



a note from
JOANNA CLARKE
2026 - 2027 Sustainer President

Dear Fellow Sustainers,

Welcome to a new year with the Junior League of Dallas! It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as your Sustainer President. I am filled with gratitude for those who came before us and for each of you who continue our legacy of dedication, service and friendship.

Being a Sustainer is more than a membership status; it is a lifelong commitment to the League's mission and values. Through decades of leadership and community impact, Sustainers have built an extraordinary legacy. The impact the League has today stands on the foundation you helped build.

Whether you are a new Sustainer or have been one for years, there is a place for you. Through programs, social gatherings, volunteer opportunities, travel and special events, there are many ways to connect and support one another.

Sustainer Kick Off presented by Children's Health | Thursday, Sept. 17 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. - Headquarters
Please save the date for this fantastic event, where you can learn about the many exciting programs we have planned, join special interest groups and reconnect with friends.

In our 105th year, we will celebrate two very special Sustainers at our 16th Annual Milestones Luncheon on April 9, 2027. Please make plans to join us as we lift up **Debbie Snell**, Sustainer of the Year, and **Margo Goodwin**, Lifetime Achievement Honoree! They have embodied the Sustainer spirit through their many wonderful contributions that have made our League and Dallas stronger.

This year, we are ramping up communications. New social media pages are coming soon. As always, email is our primary way to share information and updates. Please be sure your email with JLD is up to date. (You can check yours at members.jldallas.org or by calling Headquarters at 214.357.8822.) Always remember: Your experience and dedication are an integral part of what makes our League thrive.

Please email jldsustainerpresident@jldallas.org if you have questions at any time.

Thank you for your membership -- I look forward to seeing you soon!

Joanna

The
MILESTONES
LUNCHEON



Sustainer President Lori Whitlow Christensen, JLD President Dr. Lindsay R. Davis, bestselling author and luncheon speaker Priya Parker, Sustainer of the Year Mary M. Jalonick, Luncheon Co-Chair Krystle Craycraft and Sustainer Co-Chair Diana Hamilton

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Past Luncheon & Ball Chairs



Isabell Novakov &
Monica Christopher



Lyda Hill & Lynn McBee



Past Sustainer Presidents

Save the Date: 2027 Milestones Luncheon
April 9, 2027 | Omni Dallas Hotel

SAVE THE DATE

2026 Fall Sustainer Programs

Sustainer Kick Off presented by children'shealth

Sept. 17 | 5 - 6:30 p.m. - Headquarters

Chairs: Margaret Black, Monica Christopher,
Holly Hassmann & Connie O'Neill

Sustainers 101

Sept. 22 | 6:30 p.m. | Headquarters

Chairs: Bonner Allen & Meredith Camp

Arranging with Intention:

Flower Workshop with Fleur de Nurre

Sept. 29 | 6:30 p.m. | Headquarters

Chair: Bonner Allen & Meredith Camp

Holiday Cards for the Troops

Sept. 29, Oct. 8, 12, 21 & 30 from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Nov. 3 & 11 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Headquarters

Chairs: Paula Davis, Heather McNamara
& Kim Thomas

Behind the Scenes at the State Fair of Texas

Oct. 3 | Morning | Fair Park

Chairs: Stephanie Hardeman & Debbie Munir

Breakfast & Tour of NorthPark's

Fall Landscaping

Oct. 6 | 9:45 a.m. | NorthPark Center

Chair: Cristina Salas

Leadership Series Workshop (1 of 3): Women in the Workplace with LaurieGrace Roberts

Oct. 19 | 6 p.m. | Headquarters

Chair: Meg Bittner

Cathy Kincaid Discusses Her New Book

"Memorable Rooms: Artisanal

Collaborations" & Book Signing

Oct. 22 | 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Headquarters

Chair: Katherine Coker

The Next Chapter: Thriving through Hormonal Change with Dr. Kamilia Smith

Nov. 4 | 6:30 p.m. | Headquarters

Chair: Tanya McDonald

Shopping Event at St. Michael's Woman's Exchange

Nov. 10 | 5 p.m.

Chair: Leigh Danley

The Art of Promoting: Best Practices for Interacting with AI with Mary LaDonne Bank

Nov. 17 | 11:45 a.m. | Headquarters

Chair: Sarah Jackson

Sustainer Holiday Tea

Coming in December

Chairs: Juliette Coulter & Heather Hicks

2026 - 2027 | Sustainer Leadership Council



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- **Holiday Tea Chairs:** Juliette Coulter, Heather Hicks
- **State Fair Chairs:** Stephanie Hardeman, Debbie Munir
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Get Involved

SUSTAINER SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

www.jldallas.org/sustainers

Discover groups designed especially for connection and fun — including gardening, cooking, entertainment, reading, investing and social events around Dallas. It's an easy way to stay engaged, meet new friends, and enjoy the League in a whole new way.



Congratulations

SHARON JETT

2026 Sewell Salutes Honoree

The Sewell Salutes Award given for an exceptional job supporting JLD Sustainers.

2025 - 2026 | A Year of Fun and Friendship

SUSTAINER KICK OFF



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LEAGUE OF LEGENDS EVENT

LEGACY LEADERS CELEBRATION



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SUSTAINER OF THE YEAR PARTY



NEW DALLAS PEDIATRIC CAMPUS EVENT



NIGHT AT THE STATE FAIR



Sustainer Trip | March 7 - 10, 2027
MIRAVAL RESORT & SPA - TUCSON
Singles: \$3,250 Doubles: \$3,000
Registration opens at the Sustainer Kick Off
on Sept. 17. Full payment due by check before
Oct. 1 to reserve your spot.
Questions? Contact Trip Co-Chairs:
Christie Carter & Paige McDaniel

NASHVILLE TRIP





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