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Dear Members,

I am thrilled to serve as the President of the Junior League of Richmond for the 2013–2014 League year. I want to thank the entire Board of Directors for all of their leadership this past year, the Chairs, Assistant Chairs, and our staff for all of their hard work. Without you, none of the wonderful impact we have had in our community would be realized. I want to thank all of our Sustainers, who are the backbone of our organization and who forged the way for all of us. There is so much we can learn from them. And I want to thank each and every member who showed up, whether to a meeting, a DIAD, or an event, for your commitment to volunteerism. Because we all know that the act of showing up, is necessary for the success of our league, and I thank you for that commitment of time to the Junior League and carrying out our Mission.

As I look back on the past year, I want to note several very important accomplishments but please know that there will be many not mentioned that were just as successful. First, the Clothes Rack has turned 65 year old this year. How great is that? We are also in the process of refining our Three year Strategic plan and can only get excited to see where the league will take us in the future. The Action Learning Team (ALT) has been working to make the membership experience so much greater, and our focus on the East End proves to make a difference with the completion of our first year of the Mentorship program.

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Congratulations to our new Active Members!

Congratulations to the Junior League of Richmond's New Active Members, Lindsay Davis and the New Member Advisors on a great New Member year! We look forward to you being a part of the legacy of the Junior League and help us serve the Richmond Community by carrying out the Mission of the JLR of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. [Click here to see all New Members!](#)

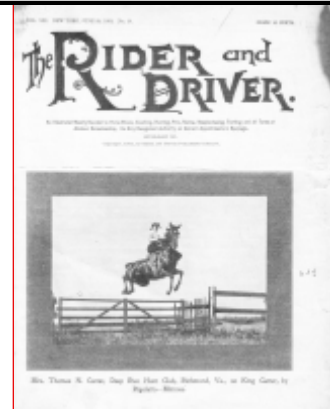
mention Branding. The partnership they developed with VCU has helped us tremendously with getting the Junior League name out in the Community. The Training Institute for Leadership Impact (TILI) has made a comeback this year, and took on the challenge of developing new courses to us grow professionally and personally. Because of this, The Junior League will have the opportunity to be a more visible presence in the community, and provide greater opportunities for our members to develop their leadership skills.

We are also thankful for our fundraising events, which have raised approximately a combined total of \$84,000 to invest into our community and meet our mission. From Touch a Truck to Shopping Events, and from Socials to Book and Author, you have shown fellow Richmonders that a fun day or evening for them or their families enables them to partner with the league in helping others in our community.

I would be remiss if I did not mention someone that helps each member of our league behind the scenes, Mel Hannan. She has done a phenomenal job in her volunteer role as Database Manager to streamline Digital Cheetah and simplify the way we interact and communicate with each other online. Thank you Mel, for all of the hard work you have done daily, to make our lives easier and our league run more smoothly. Your work will make this transition into the new league year even more seamless.

When I think about the upcoming year, I think of it as a year of celebration. We really value our members and although at times we will need patience, flexibility, open-mindedness and a sense of humor, it is worth every minute of it. I want everyone to know that it is okay, in fact, it is necessary, to set us up for future success. Personally, I believe that the league will be in a better position and our members will grow from these experiences.

I want to mention a quote I heard some time ago: "Volunteers are not paid – not because they are



History of Mayo Carter House

The Junior League was privileged to have Harry Kollatz, Jr. from Richmond Magazine speak at the March General Membership meeting about the importance of women leaders in the preservation of historic Richmond homes, including our very own Mayo-Carter home. Charter League members, such as Elizabeth Bocock and Mary Ross Scott Reed, recognized the importance of preserving these stately old homes and loaned the League the funds to purchase the Mayo Carter home in 1977. [Click here to read more of the history of MCH.](#)



Summertime Blues?? Volunteer Now!

Just because we're on a

members are priceless to the Junior League, and to the community we live in by virtue of all you do to help move our mission forward every day.

I am very proud to be a member of the Junior League of Richmond and am grateful for the efforts, the gifts, and for the contributions of each individual member. I am always available to you, and if we have not met, please introduce yourself to me. The Junior League members inspire me, and I enjoy hearing why you joined and how you have used your volunteer service to improve our community. We are ALL privileged to be a part of this organization.

Warmest regards,

Michelle Miller
2013-2014 President
Junior League of Richmond

make an impact here in RVA! Members (and even new members!) can register for tons of great volunteer opportunities, like a shift helping underprivileged youth get ready for back to school through Bright Beginnings. Or, follow the lead from other outstanding members like Platinum Member Heidi Vaiksnoras, and donate and volunteer at The Clothes Rack!



Save the Date!

Upcoming General Membership Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, 9/18/13

Tuckahoe Women's Club

Special Guest Speaker Toni Freeman, President, Association of Junior League International (AJLI)

Wednesday, 10/2013

Neighborhood GMM

Wednesday, 11/13/13

First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, 1/15/14

First Presbyterian Church

Did you know that last year we raised over \$40,000 as part of our ANNUAL FUND campaign? The year-long effort is one of our major fundraising pillars, and its success depends largely upon you. [Click here to donate](#), and stay tuned for more fun facts and ways to get involved!

First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, 3/2014

Neighborhood GMM

Wednesday, 4/23/14

First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, 5/21/14

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