



President's perspective

Dear Junior Leaguers,

Welcome to the 94th year of the Junior League of Cincinnati as we go **Back to the Basics!** By the end of this year, my goal is for our members to have gained a richer understanding of the JLC – who we are, what we do, how we work and how everything we do relates back to our mission to develop the potential of women, improve communities, and promote voluntarism.

The year has started, and already we have made an impact on the Greater Cincinnati community. Our first General Membership Meeting of the year was one of the best attended meetings in my memory, with 235 members in attendance! Members got a roadmap of the year through presentations from Board VPs and were treated to an inspiring talk from my own high school classmate, Hai Sam, as he shared his and his family's experiences when escaping from Vietnam in 1979 and their assimilation into Cincinnati as refugees.

Our members have also been hard at work improving communities and promoting voluntarism. With the launch of our new Impact Initiatives, RefugeeConnect and Pediatric Oral Health, we are poised to make an even greater impact on the Greater Cincinnati area. This fall I had the pleasure of attending the grand opening of the Delta Dental Center at Oyler School, a three-seat dental clinic where children will be able to seek needed dental care free of charge through the work of the Children's Oral Health Network, of which the JLC is a founding member.



Lisa Hubbard, Darlene Kamine with Judy Arnett & Vicki Nixon (Executive Director) of the Cincinnati Dental Society



As I think of the opportunities available for our members this year, I can't help but reflect upon the opportunities I have experienced over the past 11 years, all because of the JLC. I have gotten to attend national training conferences, lead projects, help identify future JLC leaders, speak in public, sit on boards, work with a local artist to create the MindPeace mural, plan events, work to create a budget, learn to read a balance sheet and review financials, be on the field for the opening pitch of a Reds game, help to apply for and receive awards for our community projects, run a meeting, train others, attend debates and candidate meet & greets, be a Girls on the Run running coach for 7th graders, participate in 5K races, contribute to the JLC cookbook, experience team building, be inspired by fabulous speakers including Amy Tobin, John Pepper, Margaret Buchanan, and Julie Isphording, sell cookbooks door-to-door in Hyde Park Square, meet new people, meet best friends, reconnect with old friends, become a leader, work with children, work with adults, make a difference and volunteer.

I hope every member of the JLC will be able to look back on her experiences this year and remember how the JLC transformed her in some way.

Warmest regards,

Lisa P. Hubbard

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