



# The MILESTONES LUNCHEON



JLD President Tandra Allen, 2025 Sustainer of the Year Peggy Sewell, and 2024-2025 Sustainer President Sally Dutter



Milestones Co-Chair Debbie Dates, Speaker Alex Snodgrass and 2025 Sustainer of the Year Peggy Sewell



Left: Nancy Gopez, Lynn McBee, Maggie Kipp and Patti Flowers



Right: Jan Baldwin, Monica Christopher, Diana Hamilton and Joanna Clarke

The *Milestones Luncheon* was held on April 11, featuring bestselling cookbook author Alex Snodgrass. Luncheon Co-Chair *Lauren Combest* and Sustainer Co-Chair *Debbie Oates* recognized the event's biggest sponsors and supporters. The Sustainer of the Year was presented to *Peggy Sewell*.

**SAVE THE DATE**

*2026 Milestones Luncheon - April 10, 2026*

## SUSTAINER KICK OFF 2024



The Fall Kick Off was held on September 12 at JLD Headquarters. Sustainers enjoyed a fun evening of friends and food as they learned about the many fabulous programs, events, volunteer opportunities and interest groups available for the coming year.



**SAVE THE DATE**

*Sustainer Fall Kick-Off*

**Tuesday, September 16, 2025**

**5:30 - 7:30 P.M.**

**JLD Headquarters**

Join us to sign up for fall programs, volunteer opportunities, and open interest groups.

**Co-Chairs: Helen Holman & Susan Wells Jenevein**



**JOIN AN INTEREST GROUP**

From Garden Clubs, Antiques, Investing, Book Clubs, and more - there is a place for you. Learn more at the Fall Kick-Off or [jldallas.org](http://jldallas.org). If you are interested in starting a new Interest Group, contact Co-Chairs: Elise McVeigh or Liana Yarckin.

# FROM THE SUSTAINER PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Sustainers,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 year with the Junior League of Dallas Sustainers! It is with great joy and anticipation that I extend my warmest greetings to each of you as we embark on a new chapter of service, leadership, and camaraderie. As Sustainers, you embody the enduring spirit of the Junior League — a community of women committed to building a better Dallas and lifting one another along the way. Whether you've been part of the League for many years or are newer to the Sustainer role, your experience and dedication are an integral part of what makes our League thrive.



With a nod to the theme of JLD Active President Lindsay Davis, whose theme is "Gather," I have chosen "**Gather Together**" for the Sustainer theme. It's a call to reconnect with one another and build stronger ties within our League, especially as we continue to support and collaborate with Active members. We know that our collective efforts will help us further strengthen the bond that makes JLD not just a group of women, but a true community of change-makers.

## Exciting Programs and Events

- Sustainer Kick-Off: September 16, 2025 - Join us for a fun and engaging Evening of Reconnecting to officially kick off the year!
- Sustainer Trip to Nashville, Tennessee: October 22-24, 2025 - From private tours of music landmarks to unforgettable meals, this trip is designed to be both a fun getaway and an opportunity for deeper connection among our Sustainers.
- Sustainer Programs & Dallas, Behind the Scenes - If you love exploring Dallas from new angles, join us for our exclusive private tours and informative speakers.
- Sustainer Service Days - These hands-on experiences allow us to live out our mission of voluntarism, fostering a deep sense of purpose and community.
- Annual Milestones Luncheon (April 10, 2026, Fairmont) - Our signature event, where the League will honor the 2026 Sustainer of the Year, [Mary Jalonick](#), is an inspiring opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate the impact we've made throughout the year.

Stay Connected, Stay Engaged - In addition to our in-person gatherings, we encourage you to stay connected through our social media platforms and our Sustainer-exclusive Facebook group. Becky Gomez will be leading this fun opportunity to "Gather Together."

I want to express how truly grateful I am for your unwavering commitment to our mission and to the Junior League of Dallas. It is your dedication, leadership, and spirit that continue to make the League a powerful force for good in our community. I look forward to all the wonderful connections and memories we will create together.

Warmly,

*Lori*

Lori Whitlow Christensen  
2025-2026 Sustainer President



## SUSTAINER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL 2025-2026

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Member-at-Large - Elizabeth Buchanan  
Member-at-Large - Petra Bradshaw  
Member-at-Large - Carol Seay  
Member-at-Large - Nancy Gopez  
Member-at-Large - Shannon Callewart



## Save These Dates

### 2025 FALL SUSTAINER PROGRAMS

#### Sustainer Kick-Off

**Tuesday, September 16**

**5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - JLD Headquarters**

**Chairs: Susan Jenevein & Helen Holman**

#### CPR Training

**Saturday, September 27**

**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Texas Woman's**

**University Dallas Campus**

**Chair: Francie Mancillas**

#### Private SMWE Shopping Event

**Tuesday, October 7**

**5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - St. Michael's Woman's Exchange**

**Chair: Becky Odlozil**

#### State Fair of Texas

**Thursday, October 16**

**5:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Fair Park**

**Chairs: Brooke Bailey & Laura Johnson**

#### Pegasus Park Tour

**Wednesday, November 5**

**1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - Pegasus Tower**

**Chair: Jennifer Wegman**

#### Holiday Cards for the Troops

**Tuesday, November 11**

**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - JLD Headquarters**

**Cards Available for Pickup at Sustainer Kickoff**

**Chairs: Paula Davis & Kristianne Hinkamp**

#### Dallas Arboretum Holiday Tea

**Sunday, December 7**

**2:00 p.m. - Dallas Arboretum**

**Chairs: Juliette Coulter & Heather Hicks**

Additional details to come.

*Join us this Fall!*

### Tell us about you!

Help the League gain a better understanding of its members with this short survey.



### SEWELL SALUTES AWARD

## Congratulations

to **Paula Davis** for receiving the 2025 Sewell Salutes Award given to a Sustainer who has done an exceptional job supporting JLD Sustainers.



## FREDRICKSBURG FUN



In April, Sustainers traveled to the heart of Texas, Fredericksburg. Thank you to Co-Chairs **Paige McDaniel**, **Christie Carter** and **Beth Thoele** for organizing an exciting trip to explore the area's rich history, culinary scene and wineries!



## LEGACY LEADERS

Legacy Leaders are JLD members who have helped shape JLD's unique history for 50 years or more. Some may have started their experience in other Leagues, but each has been instrumental in building and sustaining our League into what it is today. This special group received their 50 year pins and were honored at a reception and also were recognized at the Milestones Luncheon. Congratulations!



## INTEREST GROUPS





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# INSIGHT

The Junior League of Dallas

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