

Cultivating Community...

Celebrating Commitment

Twenty Years

1978 - 1998



Women Building a Stronger Community

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SIOUX FALLS

MISSION STATEMENT:

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SIOUX FALLS 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. THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SIOUX FALLS REACHES OUT TO WOMEN OF ALL RACES, RELIGIONS AND NATIONAL ORIGINS WHO DEMONSTRATE AN INTEREST IN AND COMMITMENT TO VOLUNTARISM.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP OR REINSTATEMENT, PLEASE CALL THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SIOUX FALLS AT 336-9469 OR WRITE TO THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SIOUX FALLS, 3101 W. 41ST ST., SUITE 208, SIOUX FALLS, SD 57105.

What is the Junior League of Sioux Falls?

In 1978, seven women had the foresight to organize a Junior Service League in Sioux Falls. After hundreds of volunteer hours of organizing and planning fund-raisers, researching and implementing community projects and educating the members, The Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) accepted their application in 1985 to become the Junior League of Sioux Falls.

Nationally, the Junior League evolved out of the social work movement of the early 1900's. These early women rolled bandages, worked in settlement houses and did polite volunteer work. Currently, the AJLI is over 193,000 women strong in 293 Leagues all over the world involved in the critical needs of today's fast paced world.

The Junior League of Sioux Falls is comprised of 150 women who tackle a wide range of issues such as child and teen health, housing, women's health issues, domestic violence and senior citizen well-being. These issues and others are addressed through community projects. They are researched thoroughly, and a so-

lution is found. These solutions are in the form of Community Agencies, large fund-raisers with awareness campaigns, or one-time fairs and seminars. Typically, these projects are developed for a determined time and then are turned over to the community to continue.

We also offer our members training to become effective volunteers in the community. This training takes on many forms such as holding chairmanships within the organization, bringing in an expert to educate the members, and participating in training seminars conducted by our parent organization, AJLI. Topics may include leadership skills, organizational structure, strategic planning, networking, fund-raising and community impact.

The Junior League process...that of continually working at solving community problems, training and promoting volunteers and developing the potential of women has become an integral part of the community of Sioux Falls.

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In March 1978 seven former AJL members met to discuss the possibility of starting a service league in Sioux Falls with the goal to become a Junior League. These seven members included **Jean Anstine, Kris Egger, Susan Hagen, Karen Kirkeby, Jeanne Kracht, Sandee Scheel** and **Marilyn Selkirk**. All of us knew that the task ahead was a BIG one, but we felt that there was a great potential for organized voluntarism in Sioux Falls and that a service league was needed here. Our first organized effort was to determine if there was interest and a support group in the community for this type of organization. We organized an open meeting to inform the young women of the community of the concept of voluntarism through a service league. Nearly 100 women attended the May 23rd meeting. Former AJL members hosted the meeting, and in two hours tried to give an overview of the Junior League. JoAnn Grueskin, a former president of the Sioux City Junior League, was the guest speaker.

During the summer months of 1978, the original AJL members formed into a steering committee. They met bi-weekly to elect officers, draw up by-laws, incorporate and establish a course of action and timeline for the first Junior Service League year. It was decided to focus on education the first year, i.e. to develop a charter membership who would come to know each other, the purpose and structure of the Junior Service League, and the community before delving into community projects, fund-raising, and placement. To achieve this, it was decided that the entire charter membership would go through a provisional training course the second half of the year.

Initially, only three committees were established: Education to arrange the general meetings, Finance and Fund-Raising which combined the overseeing of financial records with development of fund-raising

ideas, and Provisional Training.

The first general meeting was held on September 14, 1978. At that meeting, sixty-eight women obligated themselves to membership in the Junior Service League of Sioux Falls. These women have the status of charter members. Dues of \$15.00 were collected and each member was asked to serve on one of the three committees. A monthly news sheet called the *LIVEWIRE* was begun in October. In December, the membership received their first printed handbook and membership listing. "A Merry Autumn Outing" was the theme given to our first in-league fund-raiser. This was an evening couples' party featuring an auction of member-donated items. The auction brought in \$3,239.00 that night which was a great boost to the organization -- in money and spirit!

The provisional training course was entitled "Community Focus" and was required of all charter members. We met every other week from February through April and patterned our course after AJL guidelines.

These last few months of the charter year have been busy...we have had election of new officers. The Admissions Committee hosted an April 30th orientation for prospective new members (we have open admissions). The new Nominating and Admissions Committees were elected in May. Our Education Committee "volunteered" to assume the additional role of Placement Committee in March to arrange for and prepare the active membership for placement in the fall. The Finance and Fund-Raising Committee has appointed co-chairmen for our first major community fund-raiser scheduled for late September. We will have a rummage sale at the Sioux Falls Convention Center which has been named "Booming Bargains".

We have had a BUSY year, but we

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are enthused and excited. The first year accomplishments and membership support are beyond our expectations, and the second year promises to be even more exciting.

Susan D. Hagen

Junior Service League President 1978-1979

How gratifying it was to serve as President the year Junior Service League attained Junior League status! Membership in the Association of Junior Leagues had been Junior Service League's major ambition since its inception. Seven years of enthusiastic commitment to voluntarism, diligent attention to detail, and plain old hard work had paid off. On April 10, 1985, we changed our name and became the Junior League of Sioux Falls. What a thrill!

Arlene Kirby, Past President 1984-1985

THE ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR LEAGUES, INC.

February 9, 1985

Arlene Wagner Kirby, President
Junior League of Sioux Falls
2 Riverview Heights
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Dear Arlene:

The Board of Directors today accepted the Junior Service League of Sioux Falls as a member of the Association of Junior Leagues. It will be given Junior League status under the name of the Junior League of Sioux Falls, effective April 1, 1985.

The reports of the Board and Staff members who have visited your organization were most enthusiastic. We are confident that your program will continue to be of interest to all of us in the Association.

It gives us great pleasure to welcome Sioux Falls into the Association.

Sincerely,
Carole P. Hart
President

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The Junior Service League
of Sioux Falls, Incorporated

July 10, 1978

The Incorporators:

Susan Hagen

Kris Egger

Marilyn Selkirk

Sandee Scheel

Jean Anstine

The Charter Members as listed in the First Annual
Report and Membership Listing, 1978-1979:

Jean Welch Anstine
Jan Yeager Bahson
Martha Ludlow Baker
Mary Catherine Lickteig Ball
Lyn Campeau Batcheller
Susan Sisler Blake
Barbara Gieske Bowden
Juli Sullivan Briggs
Becky Brackle Cory
Laura Goeman Donahue
Rosemary Shelton Draeger
Kris Stohl Egger
Celia Hogan Esser
Barb McBride Everist
Carol Miller Everton
Sandy Mickelson Farmer
Jinny Haggardt Faye
Donna Kuhle Flanagan
Barbara Nerison Friess
Claudia Jacobsen Gieske
Bonnie Oestreich Glidewell
Peggy Parker Graff
Karen Paulson Hagen
Susan Devereux Hagen
Ann Boyles Hanson
Patsy Fosheim Hanten
Linda Lander Hartmann
Judy Macy Haugo
Ann Lewis Henkin
Diana Riegel Hohweiler
Gayle Myhre Hooper
Bunny Aikens Howes
Elly Seibert Johnson
Jane Nutter Johnson
Leni Lovre Johnson

Susan Davenport Johnson
Deanna Cutler Junso
Jeanne Rolland Kelly
Arlene Wagner Kirby
Becky Ageton Kirby
Peggy Shock Kirby
Karen Rorem Kirkeby
Anita DeJarlais Klune
Mary Ann Peterson Knutson
Jean Redfield Kracht
Marianne Guinney Larsen
Carol Millinick Lauer
Elaine Miller Licko
Nancy Franzen Liechty
Collette Songer Madison
Susan Everist McMillan
Phyllis Bennett McQuillen
Bobbie Carr Moore
Susan Lepley Mulligan
Susan Purtell Parker
Kay Sauer Rozell
Sandee Larson Scheel
Sue Pollman Scribner
Marilyn Tracy Selkirk
Faith Mertz Sheridan
Helen Fichtler Sougstad
Christie Abel Stevens
Sue Schmid Tower
Linda Jensen Wade
Jane Agee Walling
Nancy Carter White
Pat Drommer Will
Kay Kendrick Wyatt
Lian Anderson Zea

Past Presidents

Susan Devereux Hagen	1978-1979
Kris Stoll Egger	1979-1980
Jane Agee Walling	1980-1981
Barbara McBride Everist	1981-1982
Faith Mertz Sheridan	1982-1983
Nancy Carter White	1983-1984
Arlene Wagner Kirby	1984-1985
Ruth Claussen Parry	1985-1986
Margie Rossow Nelson	1986-1987
Helen Outen Owens	1987-1988
Diane Hanson Hohn	1988-1989
Collette Songer Madison	1989-1990
Casey Everett Murschel	1990-1991
Melissa Miller Radigan	1991-1992
Sue Swiden Aguilar	1992-1993
Pat Schneider Hardie	1993-1994
Chris Heupel McGrann	1994-1995
Pat Harvey Graham	1995-1996
Susan Klebsch Flynn	1996-1997
Cynthia Alvine Phillips	1997-1998

Awards & Recognitions

- 1987 South Dakota Volunteer of the Year Award
1989 AJLI - First Prize in Creative Public Relations Brochures
(*Phone Friend*)
1990 AJLI - First Prize in Creative Public Relations Campaigns
(*Race for the Cure*)
1991 Golden Rule Award (*Race Against Breast Cancer*)
1993 Governor's Volunteer of the Year Award
1997 Friends of the Health Sciences Libraries from South Dakota
Library Association (*Children's Medical Library*)
1998 JC Penney Golden Rule Award
(*Habitat for Humanity House Constructed Primarily by Women*)

Notes from our Current President...

In an article published earlier this year in USA TODAY it was reported that more than half of the nation's adults say they volunteer and think that donating their time is more important now than it was five years ago. When you stop to consider the efforts of volunteers throughout the country you realize how blessed we are to live in a land whose citizens place such a high value on volunteering. Volunteers are at the very heart of our society.

There are well over a million non-profit organizations in America and that number swells to over 2 million when you add in churches and other houses of worship. We recognize the fact that the Junior League of Sioux Falls is therefore part of a non-profit sector that has to compete for a portion of the volunteer pool. This has made it increasingly important to identify what it is that differentiates one organization from another. At the 1998 Annual Conference of the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) this issue was addressed by Carol Kleiner, immediate past-president of AJLI. It is her belief and mine that the League's edge lies in the phrase added to our mission statement at our annual conference 3 years ago - "develop the potential of women". These 5 words define who we are. We do this by giving women an additional

voice in the community, by providing an environment to foster relationships with other women, and by offering both informal and formal opportunities for training.

The Junior League of Sioux Falls has been developing this potential from its inception 20 years ago. It is because of this potential that projects such as the Second Street Manor, the Race Against Breast Cancer, Mentor Mom and the Habitat House Built Primarily By Women came into being. I have personally benefited from the League's mission to develop the potential in women. I am honored to serve as president of the Junior League of Sioux Falls during this anniversary year, but I am in this position only because of the opportunities for personal growth that my involvement with League has afforded me.

Shar McBee in her book *To Lead is to Serve* remarks that people feel happiest when they feel they belong. A dynamic organization is like a beautiful bracelet. Each jewel in the bracelet may be exquisite, but the strength lies in the connection. We invite you to make that connection or share the opportunities for involvement in the Junior League of Sioux Falls with a woman in the community who is looking to make such a connection.

Lorrae Lindquist

President

Junior League of Sioux Falls

1998-1999

JLSF Projects...past and present

Adoption & Foster Care Fair
Adult Day Care Center
Booming Bargains
Bubblonian Encounter
Care Fair
Child Care Learning Lab
Child Sexual Abuse Center
Children's Inn Theraplay Project (Room & Training)
Children's Medical Library
Citizens Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV)
Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)
Delbridge Museum Resource Manual
Girls Club Activity Center
Habitat for Humanity House Constructed Primarily by Women
Household Hazardous Waste Education & Action/"Paint Drop 'N Swap"
Individual Learning Styles
Junior Great Books
Kaleidoscope
Kids 'n Puppetry
Kids on the Block
Mentor Mom
Newcomer Service Directory
Phone Friend
Prairie People State Centennial
Pre-Kindergarten Education
Prison Family Outreach
Protect-A-Life (PAL-Children's Safety Seats)
Ronald McDonald House
Race for the Cure/Race Against Breast Cancer/
Breast Cancer Awareness & Education
Second Street Manor
Senior Daybreak
"Senses 5" Children's Touch 'n Feel Gallery & Traveling Exhibit
Starlab Planetarium
United Cerebral Palsy Auxiliary
Zippity Zoo Day/Evening at the Zoo

