

LITTLE LEAGUERS

• Silas Ray McGaha
3/25/2010
8 lbs
20 1/4 inches
Kelly and Corey McGaha

• Berkleigh Rene Akins
4/15/2010
7 lbs. 9 oz.
Brooke and Scott Akins

• Lillian Wright Ledwell
1/7/2010
7 lbs 7oz
20 1/2 inches
Ben and Meredith Ledwell

• Jackson Lowery Moody
11/23/2009
8 lbs
20 inches
Les and Cammie Moody

REQUEST FOR CHANGES

Anyone wishing to submit address, phone, or name changes, or include their birthday or the name of their spouse for the 2010-2011 yearbook must do so by July 9.

All changes should be submitted to:

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JLT TRANSITIONS NOTES SENT

Lynlee Harvey (A) - Steven's grandfather died
Judy Morgan (S) - Uncle died
Melanie Gloster - (A) daughter receiving treatments
Bobbie Guillot (S) - mom fell and broke hip
Alice McMillan (S) - husband had surgery
Dr. Barry and Patty Green - \$200 donation
Patsy Morris (S) - Idalee Hawkins Leadership Texarkana Award

DUES REMINDER
If you have not paid your dues yet, please pay by July 1. We must certify our membership rolls to AJLI by July 15, so we need an accurate count.
Your dues help us provide training to our members and run League operations.
Dues can be paid online at www.jltextarkana.org or by mailing payment to:
118 E. Broad St.,
Texarkana, AR 71854.
Dues are \$70 for Actives and \$55 for Sustainers.



Congratulations
Melanie Gloster
2009-2010
Marguerite
Whitmarsh Holman
Award recipient

Patti Finley presents Melanie Gloster with her award at the May 3, 2010 meeting.

DIALOG
JUNIOR LEAGUE OF TEXARKANA
JUNE 2010

JLT hosts first Touch-a-Truck

The first ever Touch-a-Truck Family Fun Day was held on April 17, 2010 at Central Mall. The League hopes to make this an annual fundraiser.

Touch-a-Truck is not only a way to raise funds but also a fun-filled, educational day for the entire family. If you missed coming, you missed being able to see the Bowie County Sheriff's Helicopter, a Waste Management Truck, RVs and four-wheelers from Langdon Trailer Sales, cars, and trucks, as well as smart cars from McLarty Ford and Orr Auto Group.

The Junior League of Texarkana would like to express a sincere "Thank You" to the many participants and sponsors that helped to make this year's inaugural event a success.



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COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

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If you know of a community leader wanting to serve on the JL Community Advisory Board, please contact Cindy Porter at crpmd@aol.com for more information.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



PATTI FINLEY
 2009-2010 PRESIDENT

As our 84th year comes to a close, I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve as the president of the Junior League of Texarkana. Each year, our members contribute their time, talent and energy to various community projects and fundraisers. In doing so, we not only impact the lives of women and children, but we foster our roles as community leaders.

We are very excited to have partnered with Leadership Texarkana for the 2nd Annual Junior League/Leadership Texarkana Non-Profit Board Training in May. One advantage to League membership is the wonderful training opportunities, and this year, League members traveled to Fayetteville, Dallas, Savannah and Orlando for conferences and workshops.

From the dedicated efforts of the Steering Committee, to the expertise of the Sustainers, our members joined together to ensure the success of the 24th Annual Mistletoe Fair Holiday Market. The hard work paid off in "Shoes for the Soul," "Bags of Hope," rocking chairs, Christmas gifts, and many other projects.

The Junior League of Texarkana's newest fundraiser, Touch A Truck, was held on April 17, 2010. Over 200 people climbed in and on the 25 vehicles, and interacted with League members. Another 125 children experienced the JLT's Star Lab, which was located inside Central Mall.

Congratulations to the provisional class of 2009-2010 on your new "active" status and for your project, "Rockin' the NICU." Not only will this project continue in 2010-2011, but many mothers and babies will also benefit. JLT is looking forward to this group of members being future League leaders!

With all that our members do, much of our success is thanks to our many generous sponsors. Included in this issue is a list of those businesses and individuals, and I encourage you to tell them how much their support enables us to accomplish our mission.

As you read this issue of the Dialog, join us in celebrating the many community projects that our members have created. Whether we are providing comfort to children in the foster care system, or reaching out to make sure that all children have shoes for school, Junior League of Texarkana members make a difference in the community.

Thank you for your commitment to the JLT and for your hard work and dedication. This has been a year to remember!

2010 Mistletoe Fair Pre-Shifts

Decorations

June 3 5:30pm-8:30pm
 July 20 9:00am-12noon

July 6 5:30pm-8:30pm
 July 27 5:30pm-8:30pm

August 10 5:30pm-8:30pm

Children's & Special Events

To Be Announced

Tickets & Invitations

To Be Announced

Gourmet To Go

To Be Announced

Fair Week Pre-Shift Times and Dates

You will be assigned to an area when you arrive at the Fair Grounds.

Tuesday, November 16

9am-12noon or 1pm-4pm

Wednesday, November 17

9am-12pm, 11am-2pm, 1pm-4pm, 3pm-7pm, 6pm-9pm

Thursday, November 18

9am-12noon, 11am-2pm, 1pm-4pm

Name _____ Year admitted to the league as listed in yearbook _____

Email _____ Email notification for shifts will be sent!

Phone(H) _____ (C) _____ (W) _____

Remember, these shifts are when we wear our "working gloves". Please list any limitations you may have such as pregnancy, back problems, etc...that will help us place you with the right committee. Please list your four choices in order of preference. Include at least two choices during the week of MTF. If you have any questions, email Deana Landreth at deanalandreth@cableone.net.

Date/Time	Committee
1. _____	3. _____
2. _____	4. _____

WELCOME TO NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS

We are happy to report that the following Provisional Class was installed as Active Members of the JLT during the May 3 Annual Meeting:

Amanda Barr	Alicia Graham	Shayla Oakes
Candice Beasley	Emily Harper	Gina Parrish
Kelsey Cigainero	Katie Jackson	Billie Pritchett
Ashley Cooper	Leesa Johnson	Jessica Rich
Kristin Davis	Trina Johnson	Casey Sanders
Jill Douglas	Meredith Ledwell	Melinda Shumaker
Natasha Dowd	Missy Lyda	Lindsey Thompson
Lindsey Lender	Courtney Miller	Stephanie Wright
Jennifer Giddens	Alana Morel	

WELCOME TO NEW PREFERRED ACTIVES AND SUSTAINER MEMBERS

It is with great pleasure that The Junior League of Texarkana announces its newest preferred active and sustaining members. We thank them for their hard work and dedication and wish them well. Thank you to these newest sustainers for a collective 91 years of active service to the League.

Christie Adams	Alison Mayo	Kristie Dempsey
Pam Beck	Carol Pearcy	Patti Finley
Cheryl Clem	Amanda Raney	
Melody Hines	Heather Tipton	

REQUEST FOR RESIGNATION

Christy Bolton
 Belinda Hutcheson
 Candice Jansen
 Eileen Walraven

MISSION

The Junior League of Texarkana, Inc. (JLT) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

JUNIOR LEAGUE SPONSORS

Our thanks are extended to all of those who so generously support the JLT and our mission.

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Texarkana Gazette
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Texarkana Arkansas ISD
Texarkana Country Club - Pro Shop
Texarkana Golf Ranch
Texarkana Texas ISD – Leadership Class
Toy Castle
Wilson's Firestone Tire Center

For the past 84 years, the Junior League of Texarkana has been "Women Building Better Communities". As you can see from the list below, we have been instrumental in helping a number of non-profits agencies start and/or grow programs that would not have existed otherwise without the Junior League's assistance. This is a list of monies but does not begin to include the countless hours our members volunteer in the community.

JLT - Teacher Take Wing.....\$238,725.00	JLT - Spring into Reading.....\$20,000.00
JLT - Dental Clinic.....\$213,710.81	Temple Memorial.....\$14,421.00
Runnin' WJ Ranch.....\$134,200.00	Red Cross.....\$13,750.00
Texarkana Museum Systems..\$124,000.00	"Up With Youth" Speaker.....\$13,450.00
Susan G. Komen- Texarkana Race for the Cure.\$118,000.00	Pre-Natal Clinic.....\$13,000.00
Texarkana Symphony Orchestra.....\$100,000.00	JLT - STAR LAB\$13,000.00
Hospice of Texarkana, Inc.....\$67,000.00	Junior Achievement.....\$12,600.00
CASA.....\$65,541.00	Wadley RMC.....\$12,000.00
UAMS/AHEC.....\$49,405.00	Texarkana Volunteer Center.....\$10,500.00
JLT - Holiday from the Heart...\$55,700.00	Blow the Whistle on Crime.....\$10,000.00
Girls Scouts.....\$43,605.00	TRAHC.....\$15,435.00
Texarkana Public Library.....\$42,945.00	Volunteer Service Bureau.....\$10,000.00
JLT - Shoes for the Soul.....\$50,000.00	Summer Youth.....\$8,600.00
DARE.....\$38,098.00	Adolescent Teen Pregnancy.....\$8,035.00
Ace of Clubs House.....\$35,168.00	Opportunities, Inc.....\$5,150.00
Literacy Council.....\$34,060.00	Discovery Gallery.....\$5,000.00
YWCA.....\$30,750.00	One Point of Light.....\$5,000.00
Perot Theater.....\$30,000.00	School of Success.....\$5,000.00
Playscape at Spring Lake Park..\$30,000.00	Watch Me Grow.....\$5,000.00
Texarkana Boys & Girls Club...\$27,723.00	JLT-Rockin' the NICU.....\$3,200.00
Children's Advocacy Center....\$25,733.00	B.O.L.D.....\$3,600.00
Randy Sams Shelter.....\$23,000.00	Done in a Day.....\$3,200.00
SCAN.....\$21,000.00	Child's Play.....\$3,100.00
JLT - Kids in the Kitchen.....\$25,000.00	AHS - Baby Think it Over\$3,000.00
Teen Court.....\$20,075.00	JLT - Backpack Program (School Supplies).....\$2,500.00
Domestic Violence.....\$23,900.00	Kids on the Block.....\$2,500.00
Watersprings Ranch.....\$19,193.51	Boy Scouts of America.....\$2,000.00
Supply Train.....\$19,000.00	Pediatric Angels.....\$770.00
Harvest Texarkana.....\$16,500.00	JL Cookbook.....\$500.00
Awareness of Crime.....\$15,950.00	JLT - Patient Rescue.....\$500.00
JLT - Bags of Hope.....\$18,000.00	New Beginnings.....\$350.00
Children Defense Fund.....\$15,000.00	Battered Women's Shelter.....\$250.00
	TOTALS.....\$1,996,393.32

Palm Trees, Powerful Women, and Purpose

On April 14-18, Junior League members from 250 Leagues across the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, and Mexico descended on the land of Disney for the 88th Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) Annual Conference. I was honored to travel to Orlando on behalf of the amazing women of the Junior League of Texarkana and share the impact that you have on our community.

Each year, representatives from the 293 Junior Leagues across the world meet to share ideas, attend training sessions, and vote on issues that affect all members. During the four day conference, I participated in workshops on financial planning, member engagement, and community impact—all important issues that pertain to our League. I also connected with ladies from Leagues in Little Rock, Fort Smith, Lufkin, Longview, Seattle, and Philadelphia. One of the most exciting aspects of the training was visiting with Delly Beekman, incoming President of AJLI. Known to some as Bruce Springsteen's neighbor, Delly will travel to Texarkana in August and participate in the All-Arkansas Conference.

Since we were in Orlando, we had to throw in a little fun (and no one can have as much fun as a large group of women). Universal Studios City Walk hosted a block party on Thursday evening and between the karaoke bar and Pat O'Brien's, many of us have memories to last a lifetime!

This is an exciting time to be a member of the Junior League of Texarkana. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to further my leadership training and represent the powerful women in our League.

2010-2011 CRPD RESULTS

JL League Initiated Projects:

Bags of Hope – 2,000
Dental Clinic – 1,000
Holiday from the Heart – 8,500
Kids in the Kitchen – 5,000
Rockin' the NICU – 5,000
Shoes for the Soul – 10,000
Spring into Reading – 5,000
Star Lab – volunteers
Teacher Take Wing – 20,000
Teen Court - volunteers
Texarkana Symphony Orchestra
– 3,670 "TSO's Youth Concerto
Competition"

TOTALING – \$ 60,170.00

JLT will host the All-Arkansas Junior Leagues Conference on Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church. To sign up to attend this great day of leadership and League training, please email or call Janet Lyons at jltextarkana@valornet.com or (870) 772-9948.

You will not want to miss it!

~ By **Melanie Gloster**

2009-2010 Junior League of Texarkana Initiated Projects

Holiday from the Heart



This year, 34 students from Liberty-Eylau C.K. Bender Elementary School and 27 students from Pleasant Grove Elementary School; 43 families were reached, enjoyed a fun filled morning at Wal-Mart. They were greeted at the door by a JLT volunteer then each child was partnered with a JLT volunteer to help them pick out the perfect gift for themselves or a member of their family. In addition to the gifts, each child enjoyed a visit with Santa and a gift card to bring home to their family.

*Partial funds received from Wal-Mart.



In October and April of this past year, the JLT partnered with Payless Shoe Source to give children from the local school districts two new pairs of shoes. This year, 245 children received 259 pairs of shoes.

*Payless Shoe Source discounts every pair of shoes.



Shoes for the Soul

Dental Clinic



The JLT coordinates with 15 area dentists to provide dental care in their offices to children identified by the local school districts that require dental care and are unable to afford it. This year, we also partnered with Kool Smiles and taught 204, 3rd graders at Liberty-Eylau C.K. Bender Elementary how to brush and floss their teeth. Each child received a goody bag with a toothbrush, cover for their toothbrush, toothpaste and floss. This summer we participated in the Wild About Wellness Expo demonstrating dental care.



Star Lab

This is a portable planetarium which is used to educate students on the world of astronomy. It was available for area schools through a check out process. This year Redlick Elementary; Morris Elementary; Hooks Elementary; Highland Park Elementary; College Hill all participated. Star Lab was also on display at Central Mall during the 1st Annual Touch A Truck Event with over 125 children able to experiencing the Starlab.

Spring into Reading

We partnered with Pleasant Grove Elementary School to help promote literacy. The morning began with a "Spring into Reading" pep rally where the PG drumline, cheerleaders and sports stars talked about the importance of reading. 700 children at that campus returned to their classrooms where a JLT volunteer and a high school student read to them and they all received a bag with 3 new books, a snack and information on the public library.



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This program is a partnership with the Association of Junior Leagues International. This year, the JLT offered classes at the Mistletoe Fair to teach children how to make healthy snacks. We also expanded the healthy living part of this program and partnered with Watersprings Ranch. The children ran for 30 minutes a day for six weeks before they actually ran the "The Final Mile Celebration". On April 9th, the JLT volunteers and children gathered at Watersprings Ranch for fun in celebrating the final mile of their 1/2 mile marathon. After the run, they enjoyed going through the obstacle course bounce house, rock



Kids in the Kitchen



wall climbing, and learning portion control and how to make a healthy snack. The dental clinic was on hand passing out their goody bags and demonstrating proper brushing and flossing techniques.

Teacher Take Wing

After reviewing and scoring hundreds of applications, the JLT committee awarded \$19,934 in mini grants to 47 local teachers at the following school districts: Texarkana Texas ISD, Liberty-Eylau ISD, Pleasant Grove ISD, Texarkana Arkansas ISD, Trinity and Veritas Academy.



The JLT compiles personal bags to comfort children who are victims of domestic violence. Most of these children arrive at the center with nothing but the clothes on their backs. These bags contain hygiene materials, as well as some fun items for children such as teddy bears and blankets. This past year, JLT gave 25 bags to the Arkansas Department of Human Services, 30 bags to the Salvation Army, and 150 bags to the Texas Department of Health and Human Services, all serving the ages of newborn to 18 years, both male and female.

Bags of Hope

2009-2010 Provisional Project - Rockin' the NICU



The provisional class project this year raised over \$3,000 to provide items for the new Neonatal Unit at Christus St. Michael Health Systems. The money raised was used to purchase rocking chairs, televisions and dvd players for educating new parents, and decorating the family rooms. The project also provided the comfort items for new mothers in the breast pumping room.