

BOOSTER SEAT LEGISLATION

Due in part to herculean efforts on the part of our delegates all over the state and their efforts within their own leagues, we had great success furthering our mission of having children in booster seats after the age of 3. The first house bill ended up with 75 co-sponsors (amazing!) and when that bill died in a committee that was headed by an opponent of this bill, it was then added to a transportation bill in the Senate which went back and forth before dying at 3 am amongst much political rallying on the final night of session.

Based on the current climate in our state capitol, we are VERY proud to have had such a successfully positive influence with this issue in Tallahassee and continue education and advocacy at our local League levels.



The Florida State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) was very busy this year with our three legislative priorities: Foster Care, Cybercrimes and Booster Seat Legislation. Delegates narrowed their focus and developed a signature statement of “Protecting Florida’s Children”. Delegates interacted with every State Senator and State Representative to develop relationships and educate them on our legislative priorities.

CYBERCRIMES

SPAC worked with Senator Benacquisto and Senator Bogdanoff to support bills that they had related to sexual images of children online and issues pertaining to cyberbullying. Unfortunately, those particular bills did not pass this year, but another bill that we supported regarding 'sexting' (lessening the crime of sending naked pictures across cell phones for children under the age of 18) did pass and is awaiting the signature of our Governor.

Additional information: www.ilflspac.org



FOSTER CARE

All states receive federal dollars to be used to help pay for children currently in the foster care system. Florida was granted a 'waiver' to allow these dollars to also be used to help prevent children from actually entering the system in the first place. This is referred to as the Title IV Waiver, and has been an incredibly successful program.

This year, we helped educate our elected officials about the importance of this money and the success of the program, and this program is successfully continuing. We also worked to increase the age of children in the foster care system to 21, and legislation permitting that went a long way this session, but did not ultimately pass. We also worked to educate our legislators as to current abuses in the foster care system and how potentially those could be alleviated.

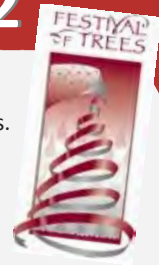


There are 137 SUSTAINING MEMBERS OF JLSB who enjoy supporting their community and league. This year, we continued the lunches at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club with interesting and in some cases, inspiring speakers. We also had a holiday coffee at Dana Morgan's home where each attendee brought school supplies for The Haven for Children. A highlight of the year was the Valentine Tea at the Rossetter House in Eau Gallie where almost every member wore a hat. This was to honor the accomplished Rossetter women who loved to wear hats and contributed highly to the greater Melbourne area.

Many of the sustaining members are also members of other non-profit organizations in the area. They serve on boards or are committee members using their volunteer training learned through Junior League. We give leadership training and then give our sustainers wings to fly to continue the mission of women building better communities.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

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Our 26th Annual Festival of Trees was a great success for the league coffers. Please see the adjacent page listing the many fantastic sponsors who made Festival possible.

The theme last year was **Rock'n Around the Christmas Tree** and things were definitely hopping the entire weekend. Guests danced into the late evening at Friday's Preview Party and some of the best musicians in town regaled us with the sounds of the season on a stage set up in the rotunda, which echoed throughout the festival.

The Festival of Trees Committee did an outstanding job recruiting designers, raffle items, and over 25 unique vendors. Sunday afternoon we held an awards ceremony recognizing the top designers and some of our key business partners.

The weekend was a success thanks to the many hours put in by Gloria Aponte-Tai, who served as the 2010 FOT Director, and her committee: Kathy Along, Diane Baccus-Horsley, Christy Busby, Keshea Harman, Jaida Lindsay, Jill Liles, Dana Morgan, Kimberly Musselman, Liz Oros, Susie Vasco Parente, Jorosylan Williams, Stacey Williams, and Scottie Winslow. Special thanks also to President Anne Gregg, President Elect Rebecca Wood, VP of Community Jean Bandish and VP of Communications Tamara Pope who really stepped up and helped with publicity and community outreach.

RE-RUN 5K



The 2ND ANNUAL 5K RE-RUN on April 16, 2011 was a GROOVY run for the community and the Junior League of South Brevard. We had over 200 registered runners, 33 financial and in-kind sponsors as well as 25

volunteers to make this a successful event. Between sponsorships and the registration fees, we raised over \$8,000! Race day not only went off without a hitch, it was a lot of fun! The '80s theme was evident throughout the course and many runners sported costumes. The after party on the Squid Lips Beach and Deck is a unique ending that sets this race apart from the many other road races in this community.

This year was the first year we gave the winners each record/albums hand-painted by league members as awards, this was loved by all and very unique! There is great potential for this event to grow in the coming years and the JLSB looks forward to the years to come! The Junior League of South Brevard, Inc. continues to advance its mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The Annual 5k is just one of our fun and successful ways to continue our mission.



RUMMAGE ROUND-UP

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It was exciting to bring Rummage Roundup back this year after a five year hiatus. This sale gave back in so many ways. Not only did the proceeds fund our community projects, but the items we collected provided the community with furniture, children's clothes, and other necessities at very reasonable prices. In addition, everything that remained unsold at the end of Rummage Roundup was donated to other charities in our community: Connected by 25 Brevard, one of our projects for the last few years, Bridges, Genesis House, and Daily Bread Thrift Store. We delivered clothes to Good Will and books to the library next door.

Prior to the sale, we had such a great response from our members, we quickly filled up our storage unit and two garages! We also got a big donation from the Lamb Shoppe. We certainly couldn't have moved all our merchandise without generous support from Sorensens Moving and Storage. We actually filled up three of their trucks!

On Saturday May 21st, 850 shoppers took advantage of this great opportunity and spent more than \$9,000.

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