



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
EVANSVILLE**

*Women building better communities*

# League Line

## Hopkins Honored at Annual Sustainer Luncheon

The annual Sustainer Luncheon was held on Friday, May 16, 2014, on a beautiful sunny day at the Evansville Country Club to honor the Helen Klamer Philp Award Winner, **Betsy Hopkins**. The lower ballroom looked springy in colors of hot pink, lime green, bright yellow and bright orange. Sustainer Advisor **Stephanie Morris** welcomed the largest crowd ever gathered for a Sustainer Luncheon. Lunch of salad, ravioli with goat cheese and key lime pie was served.

Stephanie Morris began the program by introducing the speakers. President **Monica Owens** began by highlighting all of the fundraisers and grants during the 2013-2014 League year. JLE members volunteered 861.5 Done in a Day hours during the year—worth \$19,427.05. She recognized one of our Scholarship winners who is a Sustainer and was present in the room, **Janet Keller**. She also highlighted a new fundraiser for the upcoming year, Women's Closet Exchange. (See additional information on page 4.)

The following members were then announced as new Sustainers: **Michelle Brummett, Amy Clements, Tiffany Horn, Liz Jackson, Shawn Mundy, Tiffany Vandeventer** and **Nazan Wolfe**.

Our next speaker was **Jeanie Brubeck**, who gave an overview of Helen Klamer Philp with never-before-known information that Jeanie had found. Mrs. Philp left a bequest to the Junior League of Evansville in her will of \$12,105.63.

JLE was given this bequest in the summer of 1990.



It was then decided to honor Mrs. Philp's endowment with the Helen Klamer Philp Award, which would allow the Sustainer chosen for the award to give a monetary donation to a not-for-profit of her choosing. Jeanie also read a letter from **Sally Becker** about Betsy.



*Clockwise, from top: Sustainer Betsy Hopkins, second from right, poses with her family after receiving the League's Helen Klamer Philp Award. Sustainers and Active members alike turned out at the Evansville Country Club to watch Hopkins accept the award.*

I, **Melissa Wagner**, was the next speaker. I first noted that Betsy joined the Junior League of Indianapolis in 1994 and transferred to Evansville in 1995. She was on the Little Lambs committee and then began chairing Recruitment, Marketing, Membership Education and then was slated to the Executive Board as VP of Administration, President-Elect and then the 2001-2002 President. But what I most wanted to share were my top three remembrances of Betsy while she was President.

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### The Junior League of Evansville, Inc.

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

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#### LeagueLine

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## In Her Own Words...

It has been a privilege to serve as the 2013-2014 President of the Junior League of Evansville. The League has a common purpose and goal, and I am incredibly proud to be part of an organization that cultivates such a deep appreciation of our mission.

The impact each member makes is everlasting and looking back on the year, everyone has many reasons to celebrate. We as an organization:

- Sold 500 cookbooks to a publishing company before the first General Membership meeting
- Welcomed 34 Provisionals
- Donated 861 volunteer hours to our community
- Had a Provisional fundraiser earn \$1,516—despite it being cancelled
- Welcomed a new Community Partner, Dillard's Department Store
- Launched a new fundraising event—Dillard's Fall Into Fashion
- Hosted the Rockin River City Rummage Sale fundraising event
- Donated \$17,500 to our community through Small Grants
- Expanded the Rockin River City Ride to include a GLOW Run
- Welcomed the American Heart Association to join the Rockin River City Ride
- Celebrated the 10-year anniversary of our award-winning cookbook with a Fairy Tale Luncheon honoring Kirsten Wagmeister and her committee.
- Awarded two Meg Dettwiler Memorial Scholarships of \$1,000 each
- Hosted an event for local "tweens" to "Explore Body Confidence and Self Esteem"
- Designed and introduced career-pathing for our members and the interview process for the Executive Board slate
- Had active member Holly Dunn Pendleton recognized as a civic leader by AJLI
- Welcomed more than 180 people to Battle of the Bands, 400 Bike Riders to the RRCR and had more than 500 people register for the GLOW Run
- Presented at AJLI's annual conference regarding the Rockin River City Ride's success as a triple-purpose fundraiser
- And this just in.... the Rockin River City Ride won Honorable Mention for Fund Development from AJLI at the annual convention. This is an AMAZING AWARD and another first for JLE. Toni Freeman, AJLI President, said this about the award: "It is more than just an awards program for our Leagues; it also celebrates the commitment of their volunteer members to enthusiastically live The Junior League's Vision as women around the world who are catalysts for lasting community change."

I thank all of our members, both Actives and Sustainers, for staying true to our mission. Thank you to all of our sponsors and donors for your continued support. We are grateful for your commitment to our community and for standing together with us as we continue to build an even better Evansville.

I wonder if Mary Harriman knew when she organized a group of women in 1901 to volunteer and help others that many years later the Junior League would encompass more than 155,000 women in 293 Leagues in four countries?

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**Monica Owens, President**  
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## JLE Receives Honor at AJLI Annual Conference

The Junior League of Evansville is tremendously excited to share that they received honorable mention at the Association of Junior Leagues International's annual conference in St. Louis. Incoming Junior League of Evansville President **Jamie Scales** and President-Elect **Lisa Vaughan** were official delegates for the event, and active member Mary Legate also attended the May 16 and 17 event.

During this conference AJLI recognized the work of 10 Junior Leagues across four countries, and only two awards were given per category.

"Through our annual awards program, AJLI celebrates the outstanding accomplishments and significant contributions that Junior Leagues make in their communities, day in and day out," said AJLI President Toni Freeman, a member of the Junior League of Charlotte. "But this is more than just an awards program for our Leagues; it also celebrates the commitment of their volunteer members to enthusiastically live The Junior League's Vision as women around the world who are catalysts for lasting community change."

At the conference, Vaughan also presented a workshop called "Three Successful Triple-Purpose Fundraisers," which focused on connecting fundraisers to the Junior League mission, targeting the public and generating healthy net proceeds for your organization. Because of strategic planning and standing by our missions, the Rockin River City Ride has grown to a two-day community event. This accomplishment was recognized by AJLI through presenting the Junior League of Evansville with the award of **Honorable Mention for Fund Development** for this annual fundraiser.

Rockin River City Ride was created to bring awareness to obesity and help in the fight against it. This year, the event included the opportunity for participants to choose from a 3-mile or 5-mile GLOW Run/Walk or a 5K, 25K, 60K or 100K Bike Ride or 5K Heart Walk. The GLOW Run was a new addition to the Rockin River City Ride. It was a unique nighttime event that allowed runners and walkers to enjoy a music-filled glowing course. Funds raised through the Rockin River City Ride will be used to support the Junior League of Evansville, the Evansville Morning Rotary Club and their missions and charities.

-By: *Lori Samples*



*President-Elect Lisa Vaughan presented a workshop at the annual AJLI conference.*

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# Mark Your Calendars: “Confessions of a Shopaholic” Trunk Show Set for August 7

The Junior League of Evansville and the Women’s Closet Exchange of St. Louis are proud to present the first ever “Confessions of a Shopaholic” trunk show and runway event to benefit the Junior League of Evansville. The event will be held Thursday, August 7 at the Evansville Holiday Inn Airport.

Ticket price is \$50, and the event will include a Women’s Closet Exchange trunk show, a designer label fashion show, dinner and door prizes. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., runway show at 7:30 p.m., and the Women’s Closet Exchange trunk show will be open from 6-7:30 p.m. and again after the runway portion of the event.

Women’s Closet Exchange is featured on the show “Resale Royalty,” which follows Sue McCarthy along with her daughters, Diana and Laura, who own and operate one of the best resale stores in the country.

Event Chairs **Lisa Vaughan** and **Nikki Davis** cordially invite you to be a part of the fun and festivities at this one-of-a-kind event. Program sponsorships are also available starting at \$100.

For questions or more details, if you would like to be a table captain, or if you are interested in ad rates, please contact Lisa at [lrhyand@hotmail.com](mailto:lrhyand@hotmail.com) or Nikki at [nikki@davidigitalphotography.com](mailto:nikki@davidigitalphotography.com). To purchase tickets, contact a table captain or call the Junior League of Evansville office at (812) 434-6710.

-By: *Nikki Davis*



*JLE members travelled to the Women’s Closet Exchange this past December to get in some last-minute holiday shopping. The League is partnering with the nationally known resale store on an upcoming fundraiser.*

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My first remembrance was of Betsy's favorite catchphrase, "Chop Chop." The urban dictionary describes it as meaning to "do it now," but in fact, it meant a myriad of things when Betsy used it. In a long and endless board meeting, it meant that she was getting ready to call for the vote. Before a General Membership meeting, it was our 10-minute warning that the meeting would start. But my favorite way she used it was when it meant, "We are the Junior League of Evansville. We are changing lives in the city of Evansville for women, children and education. Let's do this!"

My second—and most favorite memory—is the Golden Barbie. Golden Barbie was the prize given for the Rainmaker Award. The Rainmaker was given to a member who achieved excellent results and made it happen—i.e., "made it rain JLE"— and was presented to one member at each GM meeting. Golden Barbie was a gold spray painted Barbie sans clothing, but she was the "to die for award" of that League year. Memories included how Betsy spray painted the Barbies in her front yard, as well as a bus trip to the Junior League of Indy's Holiday Mart when Betsy bought a golden clip-on ponytail that will forever make her be burned in our memories as the "Golden Barbie President."

The third memory was of her warmth, insight and eloquence of speech. I will forever be grateful for those three qualities in Betsy.

**Kathy Scheller** then presented the beginnings of the Alhambra Theatre's restoration. Betsy drove Kathy to Haynie's Corner to show Kathy her dream. Kathy remarked that the stop in front of the dilapidated building included Betsy wearing a Neiman Marcus dress and a scarf blowing in the wind along with her use of elegant words to persuade Kathy. Since the Alhambra was slated for a sheriff's sale, Kathy was sure that Betsy's dream would never come to fruition. Through Betsy's drive, however, the outside of the Alhambra has now been refurbished and is a gorgeous tribute to Haynie's Corner.

Our next speaker was Geoff Bunting of Uncharted. Uncharted and Alhambra Theatre were presented with a check from the Helen Klamer Philp Endowment. Stephanie Morris then presented Betsy with her gift—a painting by Peggy Annakin of the Alhambra Theatre. The painting included a gnome sitting on top of the roof, and it is the first in a series of paintings titled "Know Me" that Peggy has begun. She wants to tell the story of old buildings and homes in Evansville to help us get to know these structures.

There were many tears and smiles as Betsy relived the memories of her Junior League years. We are all looking forward to seeing what she will continue to do for our community! CHOP CHOP!

*-By: Melissa Wagner*



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## Neither wind nor rain... Rockin River City Ride prevails!

Power outages, lightning and 120-mph winds couldn't keep the Junior League of Evansville from rocking out another successful fundraiser! Teaming once again with the Evansville Morning Rotary, JLE pulled off another fabulous community event on May 9 and 10 with the third installment of the annual Rockin River City Ride. This year saw the addition of a GLOW Run and a partnership with the American Heart Association for a 5K Heart Walk.

After months of preparations, the committee was advised by the local Department of Homeland Security to postpone the Friday night GLOW Run and move the Battle of the Bands indoors due to the threat of inclement weather. This turned out to be a wise decision!

Shortly before the Battle of the Bands was slated to start, a macroburst stormed through the Tri-State wiping out power to much of the area—including the Tropicana Conference Center where the event was taking place. Fortunately, power was restored, and an amazing show commenced featuring Akacia as the emcee band and CALABASH as the Best Band in the Tri-State!

Saturday morning brought a mix of sun and sprinkles, but 402 riders joined us for a ride around town ranging from 5-100k. Many thanks to the participants at Toyota who won the Largest Team award for the Rockin River City Ride!



A whopping 1,132 Heart Walkers also descended on the Greenway to celebrate those who have made lifestyle changes and to encourage many more to take the pledge to live healthier lifestyles.

Party in the Park took place as riders and walkers returned to Sunset Park and were welcomed by 30-plus booths featuring local non-profits, vendors, bounce houses and games for both the young and young-at-heart. The Ride Committee teamed with the JLE Project Implementation Committee to implement a dental component to the park. Children were also fitted for free bicycle helmets and received dental goodie bags to promote oral hygiene.

-By: Katie Shonk

## By the Numbers...

- 200-plus Battle of the Bands Attendees
- 402 Riders
- 607 GLOW Walker/Runner Registrants
- 1,132 Heart Walkers

*Special thanks to the Rockin River City Committee  
for their months of hard work and dedication*

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## Welcome 2014-2015 JLE Officers and Committee Chairs

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# Members Honored for Outstanding Contributions

During the 2013-2014 League year, Active members volunteered 861.5 hours—worth an equivalent of \$19,427.05!

Several members and community partners were also recognized for their contributions to our organization. Congratulations, and a tremendous “thank you,” are in store to the following:

**Mary Harriman President’s Award**  
Molly Brost

**Community Volunteer of the Year**  
Amber Combs

**Meg Dettwiler Memorial Scholarship Award Winners**  
Janet Keller  
Neva Graper

**Community Partner of the Year**  
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**Top Done-In-A-Day Volunteer Hours**  
Kim Taylor-Vatel: 22.5 hours  
Stephanie Norrick: 22 hours  
Molly Brost: 19 hours  
Vicki McDonald: 16.5 hours

# Welcome, New Sustainers!

The Junior League of Evansville recently welcomed seven new Sustainers at the conclusion of the 2013-2014 League year. Congratulations to the following:

- Michelle Brummett
- Amy Clements
- Tiffany Horn
- Liz Jackson
- Shawn Mundy
- Tiffany Vandeventer
- Nazan Wolfe

On behalf of all members, we are grateful for their service and thank them for their contributions to the Junior League of Evansville and the surrounding community.

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# Membership Recognition

## March Recognition

At the March General Membership meeting, the Executive Board decided to recognize all JLE members, for they are each outstanding. In the words of Vice President of Membership **Meagan Brien**:

“You are excellent mothers, daughters, friends, wives, girlfriends, sisters and aunts... You are inspiring bosses, colleagues, peers, mentors, associates and worker bees... You are wonderful teachers, doctors, managers, lawyers, homemakers, entrepreneurs, advisors and consultants... You are invaluable resources, leaders, chairs, committee members, board members, volunteers and counsel... You are kind, thoughtful, unique, encouraging, caring and you have grit. And you are all members of the Junior League of Evansville.”

## April Recognition

### Personal Accomplishments

**Amber Anslinger** is now an associate professor in the Master of Occupational Therapy Program at USI. The program has been redeveloped into a Master Degree Program, and the first cohort class starts this fall. This is in addition to her current position as a certified hand therapist at the Hand Center of Evansville.

**Ashley McReynolds** was nominated for a Celebration of Leadership award through Leadership Evansville.

**Melissa Perkins** was one of three EVSC educators who received the Outstanding Educator of the Year awards, sponsored by the University of Evansville and the Courier & Press. Melissa is a seventh- and eighth-grade global studies teacher at Glenwood Leadership Academy and received the middle school teacher of the year award.

**Christine Verbeck** passed the American Board of Optometry Board Certification Examination. She is now officially Christine Verbeck, O.D., Diplomate, American Board of Optometry, with Harmony EyeCare.

**Justine Cone** is now the owner of an online store, Cone & Company Boutique. Look for it on Facebook!

**Crystal Wildeman** welcomed her second daughter, Marjorie Marie, on April 4.

**Sarah Whitaker** was promoted to Manager, National Accounts for Atlas/Avail Move Management.

### JLE Accomplishments

**Lisa Vaughan** was the featured speaker at a Kiwanis Club meeting on March 5. She told the story of her childhood, which included abuse and divorced parents. Tom Groves, a Kiwanis member who also works at Indoff—JLE’s office supplier—recently stopped by the League’s office to express how impressed he was with her. He was aware that Lisa started the Bag Ladies Luncheon to benefit the Lampion Center in support of their efforts to help children in similar situations. Because of Lisa’s willingness to share her story, Mr. Groves requested a Junior League of Evansville brochure so that he can give charitably to both JLE and Lampion Center.

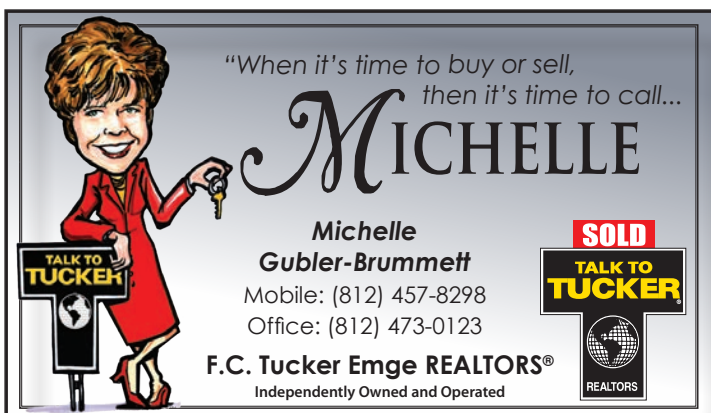
**Cheryl Martin**, chair of the Community Proposals and Scholarship Committee, is to be commended on a highly successful year. During her time as chair, the League has received a remarkable number of applications for scholarships, grants and small proposals.



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## Look for JLE this Summer on Channel 14 WFIE

The Marketing Committee has some exciting news to share! During June 14-16 and July 12-14, the Junior League of Evansville will run a television commercial on Channel 14 WFIE to brand our League and share information on our membership recruitment parties.

The commercial will primarily run during the 5 a.m. newscast and throughout the broadcast of the Today Show. In conjunction with the commercial, we will also have a pencil ad on [www.14news.com](http://www.14news.com) directing viewers to our Junior League of Evansville website.

Stay tuned to Channel 14, and please share this with your friends!

-By: Lori Samples



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## Help Spread the Word About the Junior League of Evansville

Know someone who wants to **make a difference in her community**?

How about someone looking to **build new and lasting friendships**?

Does she want to **gain skills** and take advantage of **valuable training opportunities**?

Then invite her to join the Junior League of Evansville! Although the League's recruitment parties have wrapped up for the year, it's not too late to join the organization that has been a driving force behind the kinds of initiatives and institutions that make our community a healthier, more vital place to live.

Junior League members, reflecting a wide range of backgrounds, interests and professional pursuits, work together to identify unmet needs, forge effective coalitions and work for change. Time and time again, the Junior League is among the first organizations to step up to the plate and tackle a community's biggest challenges.

For more information on joining the League, contact Ashley Dunn at [ashedunn@gmail.com](mailto:ashedunn@gmail.com) or (812) 454-2310. Also encourage prospective members to check out the League's website at [www.juniorleagueofevansville.org](http://www.juniorleagueofevansville.org).

## JLE Summer Office Hours

A friendly reminder that the League's summer office hours are now in effect. The office will be open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. during June, July and August. For assistance, contact JLE Office Manager Melissa Wagner via e-mail at [jleofficebuilding.com](mailto:jleofficebuilding.com) or by telephone at (812) 434-6710.

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