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FROM THE EDITORS

the Leaguer

We welcome everyone back from summer break with volume 92 of *the Leaguer*! You'll notice from our packed calendar that we've had a busy summer planning our fall schedule of events!

While our numbers are small, there is a great momentum building in the JLE, and we can't wait to see how this year unfolds!

Mary Smiecinski
Lauren Williams

The Leaguer is a quarterly newsletter, distributed in March, June, September & December.

**Have a great idea for an article/
column or have an announcement
to share with the JLE?**

We're all ears! We are always open to submissions and suggestions. Please email correspondence to: newsletter@juniorleagueoferie.com

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From the President

Nicole Buzzard

When have you ever seen a picture of such an innocent inanimate item that is also one of the most intimidating things to be handed? In being handed this specific gavel you are given the role of president of the Junior League of Erie which means leading a group of powerful, passionate, productive women and representing those same women to the Erie community. If that doesn't intimidate you just a little, I don't know what will. I want to thank the women who came before me that added the flowers and bow to help try to make the gavel a little less intimidating.

I feel honored (and a little nervous) to be able to say that I'm the current president of the Junior League of Erie, one of 70 women who can say they have served as president of the Junior League of Erie since 1925. I hope over the next two years that I will be able to successfully follow in the footsteps of those that came before me that have made their commitment to the Junior League and helped build a better Erie community. I hope that we continue to grow as we ramp up our new member program along with some fun new events and activities. I hope that all members, sustainers/actives/new members, can all find a way to connect and participate throughout the upcoming year with the Junior League of Erie. I look forward to sharing the next 2 years with you as president and I predict we will do great things, insurmountable things that will be talked about in a positive light, for at least a couple years. We will be the change we want to see in the world. We are Powerful. We are Passionate. We are Productive. We are The Junior League of Erie.

WOW!!!

Thank you to the 18 donors that gave to The Junior League of Erie as part of Erie Gives Day. We raised \$3,213 in donations (a record raised for the JLE on Erie Gives Day) and \$247 in matching funds. A huge thank you goes to the sustainer, who is choosing to remain anonymous, for their initial and matching donations of \$1,000 each. The support that was shown on Aug 8th is humbling and means a lot to the active membership. Thank you for helping the League continue to be a group of Erie women dedicated to building better communities. Don't forget if your employer offers matching corporate donations they may also match your Erie Gives donation to the individual entities supported.



From the Treasurer

Mary Smiecinski

Our league year is just beginning and we've already started it out with a BANG! Thanks to all of our supporters on Erie Gives Day, we've already raised over \$3,400 this year! And with our upcoming fundraisers, we're hoping to continue this momentum. Ticket sales to our Designer Bag Bingo (October 14th) and Music Takes Action (November 1st) fundraisers are on sale now! You can shop Talbots on September 10th or Boscov's on October 5th to support the JLE and our mission. We hope that you will find at least one event that interests you on our fall calendar (page 4).

We have recently received our first donation through Amazon Smile, totaling \$29. Thank you to all of our followers who have chosen to support us every time they shop Amazon! Please consider designating the Junior League as your nonprofit of choice when you shop at smile.amazon.com.

In addition to our Focus Area (support of the Long-Term Residency Program), our fundraising efforts are also aimed at supplying grant money to be awarded at our Nonprofit Games Event in the spring, where people (in teams or as individuals) compete in fun games to win grant money for the nonprofit of their choice.

We've invested in some much needed marketing materials (business/event cards, JLE flyers, pens and chip clips) for display at our events. Next time you spot a JLE table, come check us out!

Finally, I would like to thank the members who have reached out to share their constructive feedback, kind words and encouragement. As a small league, we may not be able to do all of the things that we'd like at the moment, but it is heartwarming to know that our efforts, however small, do not go unnoticed or unappreciated.



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MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Provisionals	2
Actives	15
Sustainers	77
Sustainer Emeritus	22

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September

7th	GMM
21st	BOD

October

5th	GMM
19th	BOD

November

9th	GMM
16th	BOD

December

7th	GMM
21st	BOD

**Boscov's Gala Preview
Thursday, October 5th**

@ Boscov's Millcreek Mall, 10am-9pm

Be among the first to shop the new Boscov's store at the Millcreek Mall while enjoying entertainment and light refreshments. Purchase your Gala ticket for \$5 from a JLE member or at the door (be sure to write "Junior League of Erie" on your ticket) and the full \$5 will be donated to the JLE!

**Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser
Saturday, October 14th**

@ Perry Hi-way Hose Company, 7pm

Don't miss our Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser this fall! Tickets went on sale to the public on August 20th. Get your tickets now before they are sold out. \$30 / person.

For tickets: <https://squareup.com/store/JuniorLeague>



**2nd Annual Music Takes Action Benefit
Wednesday, November 1**

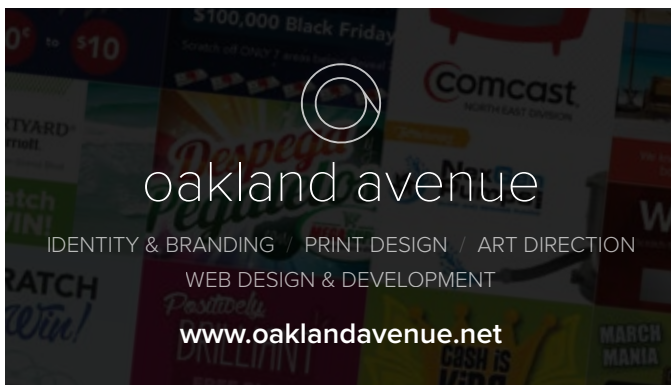
Concourse @ Union Station

6:30-8:30pm

\$40 / ticket

Purchase tickets online:

www.juniorleagueoferie.com/shop



Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

- 10** **Shop for a Cause**
Mention the JLE and Talbots will donate a percentage of your purchase to the JLE. Noon- 5pm.
- 11** **Lunch with the JLE**
Noon-1pm @ Ricardo's
- 21** **Lunch with the JLE**
Noon-1pm @ John's Wildwood Pizza
- 28** **JLE Social**
6:30-8:30pm @ Chiropractic Solutions

OCTOBER

- 5** **Boscov's Gala Preview**
10am-9pm @ Millcreek Mall, Erie \$5 (see left for details)
- 9** **Lunch with the JLE**
Noon-1pm @ Panera (Yorktown)
- 14** **Designer Bag Bingo**
7pm @ Perry Hi-way Hose Company \$30/ticket, must buy in advance (see left for details)
- 19** **Lunch with the JLE**
Noon-1pm @ The Brewerrie, Union Station
- 26** **JLE Social**
Final MTA Meeting Prep

NOVEMBER

- 1** **Music Takes Action**
Concourse @ Union Station
6:30-8:30pm
<https://www.juniorleagueoferie.com/shop>
- 11-12** **Holiday Tour of Homes**
Come see us - location tba
- 13** **Lunch with the JLE**
Noon-1pm @ Harbor House
- 16** **Lunch with the JLE**
Noon-1pm @ Summerhouse Cafe



The Long-Term Residency Tunes Up for a New Year!

Source: www.eriephil.org/ltr

Beginning in Fall 2017, the Erie Philharmonic will visit classrooms at Early Connections West as a continuation of nationally-recognized Long-Term Residency program. Instead of reaching students just a few times a year as done in the past, teaching artist Melany Myers will visit the center 60 times between August and February.

This long-term residency has many goals, but the main mission is to create positive musical experiences that promote early music appreciation and early literacy skills in young students, preparing them for success in school and beyond. Strengthening this emphasis on continued arts infusion, the Philharmonic aims to bring music into pre-kindergarten classes in order to aid language and literacy development as well as organizing and applying knowledge through creative thinking.

The project is funded through the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. "The Pennsylvania Council on the Arts is pleased to again approve Erie Philharmonic's long term residency grant," said Philip Horn, PCA Executive Director. "This collaboration will bring teaching artists and the creative process into unique partnerships with educators, schools and non-profit community organizations benefiting our schools and student learning."

Teaching Artist Melany Myers has over 30 years teaching and music education experience, so this is a natural step forward to reach even more students with an expansive curriculum. Building upon the groundwork laid by Erie Phil musician Sarah Lee, this 20-week, 60-day residency will reach over 60 students, again including visiting guest artists from the Philharmonic as well as a trip to see the orchestra perform live in the historic Warner Theatre. The program also includes professional development on arts infusion for all teachers at the center.

Executive Director Steve Weiser is excited to look to the future and ensure the Philharmonic is truly living their mission. "I'm honored that the PA Council on the Arts has again chosen to support our residency, this year at Early Connections. Given the enormous success of last year's residency at the St. Benedict Center, we are anxious to see how large of an impact we can have on the lives of even more children this year," Weiser said. "I take this program as a vote of confidence from the state – we know we are doing great things, but we are also one of the first orchestras to receive this type of funding directly from the state."

The Junior League of Erie is proud to partner with the Erie Philharmonic in support of their long-term residency program. Our goal is to cover the \$7,500 program cost for this year's participating school, Early Connections West. Please join us at our Music Takes Action Benefit on November 1st to help us in our fundraising efforts!

Member of the Quarter



Sarah Latimer
Active Member

We're proud to announce our Member of Q1, Sarah Latimer! A member since 2015, Sarah has been such a big part of our little league since she joined. If you have attended any of our events, chances are you've met Sarah, as she has had nearly perfect attendance to all of our meetings, events, socials and is a regular at our JLE lunches! Sarah is currently working on the Music Takes Action committee to plan the November 1st event and has already been instrumental in securing the venue for our spring event, The Nonprofit Games.

Sarah works as a Staff Accountant at Erie Management Group and enjoys spending time with her husband, William, and daughter, Erin. We are so lucky to have you in the JLE, Sarah! If you see her, please thank her for all her hard work & dedication!



Our new marketing & promotional materials! Be sure to stop by our JLE table to check them out!

Moving Up, Moving Forward

contributed by Nicole Buzzard, President

Jane Goodall once said “What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.” The Junior League of Erie has decided for the next 3 years that we are going to make a difference in Erie by supporting the Erie Philharmonic’s long-term residency program that teaches math and literacy skills through music to preschoolers while we continue to empower women, focusing on our own membership education. We will be focused on raising money to support the Erie Philharmonic’s program along with doing some done in a day volunteering events and supporting League Ladies’ education over the next couple of years. During this time frame we will also begin to figure out what is the next kind of difference the Junior League of Erie wants to make in the Erie community. If you (sustainer, active, new member) want to be a part of making that decision please send me a message and I will make sure everyone is connected appropriately, or if you have ideas to submit to the group charged with this task please send those to me as well. I look forward to hearing from you all.

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JLE Snapshots



Mary Smiecinski (Treasurer) & Nicole Buzzard (President) receiving the Erie Gives donation check on behalf of the Junior League of Erie.



Done-in-a-Day: Volunteering at The Beat Beethoven 5K. From Left to Right: Amanda Lasky (Secretary), Sarah Latimer (Active) & daughter, Mary Smiecinski (Treasurer), Nicole Buzzard (President) & Kathryn Proper (Active, visitor from JL Cleveland)



Active Member Sarah Latimer (left) & Past President Aileen Baxter (top left) sharing their love of the JLE at our August Open House.



Provisional Member, Amanda Washek (right) chatting it up with Active Member Shellie DelleCurti (left) at the Open House



Past President, Aileen Baxter, takes a break to read up on our JLE History at the Open House.



Lunching with the JLE. Left to Right: Mary Smiecinski (Treasurer), Nicole Buzzard (President), Lisa Herring & Sarah Latimer at 408 Bar & Grille.



All smiles at the June JLE Social - Chiropractic Solutions. Left to right: Lorraine Zacherl (Sustainer), Lisa Heidelberg, Sonya Hessinger & Mary Smiecinski (Treasurer)





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6:30 - 8:30 PM

Proceeds benefit the
Erie Philharmonic's Long-Term
Residency Program

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