, she accepted immediately, began working and organizing to get the letters mailed out. As is often said, once you are in the League, you are always in the League and certainly this honorary committee was filled with those special members.

Secondly, the Ways and Means Committee together with many provisional members gathered many of the silent auction items. They coordinated donations and tracked solicitations.

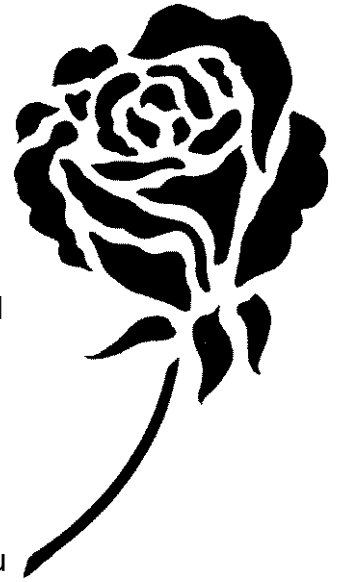
Lastly, but certainly not least, a very, very special thank you to the following businesses and League members who donated items to make the evening such a success:

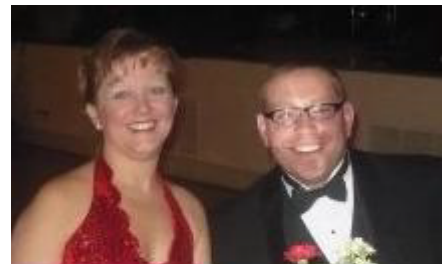
LaCucina Urbana (chef Rob Gravel); Wine Down Lounge; Lyn Niemeyer (Mary Kay); Lia Sophia; LT's Grill; Letter Perfect; Exit 9 Wine and Liquors; Sondra's Fine Jewelry; El Loco Mexican Cafe; Renaissance Gallery; Comfort Inn; Taj Mahal; Niskayuna Wine & Liquors; BJ Pierce (Arbonne); Holiday Inn of Schenectady; Proctor's; Parker Inn; Virgil's Coffee House; Runi Image Center and Marilyn Gibbons (facials and massages); Saratoga Trunk; Gregg St. Clair, L.A.c; Hair and Body Essentials; Parkwood Wine; Saratoga Sweets; Ed Hubbell; Persnickety's Gift Shop; ERock (Rock Climbing Gym); Fusion Healing Arts; Carol Schwiezer (Carlisle Collections); Elements in Healing; Gideon Putnam; Schenectady YWCA; Gold's Gym; Keyano Aromatics; Photo Image; Sherri Paul's Salon; SQ One Heating and Cooling; TARA; Tri-City Valley Cats.

The grand prize winner of the evening was Anne Phillips who received use of a limousine for 3 hours, donated by Premier Limo, and a \$100 gift certificate for dinner donated by Chez Sophie.

Whether you were a member of the honorary committee, attended the event, or supported it through gathering donations, this was truly a combined effort and without each and every one of you, the evening would not have been nearly so special.

THANK YOU ALL!!!





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Additionally, Bellevue Woman's Hospital is in need of clothing for newborns and infants. Donations of newborn, 3-6 months and 6-12 months sized items would be greatly appreciated. Clothing should be clean and in good condition.

Donations will be accepted at JLSS Headquarters on March 21 and April 18 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. If you aren't able to make these dates/times, donations are also being accepted by Jae Tracey at 1169 Parkwood Blvd, Schenectady. You may contact Jae via email at [jrster31@gmail.com](mailto:jrster31@gmail.com) or by phone at 280-4826.

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## **PROVISIONAL CLASS UPDATE**

Our recruitment was very successful this year, with 21 amazing women ultimately joining our expanded League; and next year already looks to be another exciting one for Membership. We have already had a number of women contact us for information about the 2009-2010 provisional class. Although the League is busy with its current provisional class, we don't want to lose track of any new potential members. Our recruitment period will begin seriously in June, but in the interim, if you know someone with an interest in joining JLSS, please let one of our membership chairs, Julie White Eklund or Shannon Kelly, know. Their contact information is below. They will keep potential members up-to-date on the League's volunteer and social activities and invite them along as our guests when possible. Potential members can even submit their application; we just can't accept their check for their provisional year until June 1.

The Membership Committee also intends to expand its duties next year to organize more social events for members. After all, our interest in our membership doesn't end once you have completed the provisional year! If you have any ideas for fun member activities, or would like to help, please contact Julie, who will be chairing Membership next year. Shannon Kelly - shanksun17@yahoo.com - 377-0591 Julie White Eklund - juliewhite@yahoo.com - 275-5833 Or, you can mail your information to: Membership Committee, Junior League of Schenectady-Saratoga, PO Box 857, Schenectady, NY 12301.

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## **PROVISIONAL PROJECT UPDATE**

The 2008-09 Provisional Class project has been approved by the JLSS Board of Directors and is well underway. The class has dedicated its efforts to serving the elderly populations of Schenectady and Saratoga Counties. Two organizations will benefit: Umbrella of the Capital District and Ellis Hospital Rehabilitation Center.

Umbrella of the Capital District is a seniors-helping-seniors organization. Their mission is to assist the elderly with staying in their homes. They utilize a workforce comprised of senior volunteers to perform safety checks and home maintenance services at low- or no-cost. The provisional class will work with Umbrella to enhance and develop business plans, marketing strategies and accounting processes to ultimately increase their outreach and service capabilities.

Ellis Rehabilitation Hospital and Umbrella will both be included in a variety of Done-in-a-Day projects that began in the month of February. The class has dubbed the third Saturday of every month "Senior Saturdays." The goal of these DIADs is to incorporate more of a hands-on experience with the senior population into the project.

The inaugural Senior Saturday was February 21 at Ellis Rehabilitation Center in Schenectady. The class led a rousing round of BINGO complete with fabulous prizes. However, the real goal is to provide much needed companionship to many forgotten residents. The second Senior Saturday will be hosted at Ellis as well on Saturday, March 21 and will feature beauty makeovers.

The 2008-09 Provisional Class welcomes all JLSS members to the Senior Saturday DIADs. Be sure to watch for upcoming dates and details.

## SCHENECTADY CITY MISSION - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED



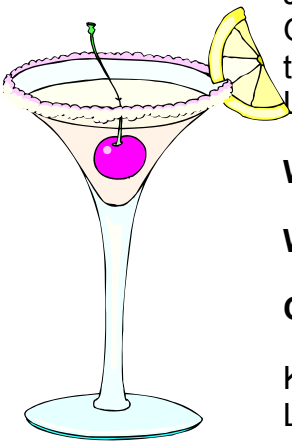
In January, 15 members of the League volunteered to serve dinner at the City Mission in Schenectady. We served over 80 dinners that day. While we were volunteering, one of our sustainer volunteers, Joanne Coppola, discovered that on Saturdays the Mission does not have desserts to provide with dinner because there are not enough for the week. Joanne immediately wanted to help. The League has now adopted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month to help the City Mission. League members are responsible for baking desserts. Thanks to Joanne who saw a need and jumped at the chance to help. This is why the women of JLSS are so special!!!! Thank you, Joanne.

If you would like to volunteer to help by baking, please contact Joanne at [jojocoppola@hotmail.com](mailto:jojocoppola@hotmail.com). This is just one more way we can make a difference with just a little bit of our time.

## UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Join us for our **April General Membership Meeting** on Tuesday, **April 7** at 6 p.m. We will be meeting at the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce on State Street. The Board Room is located on the third floor. Note that this is a walk-up location - no elevator is available. Parking is available on State Street or you can use the parking lot near Katie O'Byrnes. Our guest speaker for this meeting will be Heather Kisselbach, COO of Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York. Also at this meeting, we will be voting on the budget for the 2009-2010 League year. A copy of the proposed budget is enclosed. Please review it in advance and come with any questions.

Come celebrate the end of the 2008-2009 League year with us! You and a guest are cordially invited to attend the **spring dinner meeting** of the Junior League of Schenectady. The spring dinner meeting is our May General Membership Meeting. At this meeting, we will officially welcome the provisional class to the League and have the presentation of our League awards.



**WHEN:** Tuesday, **May 12** at 6 p.m.

**WHERE:** Mallozzi's Restaurant, 1930 Curry Road, Schenectady

**COST:** \$30 per person

Kindly respond by May 1 by making your check payable to: "The Junior League of Schenectady," PO Box 857, Schenectady, NY 12301

Entree choices for the evening include stuffed pork or baked haddock. Please indicate your meal preference when responding.

If you have any questions regarding the dinner or if you need directions, please contact Jackie at 207-7692 or [jacquelinecbaker@hotmail.com](mailto:jacquelinecbaker@hotmail.com).



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**Happy Birthday to all of our members celebrating birthdays...**



**MARCH**

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Kimberly Gordon  
Nancy Hart  
Jet Jackson  
Shannon Kelly  
Elaine Kennedy  
Melissa Klapp  
Molly MacElroy  
Debbie Mullaney  
Patricia Purcell  
Carol Schweizer

**APRIL**

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Sheelagh Baily  
Deanna Fox  
Nora Jaski  
Elizabeth Komiat  
Lois Matocha  
Kathy Ozimek  
Wendy Race  
Patty Rowledge  
Janet Tracey  
Kathy Van Allen  
Karen Wells

**MAY**

Pat Abel  
Jacqueline Baker  
Nancy Beekman  
Mary Ellen Brockbank  
Sandra Buhrmaster  
Gloria Ericson  
Peggy Gaines  
Rita Glavin  
Eileen Johnson  
Karen Johnson  
April Kearns  
Julie Liss  
Melissa Palmucci  
Kathleen Schoolcraft  
Suzann Smart  
Kathy Smigen  
Sarah Stotz  
Nancy Teichner  
Shari Trudell  
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**EAGER LEAGUER RECOGNITION**



**Lyn Neimeyer** – Lyn is one of our provisional members and exemplifies all of the fabulous traits the Junior League admires including the fact that she doesn't even know the meaning of the word "no." When asked for something, she just says "yes" and then figures out how to get it done. When time was getting short, Lyn jumped right in and put together the program for the Rose Ball's silent auction and set up the entire silent auction at the Ball. Additional, Lyn as a Mary Kay representative donates 30% of all purchases by Junior League members back to the League. In these tough economic times, we are so grateful for her volunteer contributions and support.

A very special thank you to Lyn and her wonderfully supportive husband Chad for all that they do for our League.

**DUES AND SCCC SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER**

Just a friendly reminder that it's that time of year when annual League dues are due. The cost for active members is \$100 and \$80 for sustainers dues. Sustainers also have the opportunity to contribute to the SCCC Scholarship fund. Please make your check payable to the Junior League of Schenectady and mail to: PO Box 857, Schenectady, NY 12301.

Also, remember that the League is approved for the GE matching gifts program. If you are an employee, retiree or retiree's surviving spouse, you may be eligible to double your donation to the League. Learn more at [www.gefoundation.com](http://www.gefoundation.com).

## 2009-2010 APPROVED SLATE OF OFFICERS

At the General Membership Meeting on January 13, members voted on the slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee for the 2009-2010 League year. The slate was unanimously approved by the members. The following women will serve on our 2009-2010 Junior League board:

**President Elect:** Jacqueline Baker

**Treasurer:** Patty Rowledge

**Treasurer Elect:** Sarah Stotz

**Secretary:** Lisa Grieg

**Membership:** Julie Eklund

**Ways and Means:** BJ Pierce

**Nominating:** Amy Raimo

**Community:** Shannon Kelly

**Communications:** Kathy Van Allen

**Nominating committee:** Deneen Palmateer, Denise Murphy-McGraw, Diane Jacko

Congratulations and thank you to each of you!

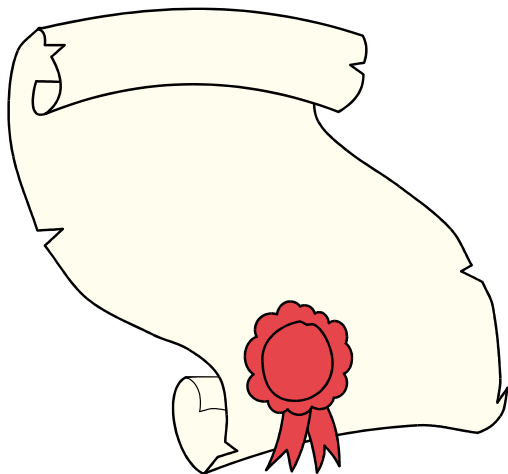


## 2009 COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS

We are very proud to announce that three of our members are being honored with various awards in the month of March.

The YWCA is recognizing **Amy Van Voast Raimo** and **Suzann Smart** with the 2009 Women of Achievement award for their leadership and volunteerism and is also honoring **Denise Murphy McGraw** with the President's Circle Award during their Women of Achievement dinner on March 18, 2009. In addition, **Denise Murphy McGraw** is being honored with the Girl Scout's of Northeastern New York Distinguished Community Leader award at their Women of Distinction ceremony on March 26, 2009.

Please join us as we congratulate each of these dedicated and fabulous women as they are an inspiration to us all. Congratulations ladies!!!!



## "GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

**ACTIVE:** Diane Newell Jacko --This lady absolutely KILLS me!! I chose her for this article because I find her fascinating (and I'm sure you will too)!! After her book, JOCK MOMMA, was published, Diane became a "world-class carpooler and trophy duster whose skill set made her a much sought after appendage at all the finer tournaments as long as she brought the minivan". She is a self-described "Manhattan pied-a-terre grande dame of grace and dignity". Among Diane's accomplishments: Published in The New York Times, a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow, New York Educator of the Week, listee in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, president/emcee of American Association of University Women, Club of College Women, and "momma" to Brad, Craig, and Shawn. She aspires to be a member of the Jeopardy Clue Crew, a medical school "cadaver", Oscar seat filler, NYS US Senate term completer, and Think Tanker. Most recently she has appeared as "Minnie Pearl" and "Professor Harold Hill"/"Trouble" on the College Scholarship Benefit stage. Diane noted that because of the Junior League's outstanding reputation and history of service in the social, educational, health, and advocacy sectors, she is delighted to join her daughter in this important organization. As a bonus, she said, "I have the opportunity to serve the community with vital and like-minded women." One of her favorite activities is "Aw-RIGHT!-ing"

**PROVISIONAL:** Jennifer Hoffman -- Originally from Binghamton, Jennifer moved to Albany to complete a B.S. in Business Administration and Accounting at Saint Rose. In the Human Resources profession for over 10 years, mostly at GE in various roles, Jennifer is currently employed at Albany Molecular Research as an HR Manager, focusing on HR information systems, compensation, and employment law and practices. An avid golfer, she is a member of the Executive Women's Golf Association. Jennifer also enjoys tennis, gardening, traveling, spending time with family and friends, and working with her husband renovating their Clifton Park home.

**PROVISIONAL:** Kathy Ozimek -- A graduate of Siena College with a B.S. in Marketing and Management, Kathryn Landolfi Ozimek, is in Human Resources for GE Corporate in Schenectady. She lives in Clifton Park with her husband Michael and their two sons.

**PROVISIONAL:** Melissa Palmucci -- Melissa serves as Director of the MBA Program at University at Albany. A graduate of University of Buffalo with a Master's in Student Affairs Administration, Melissa is Chapter President of the UB Alumni Chapter in Albany. A native of Buffalo, she has lived in Schenectady with her husband, Nick, for the last three years. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, golfing, and working on house projects.



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## **JLS UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

- March 21 (Saturday) - Super Volunteer Saturday (Schenectady Museum, Ellis Hospital, Clothing Drive Drop-off, Dessert Baking for City Mission)
- April 7 (Tuesday) 6 p.m. - General Membership Meeting (Schenectady Chamber of Commerce)
- April 18 (Saturday) - Super Volunteer Saturday (Schenectady Museum, Ellis Hospital, Clothing Drive Drop-off, Dessert Baking for City Mission)
- May 5 (Tuesday) 5:30 p.m. - Board Meeting (Headquarters)
- May 12 (Tuesday) 6:00 p.m. - Spring Dinner Meeting (Mallozzi's Restaurant)

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