



Dress from the Heart

Join us for our Holiday Party / Open House

Thursday, January 4th 6:30 - 8:30 pm

@ the Watson-Curtze Mansion

(see back page for details)



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We have been busy this first quarter of the JLE year! Fundraisers, events, socials, and volunteering... we've also blown a record or two in the process. We are so proud of what we've been able to accomplish so far and are excited for our big spring event, the Nonprofit Games - and we're not alone!

We wish you a wonderful holiday season and hope to see you at our Holiday Party (Dress from the Heart) on January 4th).

Mary Smiecinski

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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

CORRECTIONS:

We'd like to acknowledge an additional Erie Gives donor who was not listed in the September issue. Thank you to **Rita Shookman** for your continued support of the JLE!

From the President

Nicole Buzzard

This is the time of year when we begin to reflect on the things we are grateful for, what makes us who we are, and our family. Whether those are positive thoughts (or not in some cases), that typically becomes the focus. I'm trying to stay positive this year on all fronts. And that is especially easy to do with all the great things the JLE is accomplishing. This year I'm grateful for the women of this league (past & present). You have all had an impact on my life as my time in the league has given me a chance to make change in our community, make new friends, and stay sane (we all need a place to escape to every now and again). I'm also grateful for my family, especially my kids who are 16 months and 3 years old. It is hard to think of a time when they weren't a part of my life, they make my life so much richer and I couldn't ask for anything more (except maybe a little less germ sharing). What are you grateful for, what has the JLE meant to you? I'd love to know, please share your thoughts while attending our Holiday Party/Open House on January 4th, by mail (a note sent to the JLE PO box), email (president@juniorleagueoferie.com) or via social media and please note whether or not you are okay with your thoughts being shared in either a newsletter or other media.

One of the other things I like to think about during the holiday season is what to give to my friends and family, especially now that I'm focused more on experiences/gratitude and not material items. At a recent GMM we came up with a great way to continue to spread our love and generosity through this time of year and still involve the JLE. You can sponsor a child for Music Takes Action on behalf of a friend or family member! Tell us the recipient's name and address along with your sponsorship amount and we will send them a holiday card along with a note of your sponsorship gift in their name. The program cost is \$24/child per week, \$240/child for half the program or \$480/child for the entire program. We hope that you consider this as an option for your gift giving this year.

We are doing an amazing job raising funds this year, but the more we raise the more positive change we can make in our community. If every JLE member sponsors just one child for one week we could have \$2,784 to put towards the MTA program, \$7,500 funding for the participating school's PA grant match requirement. And anyone can participate, this isn't limited to just what the JLE ladies can do. Let's share the love of music, the love of learning, and the love of the holidays.

I would like to end with a note "In the end, not that there really is an end, it's ALL going to be about how much you loved. Today counts too, The Universe." Keep loving, Keep thriving, Keep being JLE!

From the Treasurer

Mary Smiecinski

Wow! What a great year we've had so far! Since our last issue, we've held three fundraisers, that along with our Erie Gives donations have allowed us to net over \$10,000 to date, which will allow us to project a breakeven/positive net profit for this year which is something that we haven't see in 7 years - and the year is only half over! Whoever said that a small group cannot be effective surely didn't know the likes of the JLE ladies! We were able to raise \$200 with our Talbots fundraiser, \$4,500 with Designer Bag Bingo and \$3,000 with Music Takes Action. I'm proud of each and every one of our Active (and 'Active' Sustaining!) Members, who have contributed much of their time and energy to our initiatives and I'm truly thankful to all of our Sustaining Members, who through attendance, donations and 50/50 ticket purchases, have contributed to our success! We couldn't do it without you!

Now through December 31, 2017, PayPal will add 1% to all donations made to JLE through PayPal's Holiday Campaign. To make a donation, please visit www.juniorleagueoferie.com/donate.

Reminder: As you're doing your holiday shopping online this season, please support the JLE by shopping smile.amazon.com and designating the Junior League of Erie as your nonprofit of choice.



2017-18 Advertising Rates

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Provisionals	2
Actives	11
Sustainers	71
Sustainer Emeritus	22

UPCOMING MEETINGS

December

7th	GMM
21st	BOD

January

4th	Holiday Party / Open House
18th	BOD

February

1st	GMM
10th	Super Saturday
15th	BOD

March

1st	GMM
15th	BOD

April

5th	GMM
19th	BOD

Boscov's Gift Wrapping

Sunday, December 17th

@ Boscov's Millcreek Mall, 11am-3pm

The JLE will be wrapping gifts for donations at Boscov's. Come shop and stop by our table and test our fine wrapping skills!

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@ Watson-Curtze Mansion, 6:30-8:30pm

\$20 / members, guests free

RSVP by December 22, 2017

(see ad on back page)

Super Saturday

Saturday, February 7

@ Watson-Curtze Mansion, 10am-3pm

New & potential members welcome! Learn about the history of the JLE and what it means to be a member.

Nonprofit Games: Life-sized Edition

Saturday, April 7

@ Penn State Behrend (Junker-Center) 10am-5pm

(see page 6 for more information)



Sponsor a Child

GREAT GIFT IDEA!

For as little as \$24, you can sponsor a child for the Long-Term Residency program! The JLE will send a holiday card along with a note that you sponsored a child on the recipient's behalf.

www.juniorleagueoferie.com/shop

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

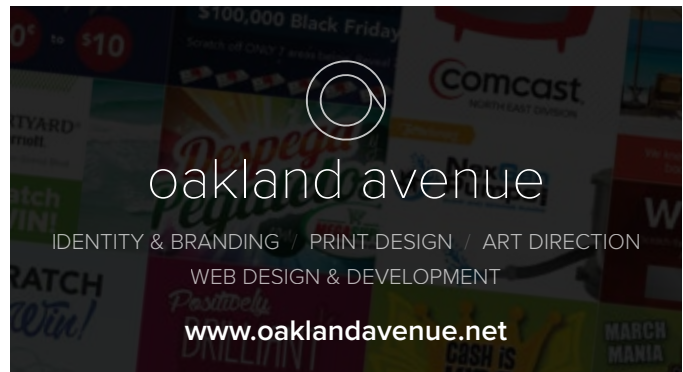
- 11** **Lunch with the JLE**
Noon- 1pm @ Ricardo's
- 17** **Gift Wrapping @ Boscov's**
11am-3pm @ Boscov's Millcreek Mall
- 21** **Lunch with the JLE**
Noon-1pm @ El Amigo

JANUARY

- 4** **Dress from the Heart**
6:30-8:30pm @ Watson-Curtze Mansion
(see back page for details)
- 8** **Lunch with the JLE**
Noon-1pm @ Panera (Yorktown)
- 18** **Lunch with the JLE**
Noon-1pm @ 408 Grille
- 25** **JLE Social**
6:30-8:30pm @ Chiropractic Solutions

FEBRUARY

- 5** **Lunch with the JLE**
Noon-1pm @ Brewerrie
- 10** **Super Saturday**
10am-3pm @ Watson-Curtze Mansion
- 15** **Lunch with the JLE**
Noon-1pm @ Harbor House
- 22** **JLE Social**
6:30-8:30pm @ Chiropractic Solutions



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Music Takes Action

Contributed by Mary Smiecinski

Our second annual Music Takes Action benefit took place at the Concourse of Union Station on November 1, 2017. Guests enjoyed music from an Erie Philharmonic String Quartet while wining and dining on a buffet of childhood-favorite foods.

There were 21 baskets up for raffle, a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction for a week-long trip to New York City. Guests were also able to sponsor a child for the residency program.

JLE members in attendance were: Aileen Baxter (Past President), Linda Brack, Nicole Buzzard (President), Lisa Herring, Amanda Lasky (Secretary), Sarah Latimer, Debbie Seville, Mary Smiecinski (Treasurer) and Amanda Washek. We also had a few special guests in attendance: Sarah Lee, past JLE Member (transferred to JL of Minneapolis), who was one of the driving forces behind the long-term residency program, Melanie Myers, the current long-term residency teacher and Daniel Myer, the music director / conductor of the Erie Philharmonic.

Because of all who attended and contributed to date, we were able to double our revenue from last year, raising over \$3,000! While the event was a great success, we're still shy of our \$7,500 goal. If you would like to support our Music Takes Action initiative, please consider sponsoring a child for the program. For as little as \$24, you can sponsor a child for a week of the program - it would be a great gift this holiday season to sponsor a child on someone's behalf. To sponsor a child, please visit www.juniorleagueoferie.com/shop.



Front Row (L-R): Amanda Lasky (Secretary), Sarah Lee (visiting Member), Aileen Baxter (Past President), Linda Brack, Amanda Washek, Sarah Latimer, Mary Smiecinski (Treasurer), Nicole Buzzard (President) & Lisa Herring.



Beautiful music provided by an Erie Philharmonic String Quartet.



An impressive display of Raffle items!

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Nicole Buzzard

Member of the Quarter



Lisa Herring
Provisional Member

A hearty congratulations to our Member of Q2, Lisa Herring! She may be in her provisional year, but that hasn't stopped her from making a huge impact on the JLE's success so far this year!

Lisa works as the Director of Marketing and Public Relations at the Erie Philharmonic and has acted as the liaison between the Phil and the JLE in our current partnership. She has been instrumental in the planning and execution of our Music Takes Action event and has been a constant support at all of our various fundraising events. Thank you, Lisa, for the many hats you wear!



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ERIE'S
**NONPROFIT
GAMES**

Introducing the Nonprofit Games

contributed by Mary Smiecinski

We are excited to announce our inaugural biennial Nonprofit Games: Life-sized Edition (NPG). This event will occur on April 7th, 2018 at Penn State Behrend. The event will allow people to participate (as individuals or in groups) in fun 'life-sized' games for all skill levels. Team building and FUNdraising in one! The winners will secure a grant for the local nonprofit of their choice. We intend to award at least \$10,000 to the winning nonprofits.

We've recently launched a website, www.nonprofitgameserie.com, where nonprofits can register (for free), participants can sign up for updates, and sponsors can pledge donations. Registration for nonprofit organizations is open until December 31, 2017, so please share the information with your favorite Erie-based nonprofits! Participant registration will be opening soon!

In Memory

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of one of our life-long members, Mary Loveless (96), on August 20, 2017.

Mary was a grand lady, the beloved matriarch of her large and adoring family, loving wife, caring mother, proud grandmother and great-grandmother. Her sense of humor and love for practical joking prevailed throughout her life, especially on April Fool's Day. She delighted in short sheeting the beds of her grandchildren and calling in practical jokes to her family and friends. She loved horses and was an avid rider in her younger years and shared her husband's passion for owning sulky race horses. Mary loved playing bridge with her Medina friends. But most of all, important to Mary was the love of and caring for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mary was a member of The Junior League of Erie, Erie Hunt & Saddle Club, Cathedral of St. Paul in Erie and attended Arlington Hall Jr. College. Mary also attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church and United Church of Christ in Medina. She actively worked with the ladies at UCC to prepare meals for Medina Kiwanis and made many friends there.



JLE Snapshots



Sarah Latimer & Nicole Buzzard (President) at the Talbots fundraiser on September 10th.



Linda Brack & Mary Smiecinski (Treasurer) promoting Music Takes Action at the Erie Philharmonic.



Mary Smiecinski (Treasurer) & Nicole Buzzard (President) stepping up to the all-important (and somewhat stressful!) task of calling the numbers at our Designer Bag Bingo fundraiser.



Linda Brack & Nicole Buzzard (President) at Music Takes Action.



The JLE Ladies, ready for a fun night of Designer Bag Bingo. Left to right: Linda Brack, Lisa Herring, Mary Smiecinski (Treasurer), Nicole Buzzard (President), Sarah Latimer, Amanda Lasky.



Aileen Baxter (Past President) showing off her great raffle basket win at Music Takes Action.



Sustainers ready for some fun! Left to Right: Catherine Fox (Past-President), Erin Eighmy (Past Secretary), Emily Wachter & Nicole Caldwell (friend of the League). Thanks for your support, ladies!



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JLE Holiday Party & Open House

Thursday, January 4, 2018 • 6:30-8:30pm

Come meet the ladies of the Junior League of Erie. Enjoy food, drink and great conversation! Please bring gently used work clothing & personal items (soaps, personal hygiene products and makeup) to donate to Dress for Success Erie.

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Bring an Outfit for a Fun Dress & Donate Contest!

Pictures from each participant will be posted online for a social media contest in the following three categories: Best closet find, Best outfit under \$10 & Best outfit under \$25

\$20 for members
(guests are free)

Please RSVP by 12/22/17

(on Facebook or send an email to president@juniorleagueoferie.com)

Purchase tickets online: www.juniorleagueoferie.com/shop OR send a check made out to the JLE