2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT
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WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year 2016-17 afforded us opportunities to be BOLD & BRAVE and of course when an opportunity knocks, the Junior League answers. We answered with acts of kindness and LOVE. Civil unrest raised its ugly head in our community, but we managed to raise funds to continue to help families in spite of what was going on in our backyard. The Historic flood took a toll on all of us. Many of our loved ones and members lost everything, but we as a league did not lose the passion to continue to give of our time, talent and treasure. Our members and community were determined to REBUILD and REFOCUS while the league remain focused on our Mission, Vision & Values.

I sincerely took my theme to heart: “It’s Your League, Love it!” So during the 2016-17 Junior League year, my goal was to make it a memorable one filled with celebration since we had reached our milestone “85th birthday”! We formed a new partnership with Woman’s Hospital and took the dull, gray rooftop view from its Newborn and Infant Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and literally transformed it into an underwater fantasy. The garden provides a signature space for visitors to heal and find comfort in the power of art. Speaking of power, we used ours to strengthen partnerships. We hosted our first Power of An Open Mind Diversity Summit, which allowed us to step outside the league’s comfort zone, helped us realize, as Stephen Covey stated, that “Strength Lies in Differences, not in Similarities.”

We celebrated with the community, hosting an exhibition chronicling the history of our league from 1932 to present at the Louisiana Old Governor’s Mansion. It featured photographs and mementos of various service projects, events, and fundraisers over the Junior League’s 85-year history in Baton Rouge.

Many of our members participated in a dance performance celebrating 85 years of the Junior League. We took it back a few decades to the 30’s, 40’s, 50’s, 60’s 70’s 80’s, 90’s and the songs told a story. The finale had us seeing red with Millennium runway red dress fashions. You truly are some strong & “Independent Women” of the modern 21st Century.

We accomplished a lot TOGETHER and I am elated to have served as president for the year 2016-17. It’s Your League, Grow It! It’s Your League, Support it! It’s Your League, LOVE IT!!

Kathy F. Victorian
2016-2017 BOARD & EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kathy Fletcher Victorian
President

Jessica Gagliano
President-Elect

Katherine Rasy-Granier
Chief Financial Officer

Stacey Frugé
Director-At-Large

Audrey Wascome
Director-At-Large

Kimberly LaMotte
Executive Coordinator

Robyn Jenkins-King
League Business Coordinator

Norisha Kirts
Long-Range Planning

Mary P. Woods
Nominating Chair

Kristi W. Richard
Policy Governance

Theresa Jones
Recording Secretary

Leslie Berg
Sustaining Advisor

Lissa Weston
Honorary Presidential Sustaining Advisor

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Candice Kidder
Marketing & Communications Vice President

Theresa Jones
Recording Secretary

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Sustaining Advisor

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Zelma Frederick
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Melissa Caruso
Fund Development Vice President

Lindsay Madatic
Membership Vice President

Theresa Jones
Recording Secretary

Mary P. Woods
Nominating Chair

Patrice Thomas
Training Coordinator

Anita Bankston
Sustaining Advisor
Members of the Junior League of Baton Rouge, Inc. are more diverse than ever with a common thread uniting us all - the opportunity to make Baton Rouge a better place. Our members are full-time professionals, stay-at-home moms, single, married, and from age 24 and beyond.

**MEMBERS AT A GLANCE**

- 464 Actives
- 91 Provisionals
- 1155 Sustaining
  
  **1710 Total**
  
  - 84% of the JLBR members have professional careers
  - 62% work more than 40 hours a week in their jobs
  - 92% are college graduates
  - 74% volunteer with organizations outside of JLBR
  - 57% hold board or leadership positions in other volunteer organizations

**SUSTAINER OF THE YEAR** | Tanja Foil
**NITA SIMMS BREAZEALE AWARD** | Jessica O’Connor
**MARY FREY EATON AWARD** | Joy Blanchard
**G.E.M. AWARD** | Kelli Bozeman
SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Making up more than half of our membership, the 1155 Sustaining Members of the Junior League of Baton Rouge are a vital resource. These women serve as mentors, advisors, teachers and friends to the Active and Provisional members and also serve the community as trained volunteers.

SUSTAINING ADVISORS

Anita Bankston | Executive Management Sustaining Advisor
Susan Bankston | Diaper Bank Sustaining Advisor
Leslie Berg | Board of Directors Sustaining Advisor
Robin Bonnette | Placement Committee Sustaining Advisor
Leslie Campbell | Patient Activity Days Committee Sustaining Advisor
Audra Collett | Research & Development Committee Sustaining Advisor
Sandra Cox | Hollydays Sustaining Advisor
Melissa DeGeneres | Ways & Means Sustaining Advisor
Sara Margaret Downing | Fund Development Council Sustaining Advisor
Betsy Edwards | Provisional Advisors Committee Sustaining Advisor
Megan Foco | Placement Committee Sustaining Advisor
Catherine Giering | Breast Health Awareness Committee Sustaining Advisor
Charlene Guarisco Montelaro | Donor Relations Committee Sustaining Advisor
Cupid Hart-James | Sustaining Members Relations Committee Sustaining Advisor
Danna Hodges | Provisional Advisors Committee Sustaining Advisor

Kathleen Howell | Marketing & Communications Council Sustaining Advisor
Rose Hudson | Financial Council Sustaining Advisor
Kristen Landry | Kitchen Tours Sustaining Advisor
Lisa Ann Moore | Membership Council Sustaining Advisor
Cheryl Payne | RRR Sustaining Advisor
Patricia Poche’ | The Little Bookshelf Committee Sustaining Advisor
Julie Rollins | Endowment Committee Sustaining Advisor
Caroline Ross | Community Council Sustaining Advisor
Sheila Sterling | Nominating Committee Sustaining Advisor
Gina Tharp | Advisory Planning Committee Sustaining Advisor
Krista Valluzzo | Ready Hands Sustaining Advisor
Erin Monroe Wesley | Diversity and Cultural Inclusion Committee Sustaining Advisor
Lissa Weston | Honorary Presidential Sustaining Advisor
Anne Williams | Community Project Coordinator Sustaining Advisor
PROVISIONAL MEMBERS
The 91 members of the 85th provisional class of the Junior League of Baton Rouge were guided through their provisional experience in the League by Active Members who serve as provisional advisors. Highlights from the 2016-17 League year include the following:

COMMUNITY PROJECTS
Each provisional served on a community project committee to learn how projects work, echoing the work of actives placed on similar committees, but on a smaller scale. This year the projects included Ready Hands, Fest for All, and Patient Activity Days.

BUILD A BETTER BATON ROUGE DAY
Provisionals received information from Catholic Charities Refugee and Immigration Services Director of Refugee Resettlement, Lisa Lee, regarding their services and impact on our community. Provisionals assembled bicycles to donate to the Catholic Charities program to be provided to clients in need of transportation.

PROVISIONAL MEETINGS
Provisionals were educated on all aspects of the inner workings of the League, including presentations by each of the League’s five councils and four fundraisers.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD
Made up of a diverse group of Baton Rouge leaders, we count on the Community Advisory Board’s expertise and perspective to provide us with direction regarding our community’s needs and where League efforts might have the greatest impact. Community Advisory Board meetings are conducted in a format that provokes discussion and sound, useful advice from our impressive members.

2016-17 COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD
This year our CAB members are utilized as consultants on future projects and outreach and helped us narrow our research for our impact area.

Mr. Scott Berg | Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry
Mr. Marvin Borgmeyer
Chief Carl R. Dabadie, Jr. | BRPD, Chief’s Office
Mrs. Doris G. Brown | LDH/Office of Public Health
Mrs. Staci Duhé
Mrs. Courtney de la Bretonne Hart | Whitney Bank
Mr. Scott Hensgens | Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLP
District Attorney Hillar Moore III | East Baton Rouge District Attorney
Mr. Robert Pettit | Waters and Pettit
Ms. Christy Reeves | Regional Development Director, Single Stop
Mrs. Kate Grant Seba | Junior League of Baton Rouge
Ms. Kathy Simoneaux | Acadian House Kitchen and Bath
Mrs. Elizabeth “Boo” Thomas | Center for Planning Excellence
Mr. Michael Tipton | President, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of LA Foundation
Mr. Christopher J. Tyson | LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center
Mrs. Whitney Vann | WBRZ-TV
### BUSINESS REPORT

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COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

2016-2017 ALLOCATIONS

![Pie chart showing allocations: Improve the Community 48%, Develop the Potential of Women 9%, Administrative Expense 40%, Endowment Contribution 3%]

Total Expenses $765,239

CONNECTING THE MONEY TO THE MISSION

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- Develop the Potential of Women
- Endowment Contribution
- Administrative Expense

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Since 1980, the Junior League of Baton Rouge’s Community Assistance Fund has provided funding for community nonprofits with specific, short-term monetary needs. To date, the Community Assistance Fund has distributed more than $909,000 to worthy organizations.

### 2016-17 TOTAL: $69,900

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COMMUNITY PROJECTS

OUR VISION IN ACTION!
Our slate of Community Projects is focused on carrying out our vision to improve the Baton Rouge Community in the areas of health, education and cultural development.

BREAST HEALTH AWARENESS | SUSAN G. KOMEN FOUNDATION
Saving the lives of East Baton Rouge residents by providing breast health information to the public. The Susan G. Komen foundation in our community taught League volunteers presentation skills and gave them the tools and opportunities to speak to various groups such as churches, workplace groups, civic organizations, and student organizations.

BUILDING BLOCKS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE | YMCA
Focusing on safety, health, social and cultural growth, and academic success for Pre-K and Kindergarten students in after-school programs. The YMCA provides after school care to nearly 15,000 youth from 16 area schools, Monday-Friday during the school year. League volunteers worked alongside YMCA staff to implement programming for approximately 22 children at Broadmoor Elementary. Twice a month on “Friday Fun Days”, League volunteers facilitated hands-on arts and crafts, as well as learning about healthy food and exercise.

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BATON ROUGE DIAPER CO-OP
Ensuring every baby can be clean, dry and healthy. Unfortunately, diapers are one of the few items not covered by WIC or Food Stamps, making it extremely difficult for low-income families to provide their children with this basic necessity. Babies without access to clean diapers suffer from painful diaper rashes and UTIs, and diseases like Hepatitis A are spread more easily. The Diaper Co-op has held a series of successful diaper drives, providing diapers to thousands of needy families in our community, and distributing over 300,000 diapers after the August 2016 flooding.

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN
Fighting the youth obesity epidemic through education. League volunteers led demonstrations focusing on healthy meal and snack preparation, using ingredients accessible and realistic to create a truly healthy and balanced snack or meal by partnering with The Little Bookshelf, Building Blocks for a Brighter Futures, the Iris Domestic Violence Center, YMCA, Young Chefs Academy, and The Parker House.

THE LITTLE BOOKSHELF | LSU AGCENTER
Bringing the joy of books to newborns and their parents. This LSU AgCenter program focuses on encouraging literacy within low-income families by providing books to parents with newborns and StoryTime at the Burden Museum and Gardens. League volunteers prepare book bags for monthly deliveries to the local WIC office and prepare crafts related to the story being read at StoryTime.

PATIENT ACTIVITY DAYS | OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL
Bringing smiles to hospitalized children through the arts, and bridging Patient Activity Days to the Family Resource Center. By offering an entertaining distraction through the healing process, OLOL hopes to improve the health of the child who is hospitalized and enrich the entire family’s hospital experience with the help of League volunteers. In addition to providing the traditional Patient Activity Days activities, music, art, literature, dramatic play, and playroom activities, League volunteers performed puppet shows, utilized the Welcome Wagon, and provided one-on-one attention to the patients unable to leave their rooms and participate in the playroom.

READY HANDS
Enhancing Baton Rouge through immediate volunteer support. Working with local community partners, League volunteers responded to the short-term, immediate needs of the Baton Rouge community as they arose throughout the year.
With the August 2016 flood occurring six weeks prior to Hollydays, the Hollydays committee was able to overcome many unforeseen challenges and put on a successful market. New in 2016 was the Lee Michaels Diamond Ticket, which included two tickets to all special events, access to a VIP lounge, and a chance to win a pair of diamond earrings. Blitzen’s Bash Preview Gala, Girls Night Out, Vixen & Vino Wine Tasting, and Brunch with Santa returned as special events. Thanks to the addition of online bidding, the Blitzen’s Bash silent auction was the highest auction grossing event ever.
**RIVER ROAD RECIPES**

River Road Recipes continues its legacy of being the all time #1 best selling community cookbook series in the nation. For the first time in the cookbook’s history, three cookbooks, River Road Recipes I, II, and III, were reprinted during a single League year. River Road Recipes I celebrated its 80th reprinting. River Road Recipes III: A Healthy Collection was revamped with a new hardcover with inbound wire to make it consistent with RRR I and II. The section pages were also updated with artwork by local artist Lauren Bellone.

Throughout the year, the committee attended several events, including the Red Stick Farmers’ Market, a Christmas market at Nottoway Plantation, the Louisiana Book Fair, Alexander’s Market, Jolly Jingles Market in Hammond, and of course, Hollydays. In the fall, Galatoire’s Bistro hosted a “Give Back to River Road Recipes” evening, where a portion of proceeds was donated to the League, and in the spring, the RRR committee hosted a luncheon at Galatoire’s Bistro to honor the RRR past chairwomen.

**KITCHEN TOURS**

On Sunday, April 2, 2017, over 200 guests participated in the fourth annual Kitchen Tours, which is a self-guided tour of six well-appointed kitchens in the Baton Rouge area showcasing both new construction and recently renovated kitchens. This year, the committee focused on increasing community awareness about the event to increase ticket sales and sponsorships. They also enhanced the VIP experience to provide a best in class experience for guests. The VIP tickets included brunch and a cooking demonstration by Chef Celeste (sponsored by Acadian House Kitchen & Bath Studio), a champagne and wine limo bus tour of 6 beautiful kitchens, a mid-way stop at our presenting sponsor, STONE, showroom for additional snacks and beverages, and raffle prizes and gift bags just for VIP attendees. The VIP experience sold out for the first time.

**SPONSORS AND DONORS**

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TOUCH A TRUCK! TOOT, TOOT! BEEP, BEEP!

The most anticipated children’s event from 2016 rolled back into Baton Rouge on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. The Second Annual Touch A Truck was one for the books, providing opportunities for kids of all ages to experience HANDS ON WITH REAL TRUCKS! Junior League of Baton Rouge welcomed over 2500 guests, who received an exceptional hands-on experience, with vehicles of all types—construction, public service, emergency, utility, landscaping, transportation, delivery, and more! The children were able to interact with their favorite vehicles, learn about the importance of safety, and meet the men and women who serve and protect our communities. The Touch A Truck Committee kicked the day off with a ribbon cutting with Mayor Sharon Weston Broome and District Attorney Hillar Moore, followed by Silent Hour at 9:00 am for our friends who are sensitive to noise and light. At 10:00 am, the horns began honking and we were off to another hugely successful event for Junior League of Baton Rouge!

In addition to touching trucks, children and their families excavated in the Dig Zone, experienced a variety of health, safety and fitness demonstrations, enjoyed a marching band and learned about and interacted with farm animals! Junior League of Baton Rouge also showcased what we do best—serve the community! Our Community Projects joined in on the fun by providing entertainment, crafts and information to our guests regarding the impact that is being made throughout our community through each project.

Through this kid-friendly event, Junior League of Baton Rouge raised almost $29,000, all while having a “wheelie” great time!

2017 EXHIBITORS & SPONSORS

Acadian Ambulance Services
Ace Enterprises, Inc
All Star Catering
Angelle Materials
BR Coca Cola Bottling Company
BR Police Department
Bayou Tree Service
BREC
Brenntag Southwest, Inc.
Cajun Ready Mix Concrete LLC
Canadian National Railway’s Little Obie Classic Hits 103.3
Coastal Bridge Company, LLC
Community Coffee Company
Cortana Kiwanis
David Vincent Martial Arts
Deep South Crane & Rigging
Doggett Machinery
LA Dept. of Transportation & Development
Doyle Electric, LLC
EBR District Attorney’s Office
EBR Department of Maintenance
EBR Department of Public Works
EBR Parish Sheriff’s Office
EBR Parish Library
Edgerton Construction
Entergy
Federal Bureau of Investigation
G.E.C., Inc.
Gerry Lane Enterprises
Gilchrist Construction
Guarantee Restoration Services
Jason & Marlene DeCuir
Louisiana CAT
Lamar Advertising
Law Office of Sarah Touard
Leroy’s Lip Smack’n Lemonade
Lexlee’s Kids
Louisiana State Police
LSU Volleyball Team
McClinchey Stafford
Mercedes-Benz of BR
Mosquito Shield
NRK Construction, LLC
OLOL Childrens Hospital
Park Forest Middle School
Patient Plus Urgent Care
Pez Plaza
PODS
Priscilla Taylor Photography
Pro Sold Realty
Providence
Quality Concrete Group
Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers
Red Barn Farm Tours
Roy’s Ice
Ryan, LLC
Saunders & Chabert
Service Radio Rentals, LLC
St. George Fire Department
St. James Episcopal Day School
Studio Gray
Sunshine Quality Solutions
Stuart & Teal Gray
Tiffany Palmer
Two Men & A Truck Baton Rouge
Victoria’s Toy Station
Wampold Companies
GIFTS TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND

The Junior League of Baton Rouge Endowment Fund was established in 1999 to create a constant base of funding, independent of fundraisers, that would generate interest to be used to offset administrative costs in the future and allow for multi-year budgeting. The Endowment Fund is managed by the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, who implements a disciplined approach of investing to ensure constant growth in the Fund. We look to the Endowment Fund to sustain the future of the League financially. A contribution to the Endowment Fund is a contribution to the future of women, children and community culture of the Greater Baton Rouge area. Through the generosity of League members and our community, our Endowment Fund received over $17,445 in contributions and gifts during the 2016-2017 League year.

2016-2017 CLUB 900 DONORS - NEW MEMBERS

Club 900, which began in 2010, is a group of members who support the Mission of the League through a financial commitment that spans their entire active years in the Junior League of Baton Rouge. Each new member class is invited to join Club 900 during their Provisional year. To be inducted into Club 900, members pledge $100 a year for their nine year active membership in the League.

NEW CLUB 900 MEMBERS FOR 2016-2017

Adkins, Kwame
Barnes, Damona
Cambre, Amy
Charles-Comminy, Toyia
Collins, Tokesha
Conn, Heather
Cullens, Leah
Davis, Amanda
Domingue, Gina
Fazio, Danielle
Greenhouse, Ashley
Haneline, Sarah
Jupiter, Kimberly
Richardson, Holly
West, Michelle
Youngblood, Ta-Tabashia

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Abadie, Carol
Anderson, Christina
Boudreaux, Elizabeth
Cardaro, Megan
Centanni, Elizabeth
Catherine, Michelle
Collins, Tokesha
Conn, Heather
De Witt, Lauren
Dunlap, Laura
Edmonds, Kathryn
Fennell, Amy
Fland, Whitney
Folks-Givens, Heather
Fowler, Lauren
French, Crystal
Gustason, Amanda
Hammatt, Kristi
Hathorn, Shalane
Johnson, Jasmin
Johnson, Lane
Jones, Theresa
Kidder, Candice
Kilpatrick, Aimee
Lanno, Michelle
Loftin, Michelle
Mohr, Brittany
Newsome, Jasmin
Rea, Laurie
Riley, Sophia
Satava, Danielle
Schexnayder, Valerie
Scott-Scott, Monique
Singer Lee, Mimi
Steven, Felicia
Thompson, Eileen
Trimble, Renee
van Mullem, Cherish
Watson, Jessica
Wascome, Audrey

GIVING TUESDAY DONATIONS

Abadie, Carol
Austin, Karen
Berg, Leslie
Blanchard, Joy
Charles-Comminy, Toyia
Domingue, Gina
Downing, Sara
Fennell, Amy
Frederick, Zelma
Frouge, Stacey
Guarisco Montelaro, Charlene
Jenkins-King, Robyn
Johnson, Velena
Kindler, Jill
LaFlure, Vanessa
LaMotte, Kimberly
Low, Candace
McCarney, Eunice
Montanaro, Melanie
Norwood, Jane H
Patel-Vasanji, Namisha
Perret, Mandy
Pocorella, Kelly
Royal, Kristy
Schexnayder, Valerie
Schutte, Jeannine
Seba, Kate
Thomas, Patrice
Vidrine, Janet
White, Katherine

ENDOWMENT DONORS

Anderson, Christina
Anderson, Constance
Austin, Karen
Bagley, Julie & Scott
Barden, Ginny
Billings, Susan
Black, Susan
Bogan, Virginia P.
Bombet, Louann
Boulevard, Gale
Bowen, Maria
Broussard, Lisa
Bush, Tanie
Campbell, Leslie
Campbell, Sheryl
Campesi, Stacey
Carmouche, Mary
Caruso, Melissa
Cashio, Claire
Chevalier, Mary Beth
Coleman, Bridgette
Conn, Heather
Cotton, Gwen
Crawford, Nancy
Dardenne, Cathy
Day, Leslie
DiStefano, Emily
Downing, Sara Margaret
Dykes, Emily
Edgerton, Shelley
Favre Zeringue, Shelley
Feigley, Karen
Fontenot, Kyoto
Forrester, Sharon
Franklin, Monique
Galgia, Jessica
Gammill, Peggy
Giering, Catherine
Gray, Teal
Greer, Alice
Guarisco Montelaro, Charlene
Harris, Elizabeth
Har-James, Cupid
Howell, Kathleen
Hudson, Rose
Kimble, Molly
Knight-Jennifer
LeBouef, Sharon
Losey-Gregg, Christen
Lowe, Amy
Lowe, Amy Groves
Mayfield, Lucy
Mayhall, Valerie
McLain, Jenny
Menden, Kristin
Millender, Michelle
Miller, Ann
Montanaro, Melanie
Moore, Julia George
Moraes, Jenny
Novak, Karen
Odum, Dianna
Osvalt, Erin
Ozono, Erin
Owen Jones, Adrian
Parker, Pam
Perrault, Julie
Phillips, Elizabeth
Pike, Jill
Poche', Laura
Pollard, Glenda
Rauch, Tracy
Robinson, Ellen
Robinson, Kimberly
Rosito, Jill
Ross, Shikira
Russo, Adelaide
Savant, Amber
Sceoler, Allison
Schilling, Shay
Simmons, Becky
Skinner, Renee
Spring, Kristen
Stokold, Jill
Stone, Carter
Temple, Keli
Tharp, Gina
Thomas, Patrice
Thomas, Stephanie
Toups, Paula
Vidrine, Janet
Way, Tracie
Weston, Lisa
Wilbert, Emily
Wills, Renee
Windham, Jacqueline
Wolfe, Emily
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**EMBRACING ESTUARY**

In October 2016, the League membership voted to approve a partnership with Woman’s Hospital which allowed the two organizations to collaborate on a unique project at the hospital. The project, “Embracing Estuary”, is a rooftop garden that provides visitors and guests of the hospital with educational displays that develop engagement and learning while representing some of the iconic flora and fauna of our great state.

Long term visitors of the hospital, who are often experiencing difficult and challenging times in their lives, have been looking out over a cement rooftop. “Embracing Estuary” provides a rooftop art installation as well as a special place for visitors to heal and be comforted through the power of art. The installation—created by artist Joel Breaux, Stephanie Landry and Clark Derbes with creative consultants WHLC Architecture. Milton J. Womack Contractors, Raina Wirta and Melisa Rad—is located near the third-floor NICU at Woman’s. The artwork celebrates our coastal region and Louisiana wildlife diversity and is designed to ease the stress of families in an intense medical setting. The League is prominently featured in this area, and Woman’s provides small favors, which includes a wooden puzzle of the creatures featured in the display as well as literature about the League, to families staying in this area.

**DIVERSITY SUMMIT**

On April 6, 2017, the League’s Diversity and Cultural Inclusion (DCI) committee planned and hosted its inaugural summit at the BREC Independence Park Theatre. The summit’s theme: The Power of an Open Mind, was brought to life by bringing the Baton Rouge community together to promote positive and progressive conversations on issues that divide us. We took the first step in educating our community that we are more alike than different and all it takes is an open mind to bring about unity and change. Dr. Katrice Albert, NCAA, Executive Vice President of Inclusion and Human Resources, served as our keynote speaker.

**PANEL INCLUDED:**

- **Raymond Jetson**, President & CEO, MetroMorphosis and Pastor, Star Hill Church
- **Karie Holton**, LGBTQ Graduate Project Coordinator, LSU Office of Multicultural Affairs
- **Robyn Merrick**, Alumni Affairs, Executive Associate to the President-Chancellor, Southern University System
- **Emad Nofal**, Board of Directors, Islamic Center of Baton Rouge
- **Elizabeth “Boo” Thomas**, President & CEO, Center for Planning Excellence
- **Hebert Anny**, Baton Rouge Police Department

Wesley, Sustaining Advisor to the DCI Committee, served as the facilitator. Over 100 guests, from the League as well as the general public, were in attendance and provided effective and authentic feedback.
Unlike some anniversary celebrations that only last for a single day, the Junior League of Baton Rouge celebrated its 85th Anniversary all year long. Using this time to honor our League’s legacy in the Baton Rouge community, reminders of our League’s achievements were present throughout the year. The League’s rich history was infused at many League functions and were highlighted to the community at large with an exhibit at the Old Governor’s Mansion.

The year’s anniversary commemoration culminated on Saturday, March 18, 2017 with a celebration at The Varsity Theatre. With Past President Donna Saurage and Whitney Vann serving as emcees, the evening began with a video of past presidents discussing the League’s accomplishments over the past 85 years. What followed was an entertaining performance that highlighted the League’s history with active, sustaining and even new members dancing through the decades. The highlight of the evening was the grand finale featuring a dance duet of President Kathy Victorian and Leonard Augustus, surrounded by all of the performers dressed in red.
OUR MISSION
An organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

OUR VISION
Women As Catalysts For Lasting Community Change

OUR VALUES
• OUR MEMBERSHIP embraces commitment and acts with integrity to do what is right.
• EMBRACE COMMITMENT – We go the extra mile. We honor our commitments. We’re efficient, effective, and organized.
• ACT WITH INTEGRITY – We are professional. We are trustworthy. We are dependable.
• OUR COMMUNITY deserves compassionate service and thoughtful collaboration.
• COMPASSIONATE SERVICE – We are caring. We are approachable. We are open.
• THOUGHTFUL COLLABORATION – We are strategic. We are purposeful. We are smart.
• OUR CULTURE fosters strategic training and innovative leadership.
• STRATEGIC TRAINING – We are willing to ask why. We are willing to ask how. We want to make ourselves better.
• INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP – We are open to growth. We are willing to take risks. We are courageous.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION STATEMENT
The Junior League of Baton Rouge welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations and communities.