

Community Improvement Project Kicks Off Its Sixth Year

The Community Improvement Project committee (CIP) is excited to work with 2017–2018 community partner Urban Pathways at one of their extended-stay housing residences, the Ivan Shapiro House located at 459 West 46th Street. Opened in 1997, the Ivan Shapiro House offers furnished apartments and provides clinical and mental health services for formerly homeless adults. The house helps prepare residents as they transition to independent living.

With a budget of approximately \$60,000, CIP will renovate two community rooms, creating warm and inviting spaces used for career development work and social gatherings. CIP will also renovate one of the Ivan Shapiro House's most used and beloved spaces, their courtyard garden.

The men and women who call this residence home are looking forward to once again having a peaceful, welcoming outdoor area to meet with their friends or to find a quiet oasis.

Fred Shack, Chief Executive Officer of Urban Pathways, is excited to partner with the NYJL this year. "All of us at Urban Pathways are honored to be working with the New York Junior League on this important project to renovate indoor and outdoor common areas of the Ivan Shapiro House in Manhattan. The men and women who call this residence home are looking forward to once again having a peaceful, welcoming outdoor area to meet with their friends or to find a quiet oasis. Renovations to the indoor community room will enable residents to socialize or to attend group meetings and activities. By undertaking this project, the members of the New York Junior League have shown their commitment to helping all New Yorkers, as they have for more than a century."

CIP works with a team of designers and contractors to transform spaces, and the committee is currently seeking bids from those interested in working with nonprofit facilities.

For questions about the bid process, volunteering with CIP, or donations to the project, email co-chairs Terry Pope and Caroline Harrison at cip@nyjl.org. For more information on Urban Pathways, please visit urbanpathways.org.



Urban Pathways extended-stay housing residence, the Ivan Shapiro House, located at 459 West 46th Street.

SEE YOU THERE!

46TH ANNUAL GOLDEN TREE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Ring in the holiday season at our one-stop shopping destination with holiday merriment, perfect for friends and families alike.

TICKETS AT NYJL.ORG

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Volunteers,

I hope you were all able to enjoy a wonderful summer. I enjoyed speaking with so many of you at Passport to Summer in July and hearing your thoughts about your volunteer experience (and the Passport delicacies—the fried chicken definitely topped the favorites list!). This fall, I've loved welcoming you back to the NYJL and seeing how you've really hit the ground running!

At the June Annual Meeting, we provided updates on our progress toward completing our current three-year strategic plan as well as results from the Organizational Survey that you were invited to take last year in order to provide feedback to enable the NYJL to prioritize key input for the 2018–2021 strategic plan. As we shared at the Annual Meeting, overall membership satisfaction remains high with 88% of our respondents satisfied with their NYJL experience; 92% are proud to be members and to discuss the NYJL's work with non-members; 81% of NYJL members frequently enjoy the work they do in their current placement; and 90% feel the NYJL's work is valued by community partners and clients. While these numbers are quite good, we always strive to do better. This fall we offered a number of "Membership Forums" in order to gain a fuller sense of your needs and priorities so that we can ensure that our 2018–2021 Strategic Plan continues to meet the needs of our volunteers and the community. I hope that you were able to participate in these forums and shared your candid feedback so that we can remain the strong and relevant organization that we are today.

As you may recall in 2015, the Board of Directors voted to replace the NYJL's Reaching Out Statement with a Diversity and Inclusion Statement to be more relevant and to welcome any woman into our organization who is committed to our mission. To build on this ideal, the Board of Directors approved the creation of a Diversity & Inclusion work group in July. In its inaugural year, the work group will:

- Engage in an intentional process driven by the New York Junior League's Purpose, Policies and Commitment statements as well as the Association of Junior League's Mission, Vision, and Diversity and Inclusion statements, and its desire to thrive and remain relevant and effective in a changing world.
- Explore issues of diversity and inclusion in safe, open, and productive ways and make recommendations for effective action to ensure that members, leaders, and partners are welcomed, valued, and encouraged to be an integral part of a NYJL's mission and work.
- Build on the NYJL's existing accomplishments in leadership, membership, and community development to achieve a truly diverse and welcoming New York Junior League.

I'm very excited about the work this group will be doing, which will include an assessment of where we currently are as an organization and how we should move forward, and I strongly encourage you to participate in that process.

At the end of October, the Leadership Development committee hosted an all-day training for our first-time chairs grounded in our core values and leadership resources. This year Volunteer Education and Training will increase the number of trainings offered to 19. Through the Leadership Development, Volunteer Education and Training, Forum for Nonprofits, and Nonprofit Boards Clearinghouse committees, we are striving to develop and present interesting and relevant trainings that will give each of our volunteers the foundation and skills needed to be effective leaders at all stages of their volunteer careers.

As I said last year, this is your Junior League and your thoughts are incredibly important to me. I continue to hold office hours once a month and invite you to share your experiences and ideas with me. Stop by on Wednesday, November 15 or Tuesday, December 12, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the President's Office on the 3rd floor, and tell me how your year is going and your favorite aspect of volunteering! Check the Friday Flash for future office hours.

The Board of Directors, Management Council, and your committee chairs have been working tirelessly to ensure that the 2017–2018 volunteer is the best yet! I have no doubt this will be a fantastic year because of the passion, dedication, and hard work of each of you. I look forward to seeing you at Golden Tree and toasting our 227 volunteers celebrating their milestone anniversaries at the Silver Bell Soirée on November 30!

Warmly,

Suzanne Manning



NYJL volunteers connect with survivors of domestic violence at the Love Yourself Party in December 2016.

Crisis Intervention Works Year-Round Because Domestic Violence Doesn't Take Breaks

Community work never stops for 2016–2017 Committee of the Year recipient Crisis Intervention. Crisis Intervention works with the Domestic and Other Violence Emergencies (DOVE) program at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital to offer advocacy, emotional support, and information to survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault. Each volunteer serves at least two on-call shifts per month. Their work is both a time and an emotional commitment, determined by the needs of our community as women, men, and children come through the Emergency Departments. Committee volunteers work closely with clinicians, social workers, police officers, and more.

Nearly one in two women and one in five men have experienced sexual victimization at some point in their lives.

In addition to serving at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, Crisis Intervention has expanded their efforts to help women right here in our own organization. Last year they created wallet-sized resources available for members in bathrooms at NYJL Headquarters. On average, 20 people per minute in the United States are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner, and nearly one in two women and one in five men have experienced sexual victimization at some point in their lives. Women between the ages of 18 and 34 experience the highest rates of intimate partner violence. In response to these staggering numbers, Crisis Intervention wanted to provide a discreet tool for any member to use.

Every December Crisis Intervention hosts their annual Love Yourself Party to give domestic violence survivors and their children an evening of respite, fun, and love. Last year they took their event to a new level by partnering with another committee, New Beginnings, to bring a fun diva dance lesson, “Be Your Own Beyoncé,” and with GLAMSQUAD to provide mini makeovers for their guests. Read more about the Love Yourself Party at bit.ly/nyjl-lyp.

Performance of a Lifetime Partners with Harbor Science & Arts Charter School

Last spring, the Community Improvement Project committee (CIP) unveiled the successful renovation of a science classroom at the Harbor Science & Arts Charter School, our 2016–2017 CIP community partner. This fall the NYJL's partnership with Harbor Science & Arts will continue with the Performance of a Lifetime committee.

Performance of a Lifetime works with around 30 students ages 7–10 in after-school programs that introduce children to the performing arts. Committee volunteers create and lead classes that prepare children in the program for a Saturday field trip once a month. By taking students on excursions, they get the opportunity to experience their classroom lessons in real-life performances.

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With established success, Performance of a Lifetime is excited to expand their performing arts program to new NYC community partners, and Harbor Science & Arts is a great fit with their mission of providing students with a high quality education through a rigorous academic program that infuses character building, physical wellness and the arts. Harbor Science & Arts works to help students graduate with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in higher learning institutions and have the capability to make a positive contribution to society.

The pilot program will begin this winter after the committee develops the modules and trips for Harbor Science & Arts students. To learn more about Harbor Science & Arts Charter School and see the NYJL's science classroom renovation, go to bit.ly/nyjl-harbor.



Community Improvement Project's ribbon cutting ceremony at Harbor Science and Arts Charter School May 2017.

SAVE THE DATE!

66TH ANNUAL WINTER BALL

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, THE PIERRE HOTEL

NYJL's largest fundraiser celebrates our 2018 Outstanding Sustainers and Outstanding Volunteers.

Corporate and individual sponsors email winterball@nyjl.org.

TICKETS AT NYJL.ORG



Attendees at "An Evening in Cannes," the end of the year Sustainer celebration in June 2017.

SUSTAINERS



Dear NYJL Sustainers,

Welcome to the 2017–2018 volunteer year. I am honored to be serving as your Sustainer Council Head. My goal for the next two years is to engage as many of you as possible in a

dialogue about our programs and how to continue making them even better. To that end, there are several new initiatives: a Suggestion Box at the front desk at NYJL headquarters; an email for you to send me your ideas (nyjlsustainers@nyjl.org); and a Sustainer Speak-up which will be held in the spring. Please also check out our Sustainer webpage at bit.ly/nyjlsustainers.

Nancy Scully and Margaret Carnwath continue to make our Headquarters beautiful. The Thanksgiving Eve Ball committee is planning yet another amazing ball. Our Sustainer Day committee co-chairs, Deni Wendt and Page Bigelow, our Sustainer Evening co-chairs, Pat Miney and Shanette Barth, and our Work Skills Perspectives Training co-chairs, Chris Fields and Christina Feicht, have put together an excellent series of events for this year. Registrations and cancellations are made via the Calendar on the NYJL member website: members.nyjl.org. Sustainer events are open to all Active or Sustaining members and their friends.

Please join me at as many events as you can! It is going to be another fabulous volunteer year. I look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,
Gale Kroeger
Sustainer Council Head, 2017–2019

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Semple, May 19, 2017

NEW SUSTAINERS

WELCOME OUR NEW SUSTAINERS SINCE JANUARY 2017

Barbara Brafman
Jennifer Conway
Kelly Duffy
Sophie Guite
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THE CULINARY EVENT OF THE YEAR

3RD ANNUAL SAVOR THE SPRING

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

NYJL's most delicious fundraiser! 2017's vendors included Blue Smoke, The Black Ant, and L&W Oyster Company, Wolffer Estate, Taittinger Champagne, and Macallan Scotch.

TICKETS AT NYJL.ORG

Mental Stimulation and Relationship Building are a Top Priority for Senior Friends Committee

For senior citizens, game nights provide a fun evening of friendly competition and brain exercise at the same time. Scientific studies have shown that games facilitate mental stimulation that can lead to health benefits and enhance older adults' quality of life.

NYJL committee Senior Friends thoughtfully plans activities for the residents of their community partner, The New Jewish Home, ensuring their programming includes a healthy dose of interactive games. Their activities include bingo night on the first Tuesday of every month, along with trivia nights, and even the occasional game of Wheel of Fortune throughout the year.

Senior Friends organizes engaging activities that enrich the residents' daily lives, while helping to create a greater sense of community at The New Jewish Home.

Specifically, research suggests the game of bingo can have prominent benefits on the aging mind. In one study, researchers discovered that large bingo cards with high contrast colors increase playing abilities and thinking skills for people with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases, as both diseases cause large visual perception and cognitive difficulties.

Likewise, trivia nights encourage the mental stimulation that brings on enhanced memory and reestablished recognition skills along with an opportunity for NYJL volunteers to build relationships with The New Jewish Home residents in an interactive way. As volunteers work together with seniors to answer trivia questions, residents often recall stories from their own memories. The committee hosts trivia nights focused on 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s history, music, and pop culture, which participants really enjoy. These fun, social evenings spent together help volunteers and seniors bond, creating a rewarding experience for all involved.

Working closely with hospital staff and volunteer coordinators and considering direct feedback from residents, Senior Friends organizes engaging activities to enrich the residents' daily lives, while deepening a sense of community at The New Jewish Home.

If any NYJL committee is interested in adding games to their current community outreach curriculum and would like more information or insight please email Senior Friends at seniorfriends@nyjl.org.



Senior Friends co-chair, Katie Perrone, and resident shopping at Spring Bazaar in May 2017.

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH US!

HOLLY AND IVY LUNCHEON AND HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Boutique opens at 10:30 a.m. and reception begins at 11:30 a.m.

HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Get out your dancing shoes, and join us for an evening of holiday cheer!

TICKETS AT NYJL.ORG



Members of Crisis Intervention committee.



Members of New Membership committee.



Members of Golden Tree committee.

COMMITTEES OF THE YEAR

Every year the NYJL recognizes a few committees who stand out as excellent in many ways. These committees receive the Committee of the Year award and are announced and celebrated at the Annual Meeting in June. Recipients of this award have volunteers who are collaborative and work well with other committees and volunteers from all over the organization. They are proactive, thoughtful, and diligent with their committee's work and in achieving their committee's goals. They further the greater mission of the NYJL. Congratulations to the 2016–2017 committees of the year!

CRISIS INTERVENTION

"While the committee's work at its very core is impressive and deserves much recognition, this year's committee took their purpose a step further. Given the extraordinary prevalence of domestic violence, the Crisis Intervention committee took the initiative this year to serve women right here in our organization. They created resources for our members available in restrooms throughout NYJL Headquarters. They also met with three other Community committees, New Beginnings, Rights of Passage, and Steps to Success, giving their volunteers training, tools, and resources for use with their clients should they meet someone who could be a survivor of domestic violence but may not report to the Emergency Departments."

—Charlene Chuang, Adult Education and Mentoring Council Head, 2015–2017

NEW MEMBERSHIP

"Each volunteer on New Membership has given 120%, and I've seen the committee's chairs and its leadership reach outside their comfort zones regularly. I have never in my NYJL career seen women more determined, more thoughtful in their approach, and more focused on not just execution against their goals, but in creating an environment that is enjoyable and meaningful for every volunteer on the committee."

—Anne Westpheling, Volunteer Development Council Head, 2015–2017

GOLDEN TREE

"Golden Tree exemplifies what a fundraising committee should be: efficient, creative, revenue driven, collaborative, and well executed. The committee truly rose to the challenge to plan and execute one of the most successful Golden Trees in recent years, with vendor sales the highest we've seen in five years. Their volunteers are caring, thoughtful, and savvy. Their leadership team was inspiring to a committee with many new-to-Golden-Tree volunteers."

—Lauren Giordani, Fundraising Events Council Head, 2015–2016



WOMAN TO WATCH AND SUSTAINER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

WOMAN TO WATCH AWARD

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Anna Guerin
Nikki Hudak
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Indiana Porta
Kelly Stephens

SUSTAINER SERVICE AWARD

Michele Moffa
Claire Mungiuerra



Your Annual Fund Dollars at Work

The 2016–2017 Annual Fund raised over \$149,000 with 53% Active volunteer and 27% Sustainer participation. The NYJL could not have achieved this level of success without the continued support of our Membership. By contributing to the Annual Fund, volunteers allow the NYJL to carry out its mission and to benefit more women, children, and families throughout New York City.

One memorable piece of the NYJL's community work with children this past year was the 2nd Annual Personal Empowerment Project (PEP) Career Day. This day-long event welcomed to the Astor House 80 at-risk school age girls served by the PEP and Lead, Inspire, Focus, and Thrive (LIFT) committees to learn about different career paths and life skills. The girls started off the day with an opportunity to design their own business cards, then enjoyed two panels hosted by Ines Rosales, traffic Anchor for Good Day NY. The girls had an opportunity to learn about each of the panelists' backgrounds, educational experiences, and reasons for choosing their career paths. At the end of the day, each child took home a backpack filled with school essentials and healthy snacks. The NYJL was able to accomplish so much last year because of your Annual Fund gifts. Here are a few more highlights to share:

- The Performance of a Lifetime committee traveled to the Metropolitan Opera, a children's theatre show, and Carnegie Hall.
- The new Leadership Development committee launched its programming for committee co-chairs.
- The NYJL purchased 100 new chairs for meetings and events.

This year the NYJL seeks to raise \$150,000 and engage 55% of Active volunteers and 30% of Sustainers in participation. This participation rate is a competitive factor in applying for grants, which are a critical source of funding for NYJL's various programs.

Donate to the NYJL's Annual Fund at nyjl.org/annual-appeal-2017-2018.

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CALENDAR

All dates and events subject to change. For the most current calendar visit the Calendar of Events at members.nyjl.org.

NOVEMBER

1 WEDNESDAY

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Nonprofit Boards Clearinghouse Executive Director Panel and Networking Reception, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

2 THURSDAY

November Birthday Lunch, 12:00 p.m.

Great Decisions (Evening): Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan, 6:00 p.m.

Thirsty Thursday: Hello My Name is Community, 7:00–9:30 p.m.

4 SATURDAY

Run Club, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

Team NYJL Marathon Brunch, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

5 SUNDAY

TCS New York City Marathon

6 MONDAY

VET: Aging Out of Foster Care, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

7 TUESDAY

Mah Jongg (Supervised Play), 10:00 a.m.

Daytime Book Group: Coffin for Dimitrios by Eric Ambler, 12:30–2:00 p.m.

8 WEDNESDAY

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

9 THURSDAY

Lecture Luncheon: The Naughty Nineties, 11:30 a.m.

14 TUESDAY

Family Centered Breakfast, 9:15–11:00 a.m.

Mah Jongg (Supervised Play), 10:00 a.m.

Nonfiction Book Group: Empty Mansions: The Mysterious Life of Huguette Clark and the Spending of a Great American Fortune by Bill Dedman and Paul Clark Newell, Jr., 6:00–8:00 p.m.

VET: Strengthening Communication Skills, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

15 WEDNESDAY

Great Decisions (Day): Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan, 11:00 a.m.

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Work Skills Perspectives Training: Interviewing Skills, 12:30 p.m.

Affinity Activities Book Club: The Girl Before by J.P. Delaney, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

16 THURSDAY

NYJL Shops! J.Crew, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

17 FRIDAY

OV/OS Announcement Party, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

20 MONDAY

VET, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

21 TUESDAY

Mah Jongg (Supervised Play), 10:00 a.m.

22 WEDNESDAY

Thanksgiving Eve Ball

NOVEMBER 30–DECEMBER 2

Golden Tree

DECEMBER

2 SATURDAY

Run Club, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

5 TUESDAY

Holly and Ivy Luncheon and Holiday Boutique, 10:30 a.m., Reception 11:30 a.m.

6 WEDNESDAY

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Work Skills Perspectives Training: Perfecting Your Pitch: The Insider's Take on Making the Strongest Connection, 12:30 p.m.

8 FRIDAY

Holiday Dinner Dance, 7:00–11:00 p.m.

12 TUESDAY

Mah Jongg (Supervised Play), 10:00 a.m.

13 WEDNESDAY

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

14 THURSDAY

Performing Arts Plus: Dinner and the Met Opera's The Merry Widow, 5:00 p.m.

VET: Digital Cheetah, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

19 TUESDAY

Mah Jongg (Supervised Play), 10:00 a.m.

Snowflake Soiree Reception, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

JANUARY

6 SATURDAY

Run Club, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

9 TUESDAY

Mah Jongg (Supervised Play), 10:00 a.m.

Daytime Book Group: *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler, 12:30–2:00 p.m.

10 WEDNESDAY

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Performing Arts Plus: Met Opera's *Le Nozze di Figaro* and Dinner, 5:00 p.m.

11 THURSDAY

January Birthday Lunch, 12:00 p.m.

Thirsty Thursday: Trivia Night, 7:00–9:30 p.m.

16 TUESDAY

Mah Jongg (Supervised Play), 10:00 a.m.

17 WEDNESDAY

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Career Networking, 12:30 p.m.

Affinity Evening Book Club: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

18 THURSDAY

Lecture Luncheon: *All the Presidents' Gardens*, 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

20 SATURDAY

NYJL Moves! Wellness Day

23 TUESDAY

Mah Jongg (Supervised Play), 10:00 a.m.

Winter Antiques Show and Lunch

24 WEDNESDAY

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Great Decisions (Day): *Nuclear Security: The Enduring Challenge of Nuclear Weapons*, 11:00 a.m.

25 THURSDAY

Great Decisions (Evening): *Nuclear Security: The Enduring Challenge of Nuclear Weapons*, 6:00 p.m.

26 FRIDAY

Après Ski Winter Party, 7:00–11:00 p.m.

29 MONDAY

VET: *So You Want to Be an NYJL Co-chair?*, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

30 TUESDAY

Family Centered Breakfast, 9:15–11:00 a.m.

Mah-Jongg (Supervised Play), 10:00 a.m.

Nonfiction Book Group: *Victoria: The Queen: An Intimate Biography of the Woman Who Ruled an Empire* by Julia Baird, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

31 WEDNESDAY

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Travel Talk, 12:30–2:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

1 THURSDAY

February Birthday Lunch, 12:00 p.m.

3 SATURDAY

Run Club, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

6 TUESDAY

Mah Jongg (Supervised Play), 10:00 a.m.

7 WEDNESDAY

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

8 THURSDAY

Lecture Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Thirsty Thursday: Bingo Night, 7:00–9:30 p.m.

13 TUESDAY

Mah Jongg (Supervised Play), 10:00 a.m.

VET, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

14 WEDNESDAY

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

15 THURSDAY

Chinese New Year Celebration, 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

21 WEDNESDAY

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Affinity Evening Book Club: *The Good Girl* by Mary Kubica, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

27 TUESDAY

Mah Jongg (Supervised Play), 10:00 a.m.

Nonfiction Book Group: *Over Here: The First World War and American Society* by David M. Kennedy, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

28 WEDNESDAY

Intermediate Bridge Class, 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Advanced Bridge Class, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Nominating Wants to Hear from You

Each year, the Nominating committee is elected by the Membership and entrusted with the responsibility to create a slate of candidates for the NYJL's governance and management positions, which include the Board of Directors, Management Council Heads, Senior Management Council Heads, and the Nominating committee. In addition to the Board of Directors and Management Council positions to be slated, each year five exemplary Active volunteers are selected by the Nominating committee to be honored at Winter Ball. In doing so, the committee conducts a comprehensive search for all prospective candidates, including extensive outreach and communication throughout the NYJL. The committee strongly encourages self-nomination for all governance and management positions. The Nominating committee is comprised of 17 NYJL volunteers: 15 members are elected through a double slate while the committee vice chair is elected from a single slate and then becomes chair the following year. The Nominating committee chair serves on the Board of Directors and the vice chair serves on the Management Council. Members of the Nominating committee represent all areas of the NYJL including Community, Communications and Strategy, Membership, Fundraising Events, Finance, and Sustainers. There are also three Members-at-Large.

The NYJL 2017–2018 Nominating committee members are Caroline Donohue, chair; Lisa Hathaway Stella, vice chair; and committee members Pat Swinney Kaufman, Elena Pavloff, Kristine Shoemaker, Margaret Aycock, Elizabeth Caputo, Kristin Hagestad, Olivia Leon, Courtney Guzman, Mona Kelly, Kristen Kocis, Sarah Tanner, Ambreen Hussain, Cynthia Cathcart, Mary Shelton, and Derval Whelan.

During the 2017–2018 volunteer year, the Nominating committee will slate the following positions: President, Secretary of the Board, Director-at-Large (3), Community Senior Council Head, Membership Senior Council Head, Secretary of the Management Council, Finance Council Head, Children's Education Council Head, Child Health and Welfare Council Head, City Impact Council Head, Training Council Head, Fundraising Events Council Head, Public Affairs Council Head, Nominating vice chair, and the Nominating committee (2018–2019).

If you are interested in self-nominating for a leadership position or would like to nominate a fellow volunteer for a leadership position, please email Caroline Donohue, chair, at nominating@nyjl.org.

Spotlight on Performance at their End of Year Show in May 2017.



2017-2018 LEADERSHIP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Suzanne Manning
President



Charlene Chuang
Executive Vice President



Shari Aser
Treasurer



Cynthia Vitari Song
Secretary



Caroline Donohue
Nominating Chair



Jana Beauchamp
Director-at-Large



Lauren Jenkins Chung
Director-at-Large



Rosemarie Dackerman
Director-at-Large



Barbara Etzel
Director-at-Large



Hilary McNamara
Director-at-Large



Kim Essency Pillari
Director-at-Large



Celeste Rault
Director-at-Large



Robin Stratton Rivera
Director-at-Large



Anne Bahr Thompson
Director-at-Large

MANAGEMENT COUNCIL



Charlene Chuang
Executive Vice President



Nicole Ferrin
Community Senior
Council Head



Lauren Giordani
Fundraising Events
Senior Council Head



Kara Van Norden
Membership Senior
Council Head



Jennifer Wiese
Communications and
Strategy Senior
Council Head



Marie Finan
Secretary



Lisa Hathaway Stella
Vice Chair Nominating



Caroline Adams
Children's Education
Council Head



Sarah Cloonan
Public Affairs
Council Head



Katie Cook
Child Health and Welfare
Council Head



Shayna Webb Dray
Strategic Planning
Council Head



Elizabeth Fabsits
City Impact
Council Head



Megan Hauck
Adult Education and
Mentoring Council Head



Colleen Hoy
Training Council Head



Gale Kroeger
Sustainer Council Head



Meredith Lake
Fundraising Events 2
Council Head



Ashley Ma
Fundraising Events 1
Council Head



Emily Masters
Internal Communications
Council Head



Allison Davis O'Keefe
Affiliation Council Head



Dana Phillips
Finance Council Head



Shannon Whitt
Volunteer Development
Council Head



Meredith Wood
Culture and the Arts
Council Head

The NYJL is governed by volunteers who serve on the Board of Directors and the Management Council. The Board of Directors is responsible for determining and implementing long-range strategic planning and fiduciary oversight. The Management Council is charged with managing the day-to-day volunteer operations of the NYJL.

NYJL MINUTE

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I VOLUNTEER BECAUSE...

“I volunteer with NYJL because it warms my heart to be part of a team of like minded women working together to make NYC the best, safest city in the world.”

—Raven Carter, Diversity & Inclusion work group



“I volunteer with the NYJL because it makes me feel connected to my local community and more invested in its success.”

—Sarah Louderback, New Membership committee

“I volunteer at the NYJL because I want to consistently step outside of my personal bubble and see the bigger picture of life and find ways to help, encourage, and be a positive influence for other people.”

—Kara Rosella, Beacon to Broadway committee

