

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: What is the Junior League of South Brevard, Inc. (JLSB)?**

A: The Junior League of South Brevard, Inc. is a non-profit organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. We are one of 292 Junior Leagues located in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the United Kingdom. The League's purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. We reach out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

### **Q: Who belongs to the JLSB?**

A: The most common characteristic shared by members is that they are women committed to contributing to our community. As of August 2009, the JLSB has over 165 members. Of these, approximately 65 are actives, and 100 are sustaining members. Sustainers have at least seven years of active service and continue to support the League and their community. The JLSB members are a diverse group composed of both married and single women, many with children and many who work fulltime, part-time or are currently stay at home moms.

### **Q: Why should I join the JLSB?**

A: Membership in the Junior League of South Brevard, Inc. provides many benefits. The most significant is the personal satisfaction that comes from making a positive contribution to your community. The Junior League empowers women through leadership training and developing action in the South Brevard community, all while building relationships with a diverse group of dedicated, talented women. You will learn about the South Brevard community and how to collaborate with other organizations to achieve a common goal. As a member, you will receive training and can sharpen your skills in areas such as public speaking, public relations, budgeting, facilitation, team building, fundraising, advocacy, volunteer coordination, and program development. Should you move out of the area, you can transfer your membership to another Junior League.

### **Q: Isn't the Junior League really just a social organization?**

A: No. The Junior League of South Brevard, Inc. strives to fulfill our mission statement, while focusing on projects supporting our charitable endeavors. The social element is one of the many benefits of a League membership, but it is not our primary purpose. Our Membership Enhancement Committee schedules a variety of social events throughout the year that are optional to members.

### **Q: How much time will I devote to the JLSB?**

A: We are an organization that promotes volunteerism; therefore, each of our active members volunteer in the community or on a committee for approximately 20-50 hours each year. There is also a six hour service shift (or two three-hour shifts) that we complete within one of our fundraising projects, currently at the Festival of Trees in November.

### **Q: Will I attend meetings?**

A: As in most membership organizations, the Junior League of South Brevard, Inc. holds monthly meetings to conduct Junior League business and announce exciting events that are happening in the coming weeks and

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months. At most meetings, we invite a guest speaker to address the members about a current topic such as health, personal growth or financial issues or we may have a member from one of our community partnerships speak about their agency or current projects. We hold seven General Membership Meetings per year and ask that you attend at least 5 of the 7. First year members also attend two training sessions held in September and October to learn about the JLSB history, volunteer and leadership development opportunities we offer, and the many ways we are able to serve our community. Members are also invited to attend the Provisional Installation in December and the Officer Installation in May.

**Q: What will my financial obligation be?**

A: Members of the Junior League of South Brevard, Inc. pay annual dues of \$125. Provisional Members pay an additional \$25 for the Provisional Class Training Program so the total amount due for the Provisional Program is \$150. Members are encouraged to buy tickets for the Gala at Festival of Trees and contribute donations to the *Done in Your Seat* Projects at our General Meetings where we collect a few dollars or donated items from each member to support a local agency or project.

**Q: How do I find out more about the JLSB?**

A: We invite you to attend one of our New Member Orientation Socials held in August or early September. Designed specifically for prospective members, it is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the JLSB - who we are, what we do, and the many ways we have impacted and continue to impact the South Brevard community. Membership packets will be available, and you will have the opportunity to complete the paperwork, if desired. If you are unable to make one of these events, please contact the Membership Development Chair at [membership@jlsb.net](mailto:membership@jlsb.net) to find out more information about becoming a member.

We also encourage you to visit the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. website at [www.ajli.com](http://www.ajli.com) to learn more about the history and benefits of membership.

**Q: When can I join the JLSB?**

A: Even though our Provisional Membership Program runs from August through December, we collect contact information for prospective members continuously throughout the year. However, in order to plan and prepare for each new class of provisional members, we can only accept new members through the middle of September.

**Q: Do I need a sponsor to join the JLSB?**

A: No. The Junior League of South Brevard, Inc. welcomes all women 21 years of age and older who are committed to voluntarism and does not require a new member to be sponsored.

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