



2014-2015 SPAC DELEGATE BIOGRAPHIES

Delly Beekman – (Associate Member from JLMC) has been a Junior League member for 37 years and on SPAC for 18 years. She has held several AJLI Board positions, including President (2010-2012). Delly was also the President of the JLMC. Her broad League/SPAC experience, coupled with her work with other nonprofits, means that she has extensive experience with New Jersey's Legislature. She has a BA in Sociology from Newton College of the Sacred Heart (now merged with Boston College). Delly is CEO of Family and Children's Service (Long Branch). She served as Board President and Board member of that organization before resigning to assume her current position. She has also served on the Board of the Monmouth Council of Girls Scouts and the Children's Research Triangle in Chicago. Married with 4 grown children, she loves to travel, read, the arts and wellness. In addition to two years of AJLI travel, where she visited more than 70 Leagues in four countries, she fulfilled a lifelong dream by traveling to Tibet, including Mt. Everest, with two of her sons.

Alyssa Bongiovanni – (Associate Member JLM) is starting her first year as an active member of the Morristown Junior League. She is from North Brunswick, New Jersey. Alyssa is a graduate of Rutgers College and Rutgers School of Law-Newark. During law school, Alyssa interned in the federal court for Judge Jose L. Linares, and at Fox News working with Judge Andrew Napolitano. After clerking for the Honorable Michael E. Hubner in the Morris County Family Division this past year, she will begin in Fall as an associate with the family law firm Townsend, Tomaio & Newmark in Morristown. Alyssa is currently a member of the Children Making Healthy Choices committee. Alyssa loves to spend time with her family, read, and watch and quote comedy movies and TV shows.

Lindy Bramblett – (A Delegate JLM), begins her third year in the League. She studied Biology and Classics at The University of Georgia and earned her Master of Physician Assistant Studies at The Medical College of Georgia. Over the past several years, she has volunteered with Burmese refugees at World Relief in Jacksonville, FL, volunteered at a community health clinic in Augusta, GA, and studied HIV/AIDS in Durban, South Africa. She brings her passion for community health and public awareness to her third year on SPAC. She works as an Emergency Medicine PA at Overlook Medical Center and enjoys marathon training, adventurous travel, and cooking in her spare time.

Lynne Brennen – (Associate Member from JLMN) has been in the Junior League since 2001, currently as a Sustaining Member. This is her third year on SPAC. She served on the JLMN Board of Directors as VP of Community Projects, as well as chair of several project committees over the years. Lynne is currently at New Leaf Media, a firm she founded in 2012 to help media organizations make a profitable shift from print to digital. Prior to that, Lynne was a Senior Vice President at Dow Jones responsible for consumer marketing across all print and digital products, including The Wall Street Journal. Lynne's passion for the "Fourth Estate" and its vitality became fully formed during her 11 years at The New York Times helping the newspaper plan and grow its national circulation. Lynne received her undergraduate degree from Northwestern University and an MBA from Boston University. Married with a teenage daughter in Montclair High School, Lynne is acutely aware of and concerned about those critical issues impacting children and women supported by SPAC.

Kate Calabro – (Associate Member JLM) grew up in Atlantic County, NJ and attended college at Rutgers-University New Brunswick, where she received a B.A. in Journalism and Media Studies. She then completed an M.A. in Communications from Seton Hall University. Now living in Millburn, NJ, with her dachshund, Cedric Diggory, Kate is adjusting to life in "North Jersey," after spending most of her years in "South Jersey." Kate is the marketing director and a development associate at The Angeletti

Group based in Morristown, NJ. The Angeletti Group is a fundraising consulting firm which partners with many nonprofit organizations, schools, and hospitals in Morris County and along the East Coast. Some of Kate's recent clients include Morristown Medical Center, Chilton Medical Center, Monmouth University, Centenary College, and Uniting Against Lung Cancer. Kate specializes in digital communications, social media, and event fundraising. She is also a freelance writer and hopes to one day complete and publish a novel (probably fiction). In her free time she enjoys reading, writing, going to the beach, and spending time with family and friends.

Ginger Clarke-Walden – (Associate Member from JLEP) is currently serving a two-year term on the JLEP board as Sustainer Representative (she joined in 2005), in previous years she has served on the board as Communications Council Director, chaired the Career Closet and was on the Community Research & Development Committee. This is her 5th year on SPAC. She has a BA and MS in Biology from NYU. She was a molecular biologist at NYU and NYU School of Medicine for 10+ years, focusing on microbial/mouse/human genetics and genomics research. Her most rewarding career accomplishment was working on the Human Genome Project. Ginger was born and raised in NYC and moved to Westfield, NJ, with her husband, daughter and mother 12 years ago. She loves to run, hike, cycle, care for stray cats, and enjoys volunteering at her daughter's school (was VP of Communications and also Advisor to the PTO Board). For 2 years she was chorus director for her school's biggest fundraiser and she also launched and chaired the Science Committee. She is web manager for her daughter's travel soccer team, team manager for her daughter's travel basketball team and an assistant coach for her daughter's softball team.

Charlene Davis-Williams – (Associate Member of JLMN) is starting her 7th year in the League and her third year on SPAC. She is JLMN President and was the 2012-2013 JLMN Recruitment Chair and has worked on Community Impact since joining the league. Charlene grew up in Virginia and holds a BA in Business Administration from Norfolk State University. As a Freelance Grant Writer, she has combined 13 years of professional experience in the financial industry with her passion for serving those most vulnerable in society, by helping to expand economic opportunity to non-profits committed to improving the lives of women, children, and the elderly. In addition to JL involvement, she served as class mom and Fundraising Co-Chair at Pleasantdale School, and Children's Church Coordinator at Calvary Baptist Church, Morristown, NJ. She has lived in New Jersey for the past 16 years with her husband three children and dog Lola.

Meredith Derr – (Associate Member JLM) joined the Junior League in 2011 as a member of the Washington DC chapter. In 2013, Meredith returned to her native New Jersey and transferred to the Junior League of Morristown where she now serves on the Membership Activities Committee. She currently works for Quadel providing policy and communications consulting services to the affordable housing community. Meredith attended The College of New Jersey for her undergraduate degree and received her Juris Doctor from Villanova University. Meredith lives in Madison with her husband Rich and enjoys cooking, traveling, and her newly discovered interest - playing golf.

Patricia Devine Harms – (Associate Member from JLMN) joined the League in 1996 and has served in a number of roles, including President (2006-2007) and SPAC Chair (2011-2013). This is Patricia's 8th year on SPAC. She was formerly a freelance Meeting Planner, has a BA in Psychology from the University of Georgia and a Masters in Child Advocacy from Montclair State University. In addition to JL involvement, Patricia leads a girls' mentoring group at Link Community School in Newark; serves on 3 nonprofit boards (relating to domestic violence, affordable housing and urban education); and records a weekly radio show for the sight-impaired (EIES of NJ). She is married and enjoys hiking (favorite hikes were in Bosnia and Mt Kilimanjaro), traveling (visited 21 countries, including spending a month in Vietnam tutoring), and relaxing with The NY Times.

Teri Di Francesco – (B Delegate JLEP) has completed 30 years in the Junior League. She was the President of the Elizabeth-Plainfield League in 2005-2006, and has served on SPAC for 13 years

(previous leadership includes Chair 2007-2009 and Chair of the Women's Task Force). She works full-time as an Area Sales Manager at Lord & Taylor in Manhattan. She has formerly worked in London as a Children's Merchandiser, traveling throughout Europe. Teri attended Virginia Intermont College gaining a degree in Business Merchandising, and undertook graduate studies at Montclair State University. In her spare time, Teri loves to read and garden.

Alicia Erickson Zink - (Associate Member from JLMC) resides in Atlantic Highlands with her husband of 11 years and three children. She currently works in private practice in Red Bank as a licensed clinical social worker providing counseling services to individuals, couples and families. She is a graduate of Fairfield University with a BS and Columbia University School of Social Work with a Masters of Social Work. Prior to starting a private practice, she worked for four years in an inner city hospital in Newark providing services to low socioeconomic families. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, running, and training for marathons and triathlons.

Kelly Flaten-(B Delegate JLM)-Hailing from the great state of Minnesota, Kelly began her Junior League career in 2003 in Minneapolis. She served on the Special Events Committee, Membership Education Committee and Chaired the Fund Development Committee, before taking a three year medical leave and moving to New Jersey. In the Morristown League, she served on the Special Events and Communications committees. Additionally she has chaired the Scholarship Committee and served as the Vice President of Communications. This year she is excited to be a SPAC delegate and the Recruitment and Retention Chair. Prior to moving to New Jersey, Kelly owned SilhouettEvents, a boutique marketing and event agency for 13 years. She worked with numerous non-profits to increase their brand identity and income through fundraising events. Her key clients included the Minnesota Twins, HIT Entertainment (Thomas the Tank Engine and Angelina Ballerina), University of Minnesota and Andrew Zimmerman (Bizarre Foods). Upon relocation, she sold her company and began working in Medical Education as a grant writer and event planner. In 2011, she secured the second largest grant in the country and began her New Jersey based company, KC Consulting. Currently Kelly manages events for her long standing clients and continues her medical education outreach through grant writing and facilitation. In her spare time, she enjoys coaching her son's baseball and basketball teams, gardening and anything else that sparks her interest.

Sue Flynn – (SPAC Chair JLMC) is starting her 9th active year in the League, this is her 6th year on SPAC, and she is the 2013-2015 Chair. Sue Chairs the Women in Government committee for the Running and Winning Workshop. She formerly worked as a corporate insurance broker, working on employee health and welfare benefits and is now a full-time mom. Sue grew up in Idaho and has a BA in Business Administration from Idaho State University. She moved from NY to NJ 10 years ago. She enjoys raising her two children – a boy of 8 and a girl of 6. Sue is an avid runner and enjoys reading, sewing and cooking.

Lauren Forbes – (A Delegate JLOSH) grew up in New York City. She has a BA in French from Rutgers University and a Masters in Urban Planning from Columbia University. She worked as a Health Planning Analyst before changing careers to become a Teacher. She earned a second Masters degree in Education, and became an Early Literacy Specialist with the N.J. State Department of Education. Currently, she is a full-time Mom to her son Marcus, and was recently elected to the Board of Trustees at the Montclair Cooperative School. Lauren loves the theater, traveling, reading and biking with her husband and son (her 2 favorite boys). This is her 7th year with her Junior League, and she is very excited to be on SPAC for her 4th year.

Tara Geraghty – (B Delegate JLMC) – Completed her Junior League New Member year in 2014 and requested her first placement be on SPACV. She returned to New Jersey after living in Denver for 10 years. She holds her in Drama from Ithaca College. Tara was a Project Coordinator for both House of Hope & Denver Day of Impact and an active member of Metro Volunteers. She was the Littleton event host for The Certus Professional Network and Co-Host of the 303 Network (both in Colorado). Tara was

the host of Female Friendly Businesses based in Denver and have worked as a spokesmodel and/or Emcee for numerous national companies & events. She is the owner of her own direct sales business for 17 years & mentor and coach women business owners around the country. Tara is a single mom with a beautiful 8 year old daughter.

Christina Gibbs – (B Delegate JLOSH) is a new member to the Junior League along with SPAC as of 2013. She moved from Jersey City to South Orange Millburn area to be closer to her parents and sister. She has recently moved to South Orange. As a former office manager and executive assistant along with experience in project management as well as many other skills that she can use towards advocacy work and SPAC. In the past, she has volunteered with a philanthropic steering committee for events and fund raising, Special Olympics State of Florida steering committee, NJ Cares/NY Cares. She is presently volunteering as a Pediatric Volunteer at Saint Barnabas Medical Center and American Red Cross. Christina enjoys cooking, the arts social events and sport activities. She also enjoys many different hobbies, which makes for interesting adventures and challenges especially traveling (which she loves).

Madi Grob - (Associate Member JLM) currently serves as Community Vice President of the Junior League of Morristown. She completed her new member year in 2005-2006. She has served on Done in a Day (DIAD), Community Projects Committee (CPC) and then again on DIAD as Assistant Chair and Co-Chair. She has been a New Member Advisor and has served the last two years in the League as Chair of Training and Development . Madi grew up in Wayne, New Jersey and graduated from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia with a B. A. in Fine Arts in 1996. She has traveled and lived in many states with her husband Pat, and currently lives in Mendham, NJ. After years of working as meeting planner, Madi now dedicates herself to raising her four children and caring for her family. She volunteers in several capacities for her children's pre-school, and has been co-chair of the Mendham Township Elementary School Cultural Arts Committee for the past 2 years. She is always organizing family functions and get-togethers. Any free time she has is spent with her family and friends and she enjoys digital photography, fitness, cooking, crafts and traveling.

Jen Groller-(C Delegate JLM) - Jennifer Vastine Groller has been in the Junior League since 1991 and has served in several Junior Leagues over the years. She started in the Northern Virginia League and moved to the Washington DC League. She transferred to the NYC League, Summit League and now is currently a member in Morristown. She is married to Dean Robert Groller 18 years this past spring and has twin boys Maxwell and Spencer who are 11 years old and entering the 5th grade. She graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1989 with a B.S. in Hotel Restaurant Management and a second major and B.S. in Nutrition. Upon graduation she was a dietitian for Georgetown University for 3 years. After her career as a dietitian she joined Marriott International in Sales and worked for them for 15 years. She left Marriott International as a Director of National Accounts to raise her twins in Madison NJ with her husband Dean. In addition to the Junior League Jennifer is a DAR, past PTO President for 3 years, current Co-Chair of the Madison Education Foundation for the past 2 years , Member of the Downtown Development Commission of Madison, Past President of the Madison Florham Park Social Club (the Welcome Wagon) and a Board member of the Madison Community Pool and Swim Team.

Malinda Hamby – (Associate Member JLM) Malinda (Erickson) Hamby completed her new member year in 2008-2009 with the Junior League of Abilene, Texas. While in Abilene she served on the “Art Carts” Committee at Hendricks Hospital. Malinda transferred to the Junior League of Morristown in 2010-2011 and has served on the Scholarship Committee, “Done in a Day” and “Children Making Healthy Choices” as Assistant Chair and most recently; Chair. She currently serves as the Vice President of Community. Originally from the wide open spaces of Texas, Malinda graduated from the Texas A&M system with both a B.S in Elementary Education; and also a Masters in Guidance and Counseling. In addition to nearly 20 years in public education; first as a classroom teacher and the last 10 years as a guidance counselor; Malinda has always been an avid volunteer. Before moving to New Jersey, previous volunteer experiences include The Women’s Shelter of Tarrant County as a crisis hotline counselor (3 years) and

The W.A.R.M Place (6 years) as a children's grief facilitator in Fort Worth, Texas. In addition to Junior League, Malinda is currently active with Manestream in Tewksbury as an "Equine Assisted Therapy" weekly volunteer. Malinda is also a member of the White House Station "Daughters of the American Revolution". In her free time, she enjoys traveling, cooking, Pilates, reading & warm weather! Malinda lives in Flanders with her husband "Hamby" and 2 Border Collies; Lilly & Electra.

Jennifer Harper- (Associate Member JLM) joined the JLM in 2008-09 as a new member. She has served on the Community Projects Committee and the following year co-chaired the first year of Children Making Healthy Choices. Jennifer has served on the Communication committee for the past two years (her name may be familiar from our weekly newsletters) and is now serving as the Communications VP. Jennifer grew up and lives in Sussex County, New Jersey. She attended Blair Academy and graduated from Montclair State University with a degree in Hospitality. Jennifer works at Wyndham Exchange & Rentals as a Director in Global Information Technology. Jennifer has very cute three nephews and a niece and is a very happy aunt. She enjoys travel, music, learning new things, reading, après ski, summer afternoons at the pool and Sunday brunches.

Christianna Harvey – (Associate Member JLMC) joined the JL 11 years ago in Dayton, OH where she worked in fund development for 3 years, was Co-Chair and Chair of the Merry Market Fundraiser and served on Nominating. When she transferred to the JL of Flint, MI, she was on the Membership Committee. Much to her surprise, she moved again in 2010 to Oceanport, NJ, transferred to the JLMC, served on Membership, was Chair of New Members and this is her second year on SPAC. Christianna has been married for 17 years to Keith and they have two beautiful, intelligent children, JP and Maggie. JP plays basketball and lacrosse. Maggie is her dancer (Ballet and Jazz), loves to sing, is starting cheerleading this year, and has been in three theater productions in Asbury at the Premiere Theater. Christianna volunteers at their school, attends many games and recitals, and likes to travel, read and paint.

Karen Hartshorn Hilton (Associate Member JLOSH) is currently Executive Director of Emerge New Jersey a training program for democratic women wanting to learn how to run for elected office. She has worked for and around government agencies and non profit social service providers for over 25 years. Karen was a senior analyst for the Massachusetts House Ways and Means Committee and the Director of Special Education Rate Setting within Administration and Finance for MA. Karen consulted in fundraising for numerous non profit organizations including FamilyConnections in Orange NJ, the Mary McDowell Center in Brooklyn, NY, the Center for the Elimination of Violence to Women in Brooklyn, NY and the Greater Newark Conservancy in Newark, NJ. Early in her career, Karen was a counselor for Planned Parenthood and fundraised for WOMENS WAY in Philadelphia, PA, and worked for the U.S. Park Service in Rocky Mountain National Park, CO. In New Jersey, she has been a leading volunteer with the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills and served as a Board member in the following capacities - SPAC Representative, Community Vice President, Fundraising Vice President, and President. Karen was also a Junior League member with the JL of Boston, Brooklyn and Chicago. In addition, Karen has been an active volunteer with the South Orange and Maplewood Public Schools, the Girl Scouts of New Jersey and is currently Board President of the South Orange Public Library and has assisted in fundraising with various public campaigns. Karen graduated with a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of MA, and a B.A. from William Smith College. Along with her husband Jim, Karen is in the process of raising four teenage daughters.

Lori Hohenleitner – (Associate Member from JLMC) joined the Junior League of London in 2002 and since has been an active volunteer in variety of roles with the JLL, New York Junior League, and JLMC. Lori is currently the Executive Director of the Horizons Student Enrichment Program- an educational program serving financially disadvantaged children in Monmouth County, NJ. Prior to her role at Horizons, Lori worked for Planned Parenthood of Central New Jersey as Development Director and for the Planned Parenthood Federation of America as Director of Board Affairs. She currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Holmdel Theater Company and the Advisory Board for the Source at Red Bank

Regional High School where she was honored with their Community Partner Award in 2014. Previously, she served on the board of New York's Pearl Theater Company. Lori and her partner Paul Anselmo are co-owners of a family business, Jersey Shore Coffee Roasters, and live in Atlantic Highlands with their Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Finch.

Becky Howell (B Delegate JLGP) joined the JL 7 years ago in Oklahoma City, OK where she volunteered in various Community Council placements as well as served as Community Vice President 2012-2013. She moved to New Jersey in October 2013 and transferred to the JLGP in February 2014. She has a Masters of Arts in Psychology and a Masters of Business Administration and has served on the Board of Directors for the YWCA of Oklahoma City. Becky currently works for Novo Nordisk and enjoys playing golf, traveling, reading and playing with her dog, Jinxy.

Mary Jackson— (SPAC Assistant Chair JLEP) has been with the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield for nine years and has been a member of SPAC for three years. She currently holds the SPAC Assistant-Chair position. She has a background in neuropsychology and has recently established a learning center, Wellspring Learning, to help students realize their academic potential through specialized reading programs and cognitive skills training. Aside from her volunteer activities with the League, Mary also volunteers at the Westfield Food Pantry and with the Boy Scouts as a merit badge counselor. She has a BA in psychology from Cornell University and a MS in psychology from Walden University. She resides in Westfield with her husband and three children. In her spare time she enjoys yoga, hiking, and traveling.

Mindy Kirby - (Associate Member from JLM) joined the JL of Morristown in 1983. She is currently a Sustainer in that League. She has a BA from Smith College and an MBA from Rutgers. She worked for over 20 years in Finance at Kraft Foods, and is currently working as a contractor in the finance department of a pharmaceutical company. She stays active in the JLM by being the "organizer" for the JLM Sustainer Book Group, and when she is between work assignments she volunteers in the Nearly New Shop, the JLM's consignment shop. She has a grown son and lives in Basking Ridge. She joined SPAC in 2010 as an Associate Member, and is especially interested in environmental issues and the legislative process.

Sharon Kress – (A Delegate JLEP) has been in the JL for 5 years and is starting her 4th year on SPAC. Within JLEP she has participated with the Career Closet and Helping Hands committees. She worked for AT&T as a marketing manager and systems development engineer for 15 years. Prior to that she worked as a contract systems trainer for IBM and the FBI. Sharon attended East Carolina University and has a BA in Business Administration and Business Education. As a result of previous life experiences, she currently 'works' with Johns Hopkins University and Hospital, in Baltimore, MD, in supporting post-doctoral clinical and research fellows for the director of Oculoplastic Surgery at The Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Kate Lee – (Associate Member from JLOSH) has been in the JL for 14 years, serving on the JLOSH board as Community VP in 2004-2005 and as President from 2012-13. This is her 9th year on SPAC, and she was the 2009-2011 Chair. She was formerly a BBC News and Current Affairs Producer, and worked as a Newsreader and writer for NHK World, when her family lived in Tokyo for 2 years. Kate attended the University of Warwick in the UK and has a BA in Politics. She has been the President of the Millburn-Short Hills Newcomers Club, a trustee at Far Brook School for 6 years, and is currently the Treasurer of State Council, and the Co-chair of the Governor's Advisory Council Against Sexual Violence. She is also on the steering committee of the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking. She is married with 3 sons and enjoys reading and swimming, as well as cycling and hiking with her kids.

Dara Mitchell – (Associate Member JLM) started her league career with Junior League of Westchester on the Sound (JLWOS) three years ago. She has been a member of the Sound Shore Medical Center (JLWOS) and Special Events committees. Dara attended Binghamton University for her undergraduate

work and received a degree in Economics with a minor in Spanish. She then attended Pace University School of Law, where she received her J.D. After law school, Dara began her career practicing professional liability defense with a firm in White Plains, New York. She then moved in-house to HCC Specialty, where she headed their architects and engineers professional liability group. Since having their first child, Dara and her husband, Aaron, moved to New Jersey, where Dara has opened her own law practice. With licenses to practice in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, Dara maintains offices in New York and New Jersey, and practices primarily in the areas of real estate, employment litigation, construction litigation, and professional liability. Dara currently lives in New Jersey with her husband, daughter, and French Bulldog. They are all anxiously awaiting the arrival of the newest addition to their family - due August 11, 2014.

Alicia Ochs – (Associate Member JLM) is thrilled to be embarking on her first active year with the Junior League of Morristown. A lifelong North Jersey resident, Alicia received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Political Science from Rutgers College in 2009, and her Juris Doctor from New York Law School in 2012. She currently works as an Associate at the law firm of Devero Taus LLC in Warren, NJ primarily representing aggrieved employees in workplace discrimination and harassment matters. This year Alicia will be serving the Junior League of Morristown as a member of the Children Making Healthy Choices committee in addition to her placement as a SPAC Associate Delegate. She currently lives in Morristown, NJ with her husband, Brandon and their Pekingese, Sophia, and enjoys spending her free time cooking, doing crafts and DIY projects, and spending time with her family and friends. She is a self-proclaimed foodie, master of classic rock/Beatles/Led Zepplin trivia, and has a deep-seeded obsession with all things Christmas."

Meghan Perrin – (Associate Member JLM) In October 2012, Meghan returned to work part-time with a small non-profit in Plainfield, Homefirst. She works as a Finance Associate, using skills and experience that she developed in the Junior League. In order to stay home with her children, Meghan left the American Cancer Society in 2008. As Sr. Director of Special Events, she managed all aspects of Northwest New Jersey's key income and donor relation activities. Prior to ACS, Meghan was a Consultant with global business and technology firm. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science & Economics from Denison University in Granville, Ohio. Meghan grew up in Minnesota and New Jersey. Meghan and her husband, Garret, make their family's home in New Providence. In addition to serving as President for the Junior League of Morristown, she serves as President for Chapter S.P.E.O. in Short Hills and is active in her boys' school.

Natalie Prokop – (JLMN) is a lawyer in NY/NJ who joined the League in 2013. This is her first year on SPAC. She grew up in northern Virginia and graduated from Cornell University and NYU Law School, where she focused on international human rights and immigration law. After law school, she worked in The Hague, The Netherlands before returning to the US and working for 6 years at the New York City Law Department. There she worked in the Legal Counsel division, advising former NYC Mayor Bloomberg and city agencies on public policy and legal affairs. She also drafted local, state, and federal legislation. In 2008, she switched to Affirmative Litigation before moving from Brooklyn, NY to Montclair, NJ in 2010. Since 2010, she has been home with her 2 children, Roman (6), and Veronica (4). Since 2012 she has been a volunteer attorney at the American Friends Service Committee in Newark, where she represents indigent non-citizens in immigration court, and has written law review articles about immigration. In her spare time she enjoys reading, running, and snowboarding.

Jacquie Rice – (A Delegate JLMC) joined the Junior League of Monmouth County in 2012 right before Superstorm Sandy hit. Her first year in the league she focused on community events geared towards rebuilding &/or helping her neighbors. Jacquie also volunteered, individually, for cleanup groups in one of the hardest hit towns in the area, Union Beach. Jacquie resides in Fair Haven, NJ with her husband Brian & their two children Jack (7) & Cameron (6). Currently she runs her own business as a notary

public who does refinance closings in people's homes. Jacquie became a mortgage loan originator in 2012 & works independently for SunQuest Funding out of Cranford, NJ writing mortgages. Before starting her family Jacquie worked as a Project Manager in the Contract Business Furniture field. Jacquie also volunteers in her town & is a member of the Fair Haven Day committee on which she helps raise funds & coordinates events for activities within her town.

Nicole Rice (Associate Member JLMC) has been a Junior League member since 2010. She has served on Fundraising and community and is currently the chair for Social Media under the Marketing group. She is a Business owner and resident of Fair Haven. She uses her Bachelor of Arts degree in her field of Interior Design. She has designed homes throughout New Jersey, California and Las Vegas. She is involved in her community, serving as the Vice President of the Foundation of Fair Haven, Fair Haven Day Committee, Membership Chair of the Fair Haven Business Association. She is also involved in the design community as a member of American Society of Interior Design (ASID) and past chair of membership for ASID, New Jersey Chapter. Her interests are all different types of arts and design, anything coastal, spending time on the water, or being outside riding her bicycle.

Kristen Rich – (Associate Member JLM) born and raised in New Jersey. After graduating from Cornell University she lived in Los Angeles, Miami and New York City. While in New York City she received her Master's degree in Adult Learning and Leadership from Columbia University. Upon graduation she accepted a job with Johnson & Johnson in Human Resources where she is currently an Instructional Design Manager. This is her first active year in JLM and is part of the Fund Development team. She loves being actively involved in the community, the Jersey Shore, running, Pilates and cooking. Currently she lives in New Brunswick with her rescue dog Bernie - a Dachshund, Corgi, Jack Russell mix.

Lauren Sgro – (Associate Member JLGP) is the 2013-15 Community VP of the Junior League of Greater Princeton and has been an active member since 2010. Her previous roles in the League include Provisional Class Co-Chair, DIAD Chair and Children's Initiative Co-Chair. She worked for Princeton Financial Systems, a financial software company, for the past 13 years as a Software Certification Engineer and Designer. Lauren has a B.A. in Finance from The College of New Jersey and currently resides in Princeton Junction with her husband, David, and daughters, Mia and Nina.

Sandy St. Jacques – (Associate Member JLM) Sandy (Burne) St. Jacques was born and raised in Morris County, New Jersey. She joined the Junior League of Morristown in 2004 as a New Member and has served on the Board as President Elect (2013-2014), Membership VP (2012-2013) and Communications VP (2009-10). Sandy has been married to her husband Robert for twelve years and they own a home in the rolling hills of Morris Township. Sandy studied Graphic Design at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn where she graduated with a BFA. In her professional career, she has worked in book publishing for several major publishers in NYC, and is currently an Art Director at Wiley in Hoboken. She has extensive experience in advertising, brand management, and visual design. Other activities Sandy enjoys include cycling, yoga, cooking, and spending time with friends and family including fifteen nieces and nephews.

Melissa Tassé – (A Delegate JLS) has served in the Junior League for 6 years. She was the Junior League of Summit Thrift Shop (Second Time Around) chair 2 years. Melissa is avidly involved in many local charities and fundraisers. Melissa is on the board of the Overlook Foundation which supports the Overlook Medical Center in Summit. She chaired the 2010 Overlook Hospital Foundation Gala, chaired the 2011 St. Andrew's Nursery School and Kindergarten Spring Fling, and actively serves on the committees for Mane Stream Farm, Reeves-Reed Arboretum, Liberty Science Center, and Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child fundraisers/galas. Melissa was raised in Texas, lived in Australia, and is a Ph.D. Neuropharmacologist by training. Melissa adores her family, travels as much as possible, loves food, cooking, and baking, and cannot live without Pilates.

Sara Thom – (Associate Member from JLOSH) has been in the League for 10 years. She served on the board twice and chaired several community projects relating to foster care. This is her 7th year with SPAC. She is currently the Chief of Operations and Director of Research at the Bedtime Math Foundation (www.bedtimemath.org). Previous jobs have included Coordinator of Grants Development at JVS (a social service agency in East Orange), Coordinator of the Helping Hands Food Pantry in Brooklyn, and Legislative Associate at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a think tank in Washington DC. Sara also served as a Legislative Assistant to former Senator Russell D. Feingold, Legislative Fellow to the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy working on Health Policy, and Policy Analyst at the US Department of Health and Human Services. She has a Bachelor's Degree from Brown University and a Master's in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Sara has two children -- a boy, 14 and a girl, 11. She enjoys reading, cooking, and camping.

Claire VanDerTuin – (C Delegate JLOSH) started her League career in NYC and Brooklyn in 1982 and she returned to SPAC two years ago. She is Chair of a Local Advocacy Committee for JLOSH. She has held almost all JL positions except President and during her first SPAC involvement, she specialized in education and environmental advocacy. Claire is a native New Yorker, has lived in NJ since 1988, with invaluable time spent in Atlanta and Washington, DC. After studying preMed and Great Books in College, then Labor Relations at Cornell, with a stint at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, she gave 5 years to the VISTA VOLUNTEER Program as a Non-Profit Management Support Consultant for Publicly Funded Day Care Centers, as well as Arts nonprofits. Claire spent 15+ years working to support Special Education Programs in the Millburn Public Schools and in Central NJ. When not rowing on the Passaic River with the Nereid Boat Club, or volunteering for the US Rowing Olympic Team, she enjoys time at her house in Sharon, CT with rescue mutt Dudley, three children and Husband John, who practices Law in Manhattan.

Nicole Williams – (A Delegate JLP) has been a member one year. She studied marketing at Xavier University of Louisiana. Over the past 20 years she has worked in pharmaceutical sales. She is currently working for Sanofi as a Senior Diabetes Specialist. In addition to JL involvement she currently serves as president for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Beta Alpha Omega Chapter. She also a board member for the National Coalition for Alcoholism and Drug Dependency (NCADD) and Harmbe Social Services, a Domestic Violence Prevention Program. She loves to travel and recently opened her own web based travel agency Run the Globe Travel.