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Next General Meeting

Tuesday, February 10th
 6:30 pm
 Casey's Restaurant on the
 patio

EXTRA EXTRA!!!

Check out our website! www.jlpsdc.org
 Len Lorentz, Dayna's husband, has donated many hours to make sure there is up-to-date information. He built the site from the ground up, and it's an awesome resource for our league. If you have suggestions or would like to contribute content, please email info@jlpsdc.org.

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Message from the President

Hello Ladies,

How quickly the 2009 year has begun! Thank you to all that sent in their Junior League New Year's Resolutions. One common factor in the resolutions was to

continue to get back to the basics of Junior League in the form of volunteerism.

I would like to encourage each of you to please attend one of our hands on projects.

Girls Night Out at the Boys & Girls Club in Indio will be held on Wednesday, February 18th from 5:30-

7:30 PM. The Birthday Closet at Martha's Village and Kitchen in Indio will be held on Saturday, February 21st from 2:15- 4 PM.

Your participation in our projects makes an impact on the children involved in our programs. It also demonstrates the commitment we have made as an organization to improve the lives of at-risk youth in the Coachella Valley.

Best Regards,
 Dayna Lorentz

DONATION DRIVE!!!

At the next general meeting, the Junior League will be collecting paper and plastic grocery bags. The bags will be donated to Hidden Harvest so that they can collect fresh fruits and vegetables for those in need. Its free and impactful!!!

Junior League Golf Classic

This year's fundraiser is a one day event featuring a round of golf at a private club, with a silent auction and BBQ. It is called the Junior League Golf Classic and will be held on April 22nd at Mountain View Country Club. This is the Junior League's big chance to raise money for the programs they support, have a lot of fun, and get our name out in the community!!! Every member is needed to make this a success and we have 3 months ahead of promotion, solicitation (for donations), and rounding up foursomes! Get ready, get set, go!!!



Logo designed by Len Lorentz

Please contact our new Fundraising co-chairs if you have any questions or to be on the fundraising committee. Tracey Connole: traceytlc@aol.com or Allison Powell: powell.allison@gmail.com Also, be sure to pick up brochures and flyers to hand out and promote the tournament.

WHEN: Wednesday April 22nd WHERE: Mountain View Country Club
 Golf scramble, silent auction and BBQ dinner.

Proceeds of the event will benefit Olive Crest and the Junior League of PSDC—both of which focus on helping at-risk youth in the Coachella Valley.



December Holiday Party

The Junior League held this year's holiday party at Tommy Bahamas Restaurant in Palm Desert. Hosted by the Provisionals, appetizers, cocktails and good times were had by all. Guests were asked to bring a donation for JL's monthly *Birthdays Closet* Birthday celebration at Martha's Village where children celebrating their birthday could select a present. As usual, the Junior League came out in full force and the present closet is once again filled with tons of gifts that will delight the children and make them feel special.



Sarah Lebedivitch and husbands of the Junior League help carry all the donations to the car.



Dayna Lorentz and Melissa Woods show off all gifts for the birthday closet. A whole car full!

Logging Volunteer Hours...and why its important

The Junior League Volunteer Service Awards are supported by AJLI to honor and recognize the hours that Junior League members contribute to build better communities through, or as a result of, their Junior League membership.

For Provisional and Active members, the hours that count should represent the time commitment that members make to enable their Junior League to provide training and volunteer support for League programs that serve their community. Lifting up these hours of League service highlights the huge contribution that Junior League members collectively make to our communities through their participation in the Junior League. Hours spent in non-League volunteer activities in which League members would customarily participate to support their families, churches, schools, etc., or volunteer work on projects beyond the scope of League projects, do not count for the AJLI-funded awards given to Active and Provisional members.

For Sustainers, recognized hours are not only those dedicated to Junior League activities (including those projects that were started by their League but are now separate organizations or programs), but also include activities in which Sustainers use their League training to better the community, such as service on the Boards of local nonprofit organizations.

You can get to the VSA website directly by going to vsa.ajli.org. Please contact Micaela Wilkey at mwilkey2000@yahoo.com or 578-2545 if you need help in logging in or have questions.

WHAT COUNTS:

MEETINGS, VOLUNTEER PROJECTS, TIME SPENT ON THE FUNDRAISER, TIME SENDING OUT EMAILS IN SUPPORT OF LEAGUE ACTIVITIES, PHONE CALLS

WHAT DOES NOT COUNT:

SOCIAL/DINNER TIME AT MEETINGS, DRIVING TO AND FROM MEETINGS OR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES



Volunteering and Donating in the Community

29 Palms Marine Base YMCA



After an initial visit in October, the Junior League decided to support the 29 Palms YMCA. Not only does the YMCA house programs for kids and their parents, but they also have a thrift store where new marines and transfers can purchase items to furnish their houses and buy clothes. Many of the marines arrive on base with not much more than a suitcase, and because of the isolation of 29Palms and the small salaries they receive, they aren't able to purchase much. The thrift store was opened to give marines and their families a chance to purchase items at a very low price. It is furnished solely on donations and trade-ins. The Junior League saw a need, and put a plan together to help



Associate Member Rochelle A'Hearn decided to take charge and sent out an email to all members to collect gently used or new items. She dropped one car load off to the YMCA in late November. For the past month, the League has once again been collecting items, and on January 23rd, Monica Gumming and Allison Hanlon took two SUVs full of donated items to the base.

Thank you to all who took the time to clean out their closets—the items are SO needed and much appreciated!! And a BIG thank you to Monica and Allison who make the trek to the base and dropped off all the items.

Birthday Closet at Martha's Village and Kitchen

January's Birthday Closet was another successful party for the Junior League. They were very excited to welcome back Whistles the Clown and the kids couldn't wait to get their faces painted with butterflies, snakes, and spiderman! Only about 5 children celebrated birthdays in January and there were plenty of presents to choose from now that the "closet" has been filled with donations from the holiday party.

Thanks to the volunteers: Melissa

Woods, Tracey Connole, Dayna Lorentz, Heather McMahan, Ashley Schantz and Aubrey Wallace.

