



JUNIOR LEAGUE
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2026 Winter Issue

JLKC.org

“Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers.”
Kahlil Gibran



JLKC members participated in a Needlepoint 101 Training this winter, hosted by KC Needlepoint

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Members -

Happy March! As we are in the final stretch of our League year and as I reflect on the work we have accomplished together thus far, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of pride and gratitude. This year has been a testament to the strength, dedication, and heart of our membership. Each of you continues to show up with purpose by investing your time, your talents, and your passion to make a meaningful impact in our community.

One moment recently that truly captured the spirit of our League was our Project Period KC Galentine's event. The energy in the room was inspiring, as members came together to support an initiative that directly uplifts and empowers other women. As I looked around the room I realized that while the event was fun and festive, it was also a powerful reminder of what we can achieve when we unite around a shared mission. The care, compassion, and commitment to this cause reflects the very best of who we are.

As we look ahead towards the last quarter of the year, I encourage each of you to continue leaning into opportunities that deepen your connection to our work and to one another. One of those opportunities is attending C3KC. As we heard at the February GMM, the programming being produced this year will be timely and impactful and I am really looking forward to hearing from our keynote, Shaylyn Romney Garrett and having the opportunity to honor Julia Irene Dennie-Kauffman as our Branton/Hall Award Recipient! It's shaping up to be a powerful day and I look forward to seeing you there!

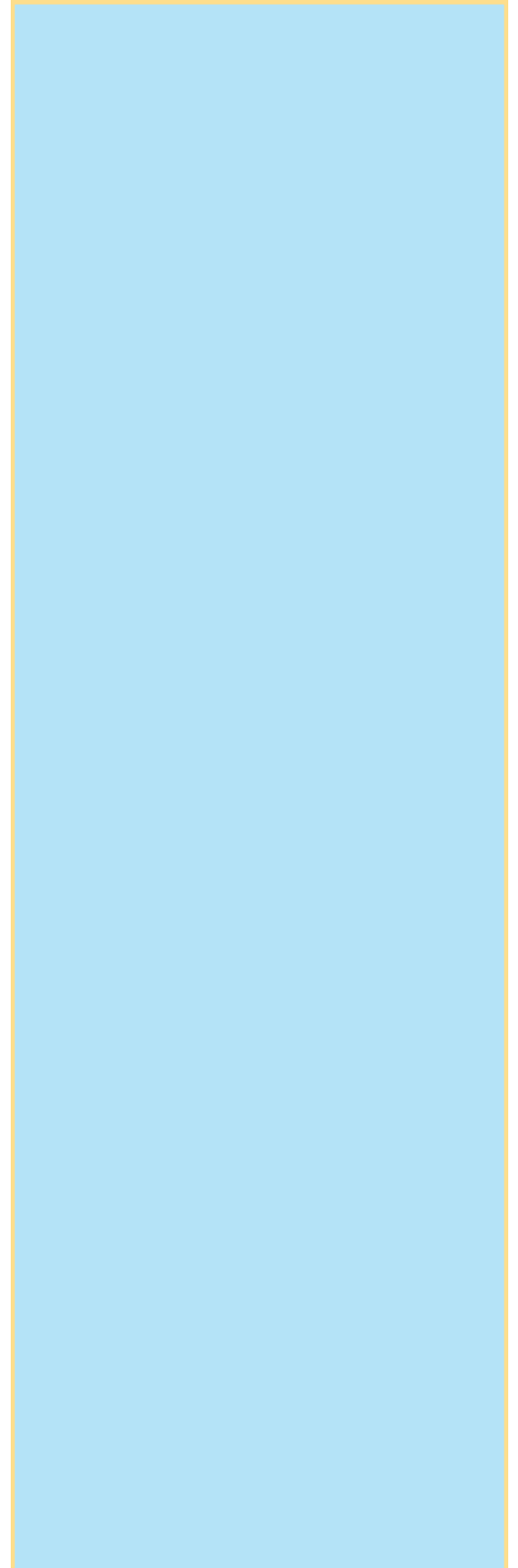
As we look forward to the next few months, please remember this, our impact is not defined by any single event or initiative, but by the consistency of our commitment over time. Together, we are building something meaningful and it is something that extends far beyond ourselves.

Thank you for the role each of you plays in this work. I am so proud to serve alongside you and excited for all that is ahead.

Best -

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie L. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephanie Davis, President



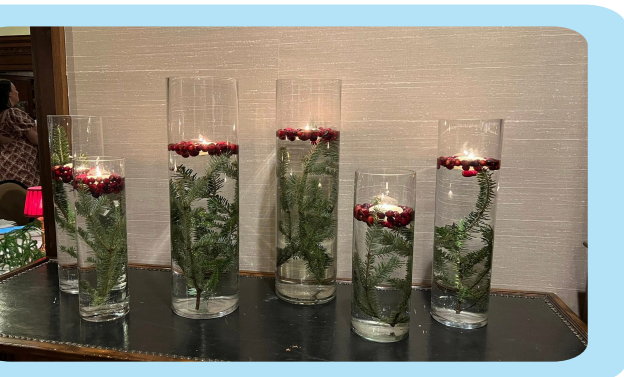


ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SIP & SUPPORT IN THE BOOKS!

Sip & Support was a wonderful reminder of what makes the Junior League community so special. This year's event took place at an exciting new location, The Carriage Club, which provided the perfect backdrop for an evening full of energy, connection, and holiday cheer. From the moment guests arrived, the atmosphere was festive and welcoming—beautiful décor, amazing food and cocktails, and a lively crowd set the tone for a memorable night.

Attendees enjoyed mingling with friends old and new while bidding on an incredible selection of auction items, all donated by local businesses and League members in support of the League's mission to develop the potential of women and strengthen our community.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our generous donors, sponsors, and auction contributors, whose support made the evening possible. And to everyone who attended, bid, volunteered, and celebrated with us—thank you for showing up for the League in such a meaningful way. Sip & Support was truly a night to remember.



CONTINUE TO ACT BY REPRESENTING JLKC!

“We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in our hands to make a difference.”

Nelson Mandela



How do we do what we do?

We Act!

Mission

The Junior League of Kansas City, Missouri is an organization of women committed to **A**dvancing women’s leadership for meaningful **C**ommunity impact through volunteer **A**ction, **C**ollaboration, and **T**raining.

How do we make an impact?

30sec Elevator Speech

For more than 111 years, the Junior League of Kansas City has trained women to become confident, elective leaders while creating lasting change in our community. Through hands-on training and meaningful service, our members build the skills, confidence, and connections to lead both within the League and across Kansas City. Our fundraising and volunteer efforts have supported landmark community programs at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Union Station, and the Kansas City Zoo. Today, JLKC focuses on Abuse & Neglect, Childhood Development, and Women’s Sustainability. Our signature program, Project Period KC, unites community partners to break the stigma around menstrual health and advance menstrual equity, TOGETHER.

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ACT through **ACT**



Advancing women’s leadership



for meaningful **C**ommunity Impact **T**

through 

volunteer **A**ction



Collaboration

Training



Call to Action

Do you know someone who wants to make a difference in her community?
“Act” by recruiting prospective women to join JLKC!



GALENTINE'S DAY PROJECT WITH PROJECT PERIOD!

"What draws people to be friends is that they see the same truth. They share it."

C.S. Lewis



Galentine's Day with Purpose

One of the ways the JLKC makes a difference is by partnering with Project Period KC.

This Galentine's Day, our members came together for an afternoon filled with friendship, generosity, and heart. While laughter and sweet treats set the tone, the true highlight of the day was our shared commitment to giving back.

Together, over 75 members packed over 4000 period products to donate to our community, helping ensure greater access to essential hygiene items for those in need. The room was filled with conversation, smiles, and a strong sense of purpose as members worked side by side, turning a celebration of friendship into an opportunity for meaningful impact.

From colorful decorations and delicious sweets to helping hands and compassionate hearts, the event beautifully reflected what our community is all about connection, care, and collective action.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, energy, and donations to make this Galentine's Day both joyful and impactful. When we come together, we truly make a difference.



Sponsored: Junior League of Kansas City, a longstanding champion of women and community efforts, is making a difference with Project Period.



HOW YOU CAN HELP



Drop off new, unopened pads and tampons at
JLKC HQ 9215 Ward Pkwy, KCMO



Become a Community Partner



Host a donation drive



Shop the Project Period KC
Amazon Wishlist



C3KC 2026: OUR MISSION IN MOTION!



It is our 9th annual C3KC fundraiser event! Our C3KC 2026 offers a dynamic mix of keynote insights, panel discussions, and interactive breakout sessions led by respected local and national voices. The day is intentionally structured to encourage learning, conversation, and cross-sector collaboration. Participants will have opportunities to engage with peers, hear diverse perspectives, and explore innovative approaches to complex community challenges—all within the iconic setting of Union Station

2026 Session Topics

Sessions will explore timely and relevant issues affecting Kansas

City and communities nationwide, including:

- Artificial Intelligence - Understanding emerging technology and its implications across sectors
- Civil Discourse - Navigating tough conversations and fostering respectful dialogue
- Education - Strengthening systems that support student success
- Health Equity - Addressing disparities and improving access to care
- Safety & Community Policing - Building trust and safer neighborhoods
- World Cup 2026 - Preparing Kansas City for a global moment and lasting impact

Julia Irene Dennie-Kauffman, is this year's Branton/Hall Award Recipient. The Branton/Hall Award is named after two of our members who won the highest award (Mary Harriman Award) given annually by AJLI.

Shaylyn Romney Garrett, co-author of *The Upswing*, is this year's keynote speaker!



Julia Irene Dennie-Kauffman



Shaylyn Romney Garrett

For more information: jlk.org/c3kc

A WARM AND COZY TREAT FROM GMM

“On cold nights, there’s nothing more comforting than hot chocolate and good conversation.”

In our January 2026 GMM, we heard inspiring remarks about finishing the League year strong and rallying support for the upcoming C3KC fundraiser. Members were encouraged to stay engaged, energized, and committed as we approach the final stretch of the year.

Our Sustainer Director, Nancy Fuller, alongside several members, led a thoughtful breakout session focused on meaningful discussions about closing out the year with impact and intention. The session provided space for collaboration, reflection, and renewed motivation.

We also had the valuable opportunity to hear from a past President and current Board members, who shared insights on League leadership and offered a deeper understanding of how the League operates. Their perspective and experience gave members a greater appreciation for the work behind the scenes and the importance of strong, dedicated leadership.

Hot Chocolate Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 cup milk (whole milk is creamiest, but any milk works)
- 2-3 tablespoons chocolate syrup (adjust to taste)
- ¼ teaspoon vanilla extract (optional, but recommended)
- Pinch of salt (optional, enhances chocolate flavor)
- Any toppings you want to add

Instructions:

- Pour the milk into a small saucepan and heat over medium-low heat until hot but not boiling (you’ll see steam).
- Add the chocolate syrup
- Whisk in the chocolate syrup until fully dissolved and smooth.
- Stir in vanilla extract and a tiny pinch of salt, if using.

Serve

- Pour into a mug and add toppings with zero inhibitions.
- Now, give in to your inner nine-year-old self. Let her drive as you’re topping this masterpiece with:
 - Whipped cream
 - Marshmallows
 - Chocolate shavings or a drizzle of extra syrup
 - Cinnamon or a dash of nutmeg
 - Peppermint sticks / crumbles
 - Wafers or a cookie
 - Sprinkles

We don’t drink hot chocolate for the nutritional value. We drink it for the heart and soul. Enjoy with your loved ones for optimal effect!



SURPRISE FROM DINNER CLUB!

“We should enjoy food and have fun. It is one of the simplest and nicest pleasures in life.”

Julia Child

Dinner Club Goes Pop-Up!

Dinner Club has long been a beloved Junior League of Kansas City, MO tradition, bringing members together every other month for themed menus and restaurant recommendations. With 120+ New Members, Actives, and Sustainers participating this year, it's a cornerstone of connection.

This year, the Co-Chairs (Savannah Kannberg and Ginny Strange) shook things up. Enter Pop-Up Dinner Clubs—bite-sized, surprise dining experiences designed for members who want in without committing to a full year. These small groups pop up across the metro with limited seats and a mystery restaurant. Savannah and Ginny handle the reservations, spark conversation with curated prompts, and build excitement—then reveal the destination just 24 hours before dinner.

The result? New connections, unexpected friendships, and fresh local favorites.

February added an extra twist, with select pop-ups welcoming couples and encouraging members to bring a date. Dietary needs are thoughtfully accommodated—members can share restrictions in advance, and the Co-Chairs match them to a restaurant without giving away the surprise.

April Pop-Ups are coming soon—don't miss your seat at the table.



Our Mission

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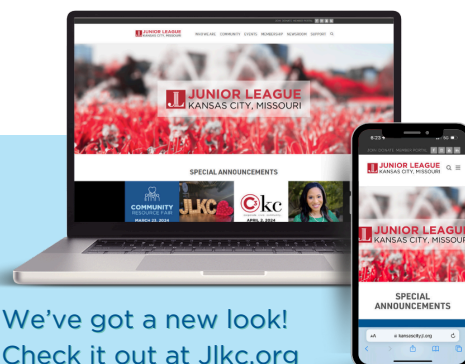
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