

November 2010 Tri-League Meeting
(Albany League hosting)
The Crossings, Colonie, NY
November 9, 2010
6:30 pm Social and 7:00 pm Meeting

In attendance: Michele Melton, Michele Gruber, Karen Counes, Elizabeth Tuttle, Kara Tubbs, Kyle McCauley, Hope O'Brien, Kirsten Kropp, Tracie Kopperhafer, Sabrina Hartley, Amanda Glaser, Patti Bagg, Nancy Niles, Caitlin Cooper, Veronica Mangione, Kate Magnosto, Mary Kempton Moore, Kim Aperance, Kelsey Bovee, Heather West, Karen Clark, Lisa Thompson-Villa, Kelly Lamp, Robin Matthias, Natalia Kokalj, Megan Kelly, Deneen Palmateer, Jae Tracey, Lynn Niemeyer, Petra Larsen, Carolyn Daggett, Carly Connors, Lisa Cronlund, Jessica Meigher, Kelly Bergmann, Colleen Corcoran, Sharon Lastique, Benita Lewis, Ginny Rosborough, Jennifer Bryant, Michelle Golonka, Taryn Webster, Andrea Cass, Kristen Forkeutis.

- I. Carly Connors called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.
- II. Additions or Changes to the Agenda –no changes.
- III. **Approval of the October 2010 Meeting Minutes* - Megan Kelly motioned to approve the minutes and Lisa Cronlund seconded. Motion approved.**
- IV. Introduction of Tri-League Presidents and Presidents Elect- Carly Connors, Deneen Palmateer, Kyle McCauley introduced themselves and their Presidents Elect. All three Leagues look forward to new opportunities for collaboration amongst all three Leagues.
- V. Icebreaker exercise was conducted so members of each League could get to know each other better.
- VI. Guest Speaker- Cheri Amsden of Met Life Consultants presented information about how to insure each person has adequate financial protection and sounds planning practices. Handouts were distributed.
- VII. Troy League Announcements
 - a. Hosting a DIAD on 11/20 at the YMCA
 - b. Holiday Affair 12/11 at the Arlington House, \$50/pp.
 - c. Shop for a Cause at Crossgates Mall, 12/5 \$5 to get discounts.
- VIII. Schenectady League Announcements
 - a. Holiday Bazaar at Saratoga Hilton 12/4-12/5, \$5 admission. Many vendors.

- b. Provisional Project- hosting a party and are soliciting donations to decorate a tree at Caplan. Need blue, silver, white ornaments and decorations.
- c. Operation Back to School- over 600 children benefited.
- d. Miracle League- a sports league for children with physical challenges. Needs volunteers.
- e. Seeking ideas for a Tri-League project- we can magnify our impact by working together and by sharing media contacts with each other's Leagues.

IX. Albany League Announcements

- a. Good Search website- this is a fundraising website to support non-profits via their routine Internet shopping. Many major retailers participate (i.e. Talbots, Macys). Please consider using this website to do your online shopping. Junior League of Albany is signed up.
- b. Holiday shows in NYC- Holiday Spectacular and Cirque Du Soleil group rate seats available between \$50-\$115/ticket. Shows are 12/11-12/12. MegaBus seating also reserved for an additional cost.
- c. DIAD 11/21 Empire State Plaza- Equinox Thanksgiving meal preparation. There are three time slots available this year for 45 people. Please sign up as these spots are going quickly.
- d. Rock 4 Reading fundraiser 11/13 at Savannah's in downtown Albany from 2-8 PM. \$20 includes two free drink tickets. There will be drink specials and a 50/50 raffle. Three bands are playing. Volunteers are needed to collect tickets at the door, raffle ticket sales. Children under 21 are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 12 are admitted free.
- e. Communications and advertising- JLA sells advertising space in its monthly eNewsletter. \$50/month, \$150/three months. Please spread the word.
- f. JLA holiday party invitations were mailed out. 12/13 at Fort Orange Club.
- g. American Girl Fashion Show- modeling applications are being updated. The new forms will be posted on the JLA website around January 1, 2011. VIP modeling packages also available. Additional volunteers are needed for the AG show committee.
- h. Fund Development Committee- Annual Appeal starting around 12/1/10- each member is asked to contribute names for the Annual Appeal mailing. Corporate sponsorship brochures were also developed. Holiday cards are being sold to benefit Dolly's Imagination Library signature project.

X. Member of the Month- Congratulations to Kristen Forkeutis for her work on the Fund Development Committee- the brochures look great!

XI. Open Forum

- a. Junior League merchandise and cookbooks are for sale at the back of the room.
- b. No other new business.

XII. Motion to Adjourn*- at 8:40 PM, Carly Connors motioned to adjourn, Carolyn Daggett seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Melton, Recording Secretary