



**ANNUAL REPORT
2016-2017**

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**THE LEAGUE CLUB IS A 501 (C) (3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN STRENGTHENING
COMMUNITIES THROUGH FELLOWSHIP, EDUCATION, VOLUNTEERISM AND PHILANTHROPY**

From the President...

2016-2017 was a very special year for The League Club. We celebrated our 30th Anniversary by incorporating the 3 C's of Commemoration, Celebration and Commitment, as envisioned by Paula McNulty, ad-hoc 30th Anniversary advisor, throughout all of our events and activities from May 2016 through April 2017. On March 24, 2017 we received an anniversary proclamation from Bill Barnett, the Mayor of Naples!

Major changes to The League Club involved updating and upgrading the organization and office technology – new computer, new printer and new website – allowing for more efficient productivity at the office, ease of website use for our members, more pleasing website aesthetics for members and potential members and sponsors, and a significant cost savings over the old computer-based membership management system and leased printer. A new League Club logo was designed with a variation for the 30th Anniversary year and a companion logo for The minor League. Mary Beth Jones, VP Communications, designed a new PR brochure with interchangeable inserts that can be customized and updated as needed on our office computer and printer.

Fellowship is a cornerstone of The League Club. We welcomed 47 new members from May 2016 through April 2017. Our total membership reached 610 for the first time in several years. Membership meetings educated members on the importance of preservation of our local historic buildings and natural resources as well as taking care of ourselves through exercise and nutrition. In addition to the traditional luncheon format, one meeting was a brunch and another was a Holiday Tea – both popular with our members. Events ranged from an 80's themed Girls Night Out, to a Welcome Back party at Hole in the Wall Golf Club and an end-of-season dinner dance at the Naples Beach Hotel – the site of the first League Club meeting – both held in conjunction with The minor League. A 30th Anniversary Gala, Girls in Pearls & Guys in Ties was held at Royal Poinciana Golf Club on January 20, 2017. Smaller events - a tour and luncheon at the Baker Museum and a bus trip to Little Havana in Miami were both sold out. Interest Groups are stronger than ever – three Food & Wine groups, Mah Jongg, Interior Design, two Bridge groups and Book Group are especially popular.

Our volunteerism included collecting food for the Saint Matthew's House Food Pantry, stuffing invitations at Naples Equestrian Challenge to support their signature event, organizing toys at the Salvation Army, collecting crockpots for New Horizons, volunteering at Guadalupe Center's Buddy Day and packing 50,000 meals for Meals of Hope.

Our mission of philanthropy led us to invite social entrepreneur, Lauren Bush Lauren, the founder of FEED, to headline our fundraiser on February 24, 2017 at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples. A Patron Party was held in a private residence on the evening of February 23, 2017. Northern Trust was the Presenting Partner for the second year. Their partnership/sponsorship includes underwriting the Circle of Friends luncheon on March 16 at the Naples Botanical Garden and the Grant Awards Briefcase breakfast on April 7 at the Conservancy of SWFL. The Patron Party was sponsored by FineMark National Bank & Trust. In all, we had the support of 25 sponsors including media partnerships with Naples Illustrated, Naples Daily News, WAVV 101.1 and eBella magazine. The fundraiser netted \$334,784 for our Community Trust Fund. Our 132 Circle of Friends donated a record \$224,510. On April 7, we awarded \$294,278 to 31 non-profit agencies. In January, we awarded a one-time \$30,000 30th Anniversary grant to Meals of Hope, which, when added to the awards in April, totals \$324,278 in grants awarded in 2017.

It was an honor and a privilege to serve as president of this wonderful association of women.

Margaret

WE DID THIS TOGETHER... 2016-2017

We celebrated our 30th Anniversary from May 2016 - April 2017 through the three Cs of Commemoration, Celebration and Commitment as developed by Paula McNulty.

We enjoyed summer two luncheons and a delightful September Potluck Brunch at Dusti Beaubien's home. We enjoyed six well-attended membership meetings including a Holiday Tea at the Port Royal Club and the annual meeting luncheon at the just-opened Venue Naples. Meeting topics ranged from historic preservation to environmental preservation to personal well-being. We enjoyed events at special locations including the Welcome Back party at the Hole in the Wall Golf Club, the 30th Anniversary Gala at Royal Poinciana Golf Club and Back at the Beach (End of Season Party) at the Naples Beach Hotel, site of the first League Club meeting in 1986! The Baker Museum docent-led tour of the American Impressionism exhibit and the bus trip to Little Havana in Miami were both very popular.

We appreciated Paul Huber, The minor League President, who supported all that we did.

We updated our logo, our website and our technology – saving thousands of dollars a year in the process and we appreciated office administrator, Kristi Foster, who makes it all work on a daily basis!

We volunteered at DIAD projects for St Matthew's House, Naples Equestrian Challenge, Salvation Army, New Horizons, Lions Club, Guadalupe Center, and Meals of Hope.

We welcomed 47 new members and our membership reached 609 by April 2017.

We watched the Endowment Fund grow to \$149,030.07 and supported the Sip n Shop event at J. McLaughlin which netted \$3,179.55 to support the fund.

We welcomed Lauren Bush Lauren to Naples at the Patron Party sponsored by FineMark National Bank & Trust at the lovely home of Judy and Jim Ringler on February 23 and we celebrated **LAUREN BUSH LAUREN: CHARITY BY DESIGN** presented by Northern Trust at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort on February 24, raising \$334,784 for our Community Trust Fund.

We celebrated our 30th Anniversary with 132 Circle of Friends who supported our fundraising efforts with \$224,510 in contributions. The Circle of Friends luncheon was held at the Naples Botanical Garden on March 16 and was generously underwritten by Northern Trust.

We distributed \$324,278 to 31 Collier and Lee County agencies at our Briefcase Breakfast on April 7, 2017 with funds from the Mary Matalin/James Carville fundraiser including the \$30,000 Anniversary Grant to Meals of Hope. The Briefcase Breakfast was held at the Conservancy of SWFL and generously underwritten by Northern Trust.

We received \$131,000 in support from 25 business sponsors including in-kind donations of \$55,500.

We received tremendous publicity from our media partners – Naples Illustrated, Naples Daily News, WAVV 101.1 FM and eBella magazine.

We celebrated TLC's nominee, Sue Benson, and member Dusti Beaubien as CFCC 2017 Women of Initiative.

We grieved the passing of members: Charlotte Clarke, Sally Dupler, Mary Jane Getty, Libby Richardson and Barbara Sukenik.

We celebrated our Commitment to Community and we celebrated each other!

**2016-2017
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Executive Committee

President – Margaret Brodeur
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VP/Communications – Mary Beth Jones
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Interest Groups – Deirdre Benson
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Nominating – Susan Mainwaring
VP-Elect/Community – Melissa McClayton
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VP-Elect/Fundraising Events – Gigi Stewart

Nominating Committee

Chairman – Susan Mainwaring, Karen Anderson, Betsy Barton, Dusti Beaubien,
Marcia Carthaus, Lauree Personette, Ellen Vanderburg

Endowment

Chairman – Mary Beth Jones

**2016-2017
INTEREST GROUPS**

Art Appreciation – Karen Barrow
Book Group – Betty Collamore and Lynne Nordhoff
Food & Wine – Marcia Carthaus and Bev Metcalf
Food & Wine Encore – Donna Sawers and Sue Hester
Food & Wine Trois – Connie Mockenhaupt
Footloose and Fancy Free – Susie Estabrook
Interior Design Group – Margaret Brodeur
Investment Group – Dottie Meyer
It's A Stitch – Ann Platter
Monday Bridge – Roz Jureller
Party Bridge – BJ Gifford
Mah Jongg – Deirdre Benson and Anne Nagan

**2016-2017
THE minor LEAGUE
OFFICERS and DIRECTORS**

President – Paul Huber
President–Elect – Don Snyder
Past-President – Tony Urick
Vice President Membership – Mark Nagan
Treasurer – Bill Frey
Corresponding Secretary – Chuck Smith
Recording Secretary – Rik Lewis
Program Chairman – Don Snyder
Social Events – Bob Juster
Director-at-Large – Bill Brock

**2016-2017
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

MAY 2016

Summer Luncheon
Ridgway Bar and Grill

NOVEMBER 2016

Brunch
1500 South at Naples Bay Resort
Elaine Reed, CEO, Naples Historical Society
“The Challenges of Preservation in Naples”

DECEMBER 2016

Afternoon Tea
Port Royal Club
“Pinkies Up – Tea & Harmony with the Naples Carolers”

JANUARY 2017

Luncheon with Spouses & Guests
Bay Colony Golf Club, Pelican Marsh
Erik Eikenberg, CEO Everglades Foundation
“State of the Everglades and Why We Should Care”

MARCH 2017

Luncheon
Audubon Country Club
Suzanne Graziano, Director of Ortho Services, NCH Healthcare
“The Power of Food and Movement for Promoting Musculoskeletal Health”

Area Meetings Potluck – Various locations

APRIL 2017

Annual Membership Meeting & Luncheon
Venue Naples and the Gallery of Amazing Things

**2016-2017
EVENTS**

JUNE 2016

Luncheon at Inca's Kitchen

JULY 2016

Luncheon at the Club at Barefoot Beach

SEPTEMBER 2016

Potluck Brunch at Dusti Beaubien's Home

OCTOBER 2016

Girls' Night Out/Let's Party Like It's 1986
The Estuary Club at Grey Oaks

NOVEMBER 2016

Welcome Back Party
Hole in the Wall Golf Club

JANUARY 2017

"More Estate Blunders of the Rich & Famous" – Northern Trust Community Room

30th Anniversary Gala/Girls in Pearls & Guys in Ties
Royal Poinciana Golf Club

FEBRUARY 2017

New Member Coffee – Regent Social Room

Sip n Shop to benefit TLC Endowment Fund at J. McLaughlin

In a New Light: American Impressionism 1870-1940
Baker Museum at Artis-Naples Docent-Led Tour & Luncheon

Lauren Bush Lauren Patron Party – sponsored by FineMark Bank
Home of Judy & Jim Ringler, Bay Colony, Pelican Marsh

Lauren Bush Lauren: Charity by Design presented by Northern Trust
Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples

MARCH 2017

Circle of Friends Luncheon – Naples Botanical Garden – sponsored by Northern Trust

Back at the Beach – End of Season Party
Naples Beach Hotel

Bus Trip to Little Havana, Miami

APRIL 2017

Our Man in Havana – An Evening with Michael Connors – Hosted by Jett Thompson

The minor League/League Club Luncheon – Pelican Marsh Golf Club

Everglades Foundation Bus Trip

Briefcase Breakfast - sponsored by Northern Trust
The Conservancy of SWFL

2016-2017
BUSINESS UNDERWRITERS AND PARTNERS

PRESENTING PARTNER

Northern Trust

PATRON PARTY SPONSOR

FineMark National Bank & Trust

PREMIER SPONSOR

Jett Thompson Antiques and Interiors

SUPPORTING SPONSORS

Bay Design Store
Amanda Hayes-Florance
The minor League
Christopher and Linette Schaden
John R. Wood Properties

GOLD PARTNERS

BMO Private Bank
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Naples Print Source
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SILVER PARTNERS

BNY Mellon Wealth Management
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BRONZE PARTNERS

Driftwood Garden Center
Moran Edwards Asset Management
Norman Love Confections

MEDIA PARTNERS

Naples Daily News
Naples Illustrated
WAVV 101.1 FM

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**2016-2017
Membership**

48 new members

20 resignations

5 deaths

Charlotte Clarke

Sally Dupler

Mary Jane Getty

Libby Richardson

Barbara Sukenik

1 removal for non-payment

Stacey Deffenbaugh

TOTAL MEMBERS: 609