



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
DETROIT

103rd Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration

The Junior League of Detroit gathered together on June 21, 2017 at the Country Club of Detroit for an outdoor terrace reception, dinner, and awards presentations. The dinner was attended by over 100 members and guests.



Scholarships of \$1000 each were presented by Community Grants and Scholarships Committee Co-Chairs Terees Western and Lesley Hairston to 10 graduating seniors from the class of 2017 to pursue their studies in college or university. Congratulations to scholarship recipients Eve Feldman, Sarah Galbenski, Yahaira Gomez, Brenda Harvey, Alanah Herfi, Jordan Polk, Abbey Schuetze, Amayz Smith, Sandy Vu, and Maya Watts.

Community Partner Awards were presented by Community Council Director Mary Hollens to Chick Taylor, City Kitchen, for his endless generosity to our League over the past four years and to Jim Nicholson, PVS Chemicals, for their incredible donation to our 2016 Designers' Show House gala party. The donation was given in memory of JLD Past President Joan Gehrke (1987-1988) who was a longtime employee of PVS Chemicals.



2016-2017 was a banner year for new Active Members. We proudly introduced the 36 graduating members of our Provisional Class as they received their Active Member Certificates from Membership Director Michelle Stallard-Hakim. Our new Actives are Molly Albertson, Jillian Andrews, Hillary Bratten, Rosalyn Baltazar, Taylor Browne, Elizabeth Butler, Antonia Coffey, Amber Cook, LeighAnna Cunningham, Nicole D'Onofrio, Melissa DeSantis, Brittanie Darnell, Wisetta Dolsey, Erica Goldman, Emily Hans, Megan Hellebuyck, Leah Hsieh, Sarah McGuire, Sandra Moore, Stephanie Moreen, Rochelle Morton, Kim Newby, Megan O'Connell, Denise Palmer, Becca Polisuk, Nitya Reddy, Linda Rice, Jill Richter, Trish Savage, Annemarie Scanio, Jocelyn Shires, Amanda Slomski, Anna Stentz, Jamie Lee Stott, and Tracy Thomas.

The Adult Well Being Services Award was presented by Community Director Mary Hollens to Sustainer Rita Goss for all her work at Services for Older Citizens (SOC) as teacher of a course called "Technology Instruction," which is a one-on-one class on computer basics, Smart Phones, and e-readers. Rita's great love and commitment to the older adults in the community truly exemplifies the spirit of the award.





Special Recognition was given to **Volunteer Extraordinaire** Madelyn Fry, who volunteered for 24 JLD events during 2016-2017. They included Volunteer Impact Events, Volunteer Ops Events, Holiday Jubilee, and the Moross Greenway Project. She even marched in the GP Chamber's Santa Claus Parade representing the JLD. Madelyn sets a high bar, truly representative of what the JLD is all about.

The 2017 Committee Award was presented by incoming President Mayra Rodriguez to the Recruitment Committee, who hit the ground running in July and never stopped! They planned and executed 4 new exciting Recruitment events, attracting one of the largest Provisional classes in over 15 years. The Recruitment Committee includes Chairperson Liana Dabir and committee members Nancy Anderson, Catherine Ballinger, Madelyn Fry, Christina Jackson, Carmela Leiter, Cynthia Menna, and Tone Newlove,



The Sustainer Outstanding Service Award was presented by Sustainer Committee Chairperson Rita Goss to two of our dedicated Sustainers, Julie Foust and Jane Reuther. Both of these wonderful Sustainers have answered the JLD call for significant leadership positions and have performed them well for many years. An engraved plaque acknowledging their contributions hangs in the Junior League of Detroit headquarters.



Outgoing President Tanya Rulison acknowledged Active member Michelle Agosta for her hard work chairing Holiday Jubilee by presenting her the **President's Award**. Holiday Jubilee was the most successful annual fundraiser in over 20 years. Each year the President has the privilege of presenting one award to a member who has gone above and beyond.



The highest award the JLD can bestow, the **Placement Award**, is given to a member who best exemplifies the ideals of voluntarism, both within the JLD and in the community. The 2017 Placement Award was presented to Sustainer Terees Western by incoming President Mayra Rodriguez. Terees has always been committed to the ideals, goals, vision and values of the Junior League of Detroit. Her vision is our vision, a league where women excel and are placed firmly on the path to leadership.

Thanks to our Sustainers Diana M. Greenwood and Leslie Martin who took the time to take wonderful pictures of the event. Our Sustainers were well represented, filling two tables at the meeting. We can always count on our Sustainer members to come through for the Junior League of Detroit!



The meeting concluded with outgoing President Tanya Rulison acknowledging the hard work of her 2016-2017 Board of Directors. Incoming President Mayra Rodriguez introduced and welcomed the 2017-2018 Board of Directors. Of course the meeting included passing the gavel from all Past Presidents present at the meeting to the 2017-2018 incoming President Mayra Rodriguez, a long-honored tradition at the Annual Meeting.

President Mayra Rodriguez banged the gavel and the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.