



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
SOUTH BREVARD, INC.**

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**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SOUTH BREVARD RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING MEMBERS**

Melbourne, FL – The Junior League of South Brevard, Inc. (JLSB) recently held the Installation and Membership Awards Dinner at Continental Flambé. The annual awards dinner is held to recognize and honor outstanding members of the organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. JLSB is proud to announce the award recipients:

**Sustainer of the Year (first year for this award): Martha Sinclair**

One cannot use too many accolades to describe our 2008-2009 Sustainer of the Year. She tirelessly gives of herself and her time to the League year after year. She is always generous in sharing her knowledge and wisdom with League members. She draws upon her years as a dedicated member to give us the big picture both in the League and the community. Years ago, she was the kindergarten teacher at Holy Trinity for Past President, Julia Irvin.

She has a strong presence in Brevard County. She cares deeply about the League, about its past and its present, but even more for its future. For her becoming a Sustainer was not about taking a break from Junior League but instead serving in a new way which enables us to grow even stronger as an organization. It is impossible to imagine the Junior League of South Brevard without the invaluable volunteer service of our 2008-2009 Sustainer of the Year.

**Provisional of the Year: Shannon Laughrey**

This year's Provisional of the Year goes to a new member who has gone above and beyond. This vibrant woman attended all three spring and summer socials getting to know the active as well as fellow prospective members of JLSB. When the provisional training began, she arrived early with a beaming smile on her face, eager to learn about the organization. She attended the Healthy Start book stuffing event. She spearheaded a fall provisional project to deliver goody bags to local hospitals for children who were not able to trick or treat. She helped decorate the provisional designer tree as well as designing her own signature tree for FOT and then worked an extra shift. She attended the holiday dinner (which is not "mandatory.") She attended the early morning meeting with the representative from Rachel's Challenge. In the spring, she "chaired" the provisional obstacle course. All this while remaining CEO of her household of 4 busy children, a 90 year old grandmother and a loving husband to offer his support through it all.

**Spirit of the League: Susie Vasco-Parente**

The spirit of the league award is given to that JLSB member who constantly has that up-beat - 'can do' - positive attitude, because of her wonderful excitement about being in the League. She took on a huge project with FOT in her first active year, and made it great. She has a gift that gets people involved and gets them excited about helping. Hands down, she worked hard and was fully dedicated to FOT -- which made the event successful and fun. Her leadership style is awesome - she treated the committee like family and recognized each contribution to the committee no matter how small. She is always in the Christmas spirit and truly embodies the Spirit of the League.

**Volunteer of the Year: Julia Irvin**

The volunteer of the year award goes to a member who is devoted to the JLSB and to other organizations in the community. This year's recipient has been a JLSB member for over 10 years and has given so much of her time and talents not only to us, but to countless organizations in our community. She has a huge heart and always there to help out. She is definitely passionate about volunteering. This year she was recognized in "Space Coast Business" as a leader. She was the FIRST in our league to volunteer to be the President two years in a row. She is extremely active with foster care, Florida and local legislature, Rachel's Challenge, Club Esteem, and many other non-profit organizations. She truly is a remarkable woman.

**Congratulations to the 2008-2009 Award Recipients!**

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