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Meeting 2022*

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WORDS OF WINSTON-SALEM

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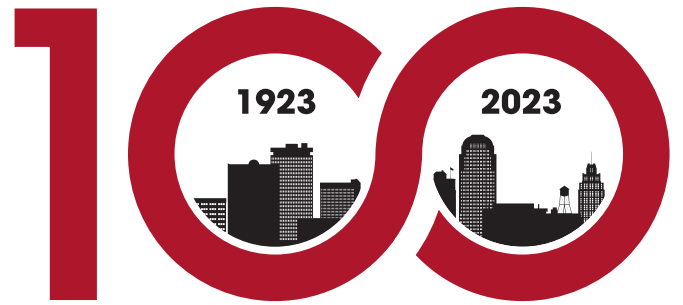
To gear up for our Centennial celebration, we designed new t-shirts that were distributed at the September GMM. On the back you will see this slogan: “100 years of Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present, Shaping the Future.” This phrase was created by the Communications Council and is an apt description of the Junior League of Winston-Salem. I hope you were able to grab one!

Honoring the Past

On January 13, 1923, Katharine Reynolds Johnston hosted a group of about 40 women on the Lake Porch at Reynolda House. Thanks to Katharine and Bess Gray Plumly, the first Junior League in North Carolina was founded, making it the 46th league in the country. On March 23, 1923, the Charter for the Junior League of Winston-Salem was signed, with Lucy Chatham serving as our first president. The birth of the JLWS has led to countless community projects throughout the county, many of which still exist today. From Horizons Residential Care Center in the northern part of Forsyth County to Goler Garden in the south, the JLWS has made her mark everywhere. In early 2023, an exhibition will open on that very Lake Porch to showcase an impact we can all be proud of. I invite you to take your friends and family to learn and reflect on the Junior League’s history.

Celebrating the Present

Our membership looks different now than it did 100 years ago. Our activities, both social and philanthropic, look different as well. Today, our membership is more diverse than ever before. We are women of different colors, ages, occupations, and backgrounds. We’ve developed a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) task force; we are adopting data-grounded methods of evaluating our community placements to create maximum impact; and we collect period products at our GMMs. I am sure that Katharine Reynolds Johnston would recognize the “can-do” spirit of hundreds of women coming together to better their



community. Still, beyond that, I am not sure that she would recognize us—and for that I am thankful. These changes are worthy of celebration, but they also highlight the areas where opportunities for growth and change still exist. On March 25,

“Our membership looks different now than it did 100 years ago. Our activities, both social and philanthropic, look different as well. Today, our membership is more diverse than ever before.”

2023 (almost exactly 100 years later!), JLWS members from Sustainers to Provisionals, as well as community members and partners, will celebrate at our Centennial Gala to be held at Forsyth Country Club.

Shaping the Future

I am excited about the future of the Junior League of Winston-Salem. In

50 years, I can only imagine that the JLWS will have continued to change and improve, albeit with some growing pains along the way. The future of the JLWS and the larger community will be shaped by our Centennial Community Project. A new endowment at The Winston-Salem Foundation has been created to provide money to individual Winston-Salem/Forsyth County schools and PTAs, right in line with our mission to improve children’s literacy. This project will create a lasting legacy that will truly improve Winston-Salem and its future.

Happy Birthday to the Junior League of Winston-Salem. One hundred years looks good on us!

Carrie Vickery
2022-2023 JLWS President

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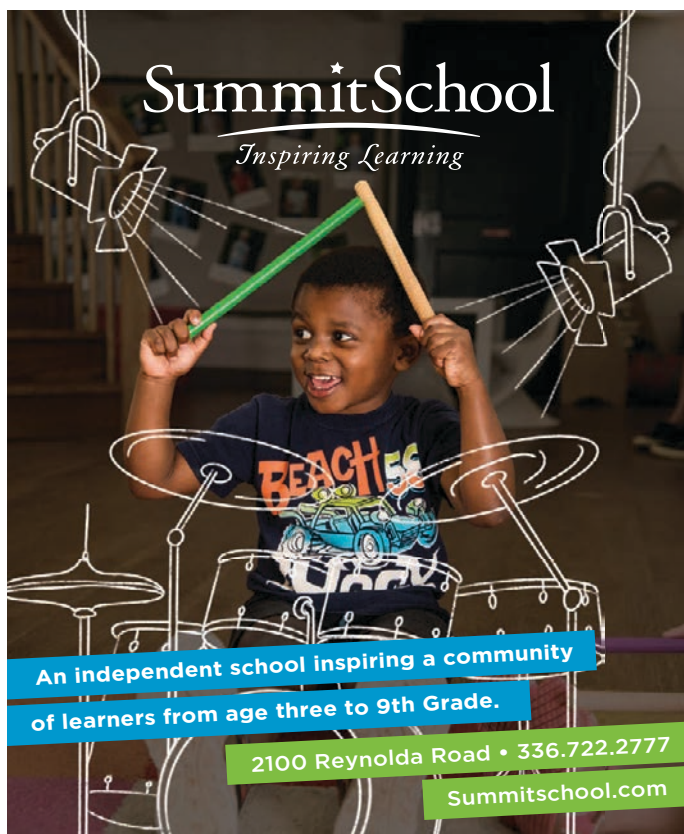
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MISSION

The Junior League of Winston-Salem, Inc. is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

VISION

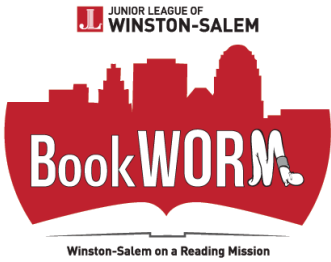
The Junior League of Winston-Salem, Inc. nurtures and educates individuals to build healthier families and a stronger community.

VALUES

- We exist to strengthen and improve our community.
- We value and support the power of trained volunteers.
- We value each member.
- We value and encourage ethnic, racial, religious, and economic diversity.
- We grow through challenging experiences.
- We wisely manage our resources.
- We are ethical and fair.

OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The Junior League of Winston-Salem, Inc. welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations and communities.



THE BOOKMARKS FESTIVAL OF BOOKS & AUTHORS

by Bethany Leggett

We passed out 140 books at The Bookmarks Festival of Books and Authors, and the bookmark craft was a hit with all ages! With each book we gave out, we included our own bookmark with information about the BookWORM program, and several people asked how they could donate books to be redistributed into the community.



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The Crosby Scholars placement provides students the opportunity to interface with a mentoring adult at local high schools in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System.

Throughout the academic year of 2021-2022, 18 JLWS volunteers read over 247 college essays from high school seniors across the county. We assisted 163 students with their critical thinking skills and written communications (college and scholarship essays).

For more information about Crosby Scholars, please visit their website, <https://www.crosbyscholars.org/crosby-from-home/>

"Volunteers are love in motion." ~Anonymous

MELANATED WOMEN OF JLWS AFFINITY GROUP



Theodore's Restaurant at Reynolda Village

SUSTAINERS' BOOK CLUB

The **Sustainers' Daytime Book Club** meets four to five (4-5) times a year in various homes of Sustainers.

The Book Club reads a variety of books, often centered on women or women's issues. They meet at 9:30 a.m. on the 4th Wednesday of the following months: September, November, January, March and May. All are welcome!

Upcoming Dates:

March 29, 2023



The Portrait of a Lady
by Henry James

May 31, 2023

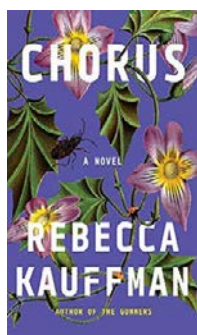


The Chanel Sisters
by Judithe Little

The **Sustainers' Evening Book Club** meets on the second Wednesdays of odd months: September, November, January, March and May at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Upcoming Date:

March 8, 2023



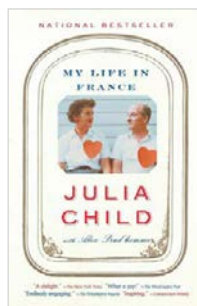
The Chorus
by Rebecca Kauffman

For questions regarding both Book Clubs, please visit the HOME tab on our JLWS Digital Cheetah page.

JLWS UNOFFICIAL BOOK CLUB

Book Club is a great way for members to get together in an informal setting, connect and talk about a books while mingling. All are welcome, and having read the book is not a requirement.

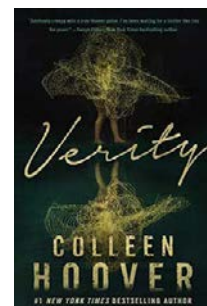
Book List for 2022:



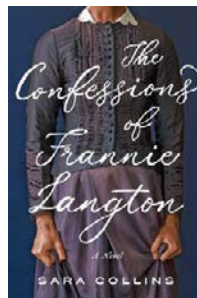
My Life in France
by Julia Child



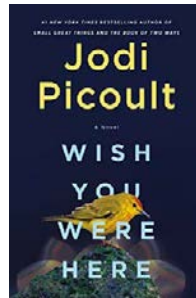
People We Meet on Vacation
by Emily Henry



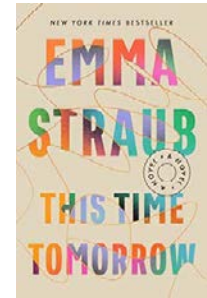
Verity
by Colleen Hoover



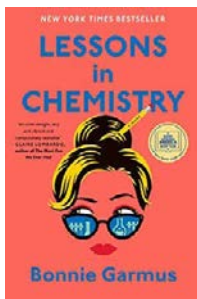
The Confessions of Frannie Langton
by Sara Collins



Wish You Were Here
by Jodi Picoult



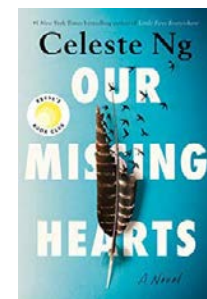
This Time Tomorrow
by Emma Straub



Lessons in Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmus



The Mother Next Door
by Tara Laskowski



Our Missing Hearts
by Celeste Ng

For questions regarding this book club, please contact Erin Greene. Her information can be found on the Directories tab on our JLWS Digital Cheetah page or on the League Linkers JLWS Facebook.

**SPRING 2022 PUPPET SHOW —
A JUNIOR LEAGUE TRADITION
GOES DIGITAL**

by Kathryn Vernon



Since the late 1980s, the Junior League of Winston-Salem has presented a live puppet show, You Can Always Talk to Someone to all third graders in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System which has become a beloved tradition for Actives and Sustainers alike. During the forced pause of the pandemic, the League decided to record Puppet Show to ensure that the important messages that the show imparts will be available to all students in the future whether performed in person, or shown on video.

In the spring of 2022 members of the Junior League joined bilingual staff members of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System to film the Puppet Show in both English and Spanish. We all spent time practicing with the puppets, learning how to move with them realistically, and finding out how hard it can be to make sure the puppet’s mouth is moving in time with the spoken lines of the actors! Over two days we recorded the Puppet Show in two languages with the expert help of TJ James and Kevin Wrenn at Cable Channel 2, the WS/FCS’s television station.

These two recordings will be used this year in all third grade classrooms in the county school system, with conversations and implementation facilitated by active members, ensuring that children know the importance of seeking out adult help when confronted with difficult situations.

SUSTAINER LUNCHEON:

*"Our first in-person luncheon since 2019!
Almost 90 attendees!"* ~ KELLY CARRAY GOULD

Special thanks to Lori Ruffin for opening her home, Deborah Malmo and the Sustainer Events Committee for hosting a wonderful gathering.



FRIEND OF THE LEAGUE AWARD BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HOME SERVICES



The Friend of the Year was awarded to Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Carolinas Realty to recognize the strong partnership between Tour of

Fine Spaces and Berkshire Hathaway. Tori Boysen accepted the award on behalf of Berkshire Hathaway.

SUSTAINERS OF THE YEAR AWARD BEVERLY HUFF, LAURA PINER AND CARRIE SWING

As a Sustainer Council last spring, we knew we wanted to acknowledge Sustainers who had persevered and excelled doing vital work through the pandemic. One large group we felt had not been recognized nearly enough through the COVID rollercoaster was school employees — administration, teachers, specialists, office staff, assistants, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, custodians, substitutes, everyone. It was easily unanimous to award the Sustainer of the Year Award to all Sustainers who had been employed by Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools in any capacity during the 2021-22 school year. These women had faced the surprise of COVID in spring 2020, worked with students through all of the unknowns and constant changes of the 2020-21 school year, and had expected a bit of a return to "normal" in 2021-22 but had so many new obstacles to address.

Our three JLWS Sustainers of the Year for 2021-22 are Beverly Huff, Laura Piner, and Carrie Swing.

Beverly Huff retired in May, most recently serving as a math teacher at Flat Rock Middle School. She had worked at Flat Rock since it opened in 2009, first as a 6th grade teacher, then teaching study skills math. Her principal, Becky Hodges, says, "Her outstanding professionalism and dependability also allowed her to serve as the Flat Rock representative for the Teacher Advisory Council. Mrs. Huff was a leader at our school. Her knowledge and expertise were well-received by her colleagues and administrators. I am so very proud of her for being recognized as the wonderful educator and person that she is!"

Laura Piner is the Administrative Assistant in the Student Services office of the Career Center High School. She says, "I am honored to work with counselors and teachers who are incredibly caring, skilled, and dedicated in helping our students reach their goals. I am also so happy to work with the students who come to the Career Center each year — we have some amazing young people in Forsyth County!" Her favorite placement as an Active member of the JLWS was volunteering at Easton Elementary School. She was an active volunteer in the schools that her children attended, eventually serving as a substitute teacher which led to becoming a full-time WS/FCS employee.

Carrie Swing is an English teacher at Atkins High School. She is currently in her 14th year teaching in WS/FCS, and she considers teaching at Atkins to be a privilege. She loves teaching poetry and reading the "classics," and she also loves solving math problems and absorbing history. Carrie says, "I loved my active years in the League, especially working with our Read to Me initiative." She commends the League for its commitment to education and educators.

The Junior League of Winston-Salem is immensely grateful for the work that these women have done and continue to do for our students and for our community.



KATHARINE REYNOLDS JOHNSTON LEGACY AWARD HENRI BROWN

Sustainer Henri Brown was the recipient of the 2022 Katharine Reynolds Johnston League Legacy Award, for her lifelong commitment to improving children's literacy. After serving as a volunteer tutor with the Augustine Literacy Project (now Read Write Spell), she became its executive director and oversaw its expansion to working with local educators and parents in addition to young struggling readers. Since handing off the ED position at ReadWS, Henri continues to support reading teachers through her company Reading Basecamp and as a ReadWS

educator trainer. She has worked to open access to evidence-based reading instruction for all children throughout her career; Henri exemplifies what it means to be a Junior League woman impacting our community.

**COMMUNITY PLACEMENT OF THE YEAR
BOOKWORM COMMITTEE**



Jessica Bowman, Kelly Moose, Ellie Rabbar, Jordan Xu, Ondra Walker, Elizabeth Winn, Erica Zackeru

The 2021-2022 Bookworm Committee upheld our league mission to consistently “improve our community” by helping families in Forsyth County gain greater access to new and gently used children’s books. Because of their tireless work, this placement collected thousands of books during their Fall and Spring Book drives. We are grateful for our volunteers as they help to encourage the love and joy of reading.

“The whole world opened to me when I learned to read.”
~ Mary McLeod Bethune

**ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD
ISABELLE WHITE**



Isabelle pictured with her husband Stephen White

Isabelle White received the Active Member of the Year Award. Isabelle shepherded the drafting and enactment of updated Finance and Investment

Policies for the Junior League of Winston-Salem. While this task may not sound very exciting, it is vital to practicing good stewardship of the League’s financial resources. Isabelle spent an untold amount of time and energy on this project and in recognition of that, she received this award.

**IN LEAGUE PLACEMENT AWARD
VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**



Alexus Acree (not pictured), Corina Fradin, Kimberly Herring, Kristie Moesner Rhodes, Theresa Knops, Karen Ruiz, Heather Wilburn

This year, the Membership Council is proud to recognize a committee and a leader who has devoted their time and efforts to training our JLWS members. From helping to align our efforts towards supporting diversity, equity and inclusion in the League to prepping us on how to be more compassionate leaders, Kristie Moesner Rhodes and the Volunteer Development Committee were integral in propelling our membership to be better League members. Please join us in celebrating their achievements and recognizing their hard work. Congratulations to the In League Placement for 2021-2022, Volunteer Development.

**NEW MEMBER AWARD
SHAYANNA "SHAY" FELDER**



Each year JLWS recognizes a new member that goes above and beyond our requirements and represents the focus of our organization’s mission. The New Member of the Year award for 2021-2022 was presented to Shayanna "Shay" Felder.

Shay surpassed her volunteer obligations and showed enthusiasm and engaging support for the new member class. During her leisure time, she enjoys playing volleyball, riding bicycles with her boyfriend, traveling, and hiking with her dog.

When asked why she joined Junior League, Shay gave this response: “The thing I enjoy most about JLWS is giving back to the community; I’ve enjoyed volunteering with City with Dwellings/St. Timothy’s.”

ANNUAL REPORT

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

May 31, 2022 and 2021

	2022	2021
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$398,851	\$413,787
Inventory	2,627	2,627
Investments-marketable securities	129,277	129,269
Prepaid expenses	3,725	3,649
Property and equipment, net	15,276	24,362
Beneficial interest in assets held by others	192,298	203,891
Total Assets	\$742,054	\$777,585
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,120	\$ 2,171
Deferred membership dues	66,200	70,460
Total Liabilities	\$67,320	\$72,631
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions		
Undesignated	\$479,436	\$498,063
Board designated for endowment	148,516	158,627
	\$627,952	\$656,690
With donor restrictions	\$ 46,782	\$ 48,264
Total Net Assets	\$674,734	\$704,954
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$742,054	\$777,585

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended May 31, 2022

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Contributions and Grants	\$ 44,480	-	\$ 44,480
Memberships	77,250	-	77,250
Boutique	604	-	604
Tour of Fine Spaces	25,788	-	25,788
Advertising Income	2,200	-	2,200
Investment Income	31	-	31
Miscellaneous Income	2,941	-	2,941
Change in Value of Beneficial Interest	(10,111)	(1,482)	(11,593)
	\$143,183	(\$1,482)	\$141,701
Net Assets Released from Restrictions			
Satisfaction of Purpose Restrictions	-	-	-
Total Support and Revenue	\$143,183	(\$1,482)	\$141,701
EXPENSES			
Program Services	\$ 99,455	-	\$ 99,455
General and Administrative	57,187	-	57,187
Fundraising	15,279	-	15,279
Total Expenses	\$171,921	-	\$171,921
Change in Net Assets	(28,738)	(1,482)	(30,220)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	656,690	48,264	704,954
Net Assets, End of Year	\$627,952	\$46,782	\$674,734

 This and future annual reports will be located on the Junior League of Winston-Salem website.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended May 31, 2021

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Contributions and Grants	\$ 58,324	\$4,000	\$ 62,324
Memberships	88,058	–	88,058
Boutique	1,887	–	1,887
Tour of Fine Spaces	20,091	–	20,091
Advertising Income	2,250	–	2,250
Investment Income	1,600	–	1,600
Miscellaneous Income	2,432	–	2,432
Change in Value of Beneficial Interest	33,332	4,886	38,218
	\$207,974	\$8,886	\$216,860
Net Assets Released from Restrictions			
Satisfaction of Purpose Restrictions	3,500	(3,500)	–
Total Support and Revenue	\$211,474	\$5,386	\$216,860
EXPENSES			
Program Services	\$89,305	–	\$ 89,035
General and Administrative	55,572	–	55,572
Fundraising	17,087	–	17,087
Total Expenses	\$161,694	–	\$161,694
Change in Net Assets	49,780	5,386	55,166
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	606,910	42,878	649,788
Net Assets, End of Year	\$656,690	\$48,264	\$704,954

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APRIL
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by Virginia Ellis

The 16th Annual Tour of Fine Spaces took place on Saturday, April 23, 2022. It featured eight new and remodeled homes sprinkled throughout Forsyth County from Buena Vista to Pfafftown and Kernersville.

Thank you to all of our sponsors for their participation and to our Tour committee for their support, ideas and contributions to make this event possible.

Home Sponsors

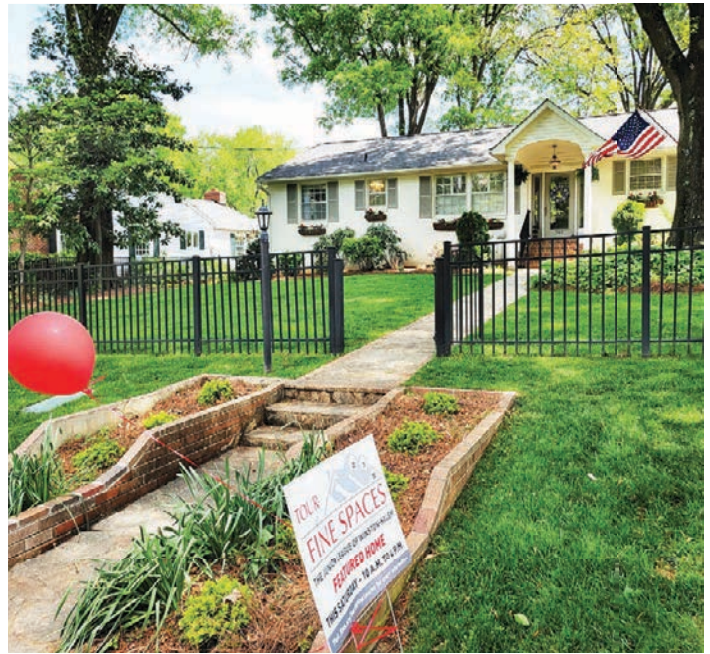
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JLWS
Turns 100!



We look forward to celebrating our centennial year with you at our **100th Gala**.

Grab your cocktail dresses and join us for an eventful night of drinks, dinner, and dancing with the **Voltage Brothers** at the newly renovated **Forsyth Country Club** on **March 25, 2023**.

There will be a **VIP Champagne Toast for Past Presidents** at 5:00 pm, and the Gala will begin at 6:00 pm.

The theme is **Fire & Ice** to celebrate our strong and fierce membership over the last 100 years.

Purchase tickets early to take advantage of early bird pricing. Early Bird tickets are \$85 until February 15, 2023. Regular tickets will be \$100 until March 20, 2023.

SOLD OUT

For more information or sponsorship opportunities, please visit the centennial website at <https://www.jlws.org/centennial>.

JLWS CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY GIFT

By Liz Noland

As part of our Centennial Celebration, the JLWS is establishing a new endowed fund at The Winston-Salem Foundation, focused on financially supporting literacy and educational equity needs in our community. This endowment launches a sustainable, long-term community gift that will allow the League to give directly back to schools and educational programs in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County on an ongoing basis, through the annual income generated by the fund. We are excited that this Centennial gift will allow the League to add direct, much-needed financial support on top of the hundreds of volunteer hours that our members already give in service to our local schools every year, through projects like Backpack Program, BookWORM, Crosby Scholars, Puppet Show, and Strong Women, Strong Families.

The JLWS is working closely with The Winston-Salem Foundation to establish trust-based grant-making guidelines that will allow individual schools and programs to apply for and use funds in the

ways that they know will be most effective in improving literacy and educational outcomes for our community's students. Additionally, we are collaborating with the office of Community Engagement in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools to make sure that all schools are made aware of this opportunity once endowment funds become available for grants, to ensure an equitable application process.

Thanks to past leadership of the JLWS who set aside funding in our League's general endowment for our Centennial gift, as well as the fundraising efforts of our Little Black Dress Initiative advocates in Fall 2022, we are launching the endowment with over \$35,000 already raised. We look forward to sharing information with our members about how they and their networks can give directly to our Centennial endowment to support literacy and educational equity needs in our community, if they feel so moved.

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF WINSTON-SALEM'S CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT AT REYNOLDA HOUSE

The Junior League of Winston-Salem will present an exhibit at Reynolda House featuring artifacts, documents, and photographs capturing our rich history and major milestones throughout our 100 year history.

From our Founding Charter to the Little Black Dress initiative — and everything in between — the Centennial Exhibit features examples that illustrate our commitment to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving our community.

Located on the Lake Porch of Reynolda House, the exhibit will run from March through December 2023.




Junior Leaguers performing in *Folies*.

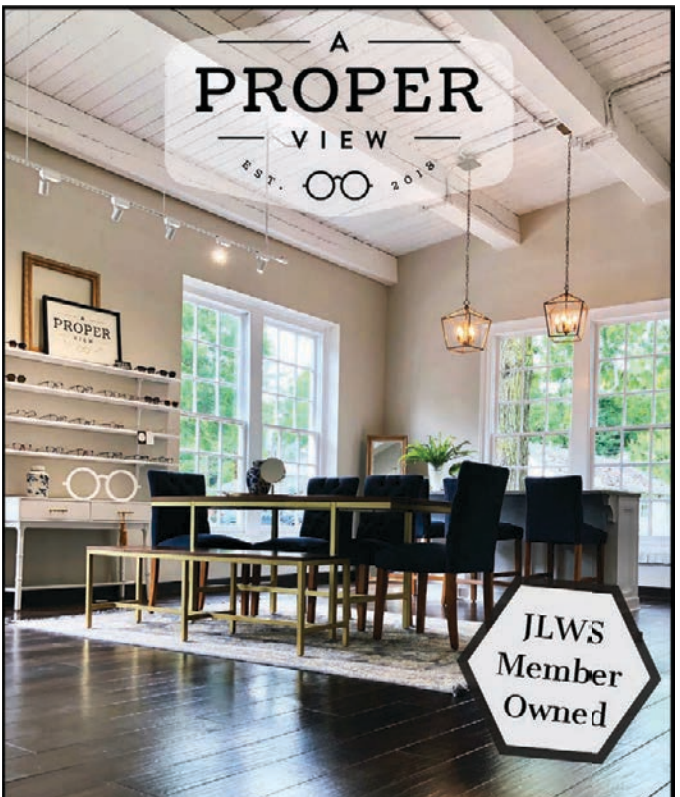


The Lake Porch

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Blum Construction is Honored to Sponsor the Junior League of Winston-Salem in Our Mutual Centennial Anniversary Year

In 1923 Katharine Reynolds held the first meeting of the Junior League of Winston-Salem at Reynolda House for the purpose of organizing volunteers for charitable work in our community. Since that time thousands of women have contributed countless hours and created nonprofit organizations and programs to fulfill unmet needs in our community. Some of these marquee organizations include the Arts Council (the first of more than now 4,000 in the US), Sci Works, Ronald McDonald House, the Children's Museum, and Bookmarks.

In that same year, Frank L. Blum started his construction business with two shovels and a mule team, building the tunnel at R.J. Reynolds High School. Since then, Blum Construction has built for many non-profit organizations in Winston-Salem and across North Carolina, including Salem College, Senior Services, WS/FC Schools, Wake Forest, Baptist Hospital, many local churches, the YWCA, YMCA, NCSU, UNC and ECU.

Blum Construction and the Junior League of Winston-Salem have been building community together for the past 100 years, and look forward to the next century working together.

Junior League of Winston-Salem & Blum Construction
Building Community for 100 Years

We're here to help for generations.

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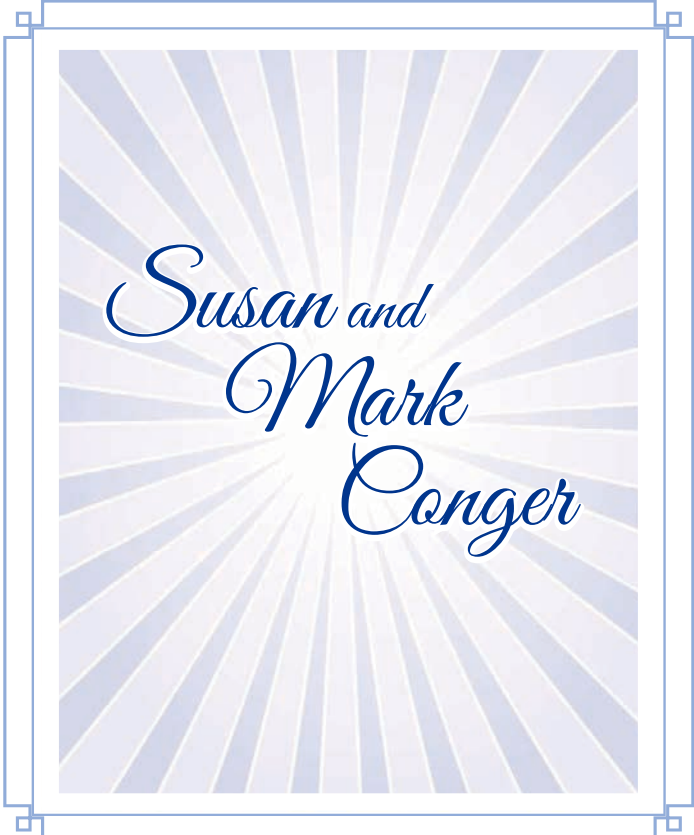
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