

THE LEAGUE CLUB

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

Annual Report

May 1, 2019-April 30, 2020

The League Club, Inc.

PO Box 413005-3005

239.353.3100

www.leagueclub.org

Facebook @TheLeagueClub

Instagram #NaplesTables

The League Club, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization of women in Southwest Florida strengthening communities through fellowship, education, volunteerism and philanthropy.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR OUTGOING 2019-2020 PRESIDENT, GIGI STEWART

It has been quite a year!

We truly can be proud of what we have accomplished. Our mission is to strengthen communities through fellowship, education, volunteerism and philanthropy. And that is what we did with a remarkable group of 623 members!

We enjoyed fellowship throughout the year as the Events Committee invited us to summer luncheons at Grey Oaks and The French and to the annual Pot Luck at the home of Suzie Kountz. Girls Night Out, the Welcome Back Party, the Casual Dinner Dance, and a trip to the Morikami Japanese Gardens were highlights as well. Our interest groups ran the gamut from the arts, literary and investments, to food and wine groups, bridge and pickleball. The Area Meetings gave our ladies a chance to meet and to socialize with others in their communities, and our various committees also opened the doors for new friendships.

The well-attended Membership Meetings were held at lovely venues throughout our community. In May we learned about the environment from Rob Mohler, President and CEO of the Conservancy. We were given a visual lesson on the use of social media in November. The Barron Collier Choral Ensemble delighted us with Songs of the Season in December. We were enthralled by Leslie Hindman's Antique Roadshow in January. Judith Belmont's "Living the Positive Life" stressed health and wellness in February.

Over 89 ladies participated in Done In A Day projects to support agencies that included Empty Bowls, Naples Senior Center, Meals of Hope, Valerie's House, Gulfshore Playhouse, Naples Historical Society, and Friends of Foster Children, and many participated in a safety seminar.

Philanthropy! Our major fundraiser, Naples Tables "*Celebrate 2020 with Panache*," was held on March 2, preceded by an incredible Patron Party graciously sponsored by FineMark National Bank & Trust at the lovely home of Jerry and Janet Belle. While over 200 attendees enjoyed the Saturday evening event, Monday morning greeted 670 guests as they viewed 64 beautifully decorated tables, by local and international designers. Our speakers, Alex Papachristidis and Susanna Salk, provided a lively banter on the art of entertaining. Through the generosity of 172 Circle of Friends members, giving a record \$309,554, and through the support of our 21 community sponsors, we look forward to adding approximately 440,000 to our Community Trust Fund.

In April, our Community Involvement Committee awarded grants that totaled \$415,387, to support 44 nonprofit agencies which impact the lives of at-risk Collier and Lee county residents. In April we also donated \$10,000 from our Community Trust Fund to Meals of Hope to help feed residents impacted by COVID-19.

We continued to update our technology, we welcomed 41 new members to The League Club, and we celebrated the 15th Anniversary of Circle of Friends. And once again we thank The minor League for their wonderful, continued support. On a very sad note, we mourn the loss of 4 members: Sissy Place, Marianne Bowman, Anne Evans, and Sally Pratt.

While our year was cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic, we can look back on many memorable moments as we came together to support Southwest Florida in this time of need. I have had the honor and privilege of being your president this past year. It has been wonderful and rewarding. Our board members and committee members have worked tirelessly to make all that we did such a success. I thank them for their support and friendship. And I thank the membership. We could not have done it without each other as we continue our "Commitment to Community." We certainly did this together!



Gigi Stewart President



LEADERSHIP



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Gigi Stewart
President-Elect	Maria Lane
VP Communications	Anne Thomas
VP Community	Susan Harris
VP Development	Sally Kellogg
VP Education	Susan Hickey
VP Fundraising Events	Joan Lewis
VP Membership	Diane Friscaro
Treasurer	Suzie Kountz
Treasurer-Elect	Karen Lutz
Recording Secretary	Donna Lindberg
Area Meetings	Nancy Taylor
Bylaws	Annalinda Ragazzo
Community Liaison	Gail Reifsnyder
Corresponding Secretary	Sherry Whalen
Endowment	Sharon Sparrow
Events	Dusti Beaubien
Future Planning	Mary Beth Jones
Historian	Melissa McClayton
Interest Groups	Gina Finch
Newsletter	Heidi Varsames
Nominating	Charlene Barnette
VP-Elect Community	Connie Mockenhaupt
VP-Elect Development	Maryanne Dignan
VP-Elect Fundraising Events	Denise Hadley

THE minor LEAGUE

President	Bob Jester
President-Elect	Rik Lewis
VP Membership	Mark Nagan
Treasurer	Bill Brock
Corresponding Secretary	Chuck Smith
Recording Secretary	
Program Chair	Mike Kelly
Social Events	Jim Cooper
Past President	Bill Frey
Director at Large	Bill Swartz

INTEREST GROUPS 2019-2020

Art Appreciation:.....Kristine Meek
Book Discussion Group:.....Betty Collamore and Lynne Nordhoff
Food and Wine:.....Marcia Carthaus
Food and Wine Encore:.....Kathy Layden and Liz Winnebrenner
Food and Wine Trois:.....Margaret Dunn and Joan Lewis
Food and Wine Etc.....Joanna Magel
Footloose and Fancy Free:.....Susie Estabrook and Kathi Glass
Interior Design Group:.....Margaret Friis
Investment Group:.....Mary Beth Johns
It's a Stitch:.....Linda Markarian
Monday Bridge:.....Roz Jureller
Mah Jongg:.....Patricia Taylor
Pickleball:.....Sally Kellogg
Gastronomic Adventure.....Ann Dietz and Sara Rawson
Pony Canasta.....Joanna Magel

Any member wishing to form a new Interest Group should contact Gina Finch, Interest Group Chair.



New Members
May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020

Name	JL Affiliation
Sandra “Sandy” Alevizos	Boston, MA; Northern Virginia, VA; San Francisco, CA
Joanne Biltekoff	Buffalo, NY
Susan “Sue” Blanton	Peoria, IL
Mary “Mary Kay” Burke	Chicago, IL
Margaret “Penny” Cattrell	Bergen County, NJ; Montclair-Newark, NJ; Pasadena, CA
Corinne “Lawsie” Coler	Cincinnati, OH
Ruth Douthit	Birmingham, AL; Canton, OH; St. Louis, MI
Martha Ferguson	Cleveland, OH; Evanston-North Shore, IL; Greater Princeton, NJ
Connie Fuller	Oklahoma City, OK
Catherine “Cathy” Funderburg	Rockford, IL
Marlissa Gardner	Boston, MA
Samantha Gignac	Kalamazoo, MI
Carol Gillig	Evanston-North Shore, IL
**Ann Holmes	Summit, NJ
Lisa Kelly	Chicago, IL
Judith “Judy” Kunisch	Hartford, CT
Elizabeth Landers	Greater Orlando
Penelope “Penny” Marziali	Hartford, CT
Catherine “Cath” Maslyn	Ann Arbor, MI; Napa-Sonoma, CA
Susan Matt	Stamford-Norwalk, CT
Catherine “Cathy” McCourt	Birmingham, AL; Chicago, IL; Cleveland OH
Sandra “Sandy” Miller	Cedar Rapids, IO
Catherine “Cathy” Montross	Denver, CO; Evanston-North Shore, IL; Oklahoma City, OK
Renee Murphy	Milwaukee, WI
Mary Murray	Detroit, MI
Karen Nally	Dayton, OH; Detroit, MI
Katherine “Kathy” Nichols	London, ENG
Kathryn “Kathy” Petrenko	Akron, OH
Mary Precheur	Jackson, MS; Princeton, NJ
Winifred “Winkie” Raleigh	Cleveland, OH
Reesa Reynolds	Harrisburg, PA
Karen Schmidt	Denver, CO
Karen Segal	Cincinnati, OH
Rita Sherman	Montclair-Newark, NJ
Maureen Sippel	Chicago, IL; Evanston-North Shore, IL
Myra Stromquist	Atlanta, GA
Kimberly “Kim” Theiss	Chicago, IL
Barbara Uible	Cincinnati, OH
*Gail White	Greenwich, CT
Julia “Julie” Whittaker	Evanston-North-Shore, IL; Houston, TX
Nancy Zwiener	Evanston-North-Shore, IL; Hartford, CT; St. Louis, MO

41 New Members

****Renewing JL Naples FL, **JL Past President***



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

PLATINUM

Anne D. Thomas
Charlotte Clarke*

DIAMOND

Sue Benson

EMERALD

Deborah Brittain
Charlotte Corddry
Susan Enlow
Patti Hepburn
Joan Lewis
Suzy Perozzi
Sandy Snyder
Jenny Sutton
Ann Westerfield

RUBY

Lisa Basil-Fox
Dusti Beaubien
Nancy Campbell
Marcia Carthaus
Patty Cullinan
Beth Eckert
Judi Embrescia
Carol Fullerton
Jennifer Garthwaite
Claire Hopkins
Joan Janssen
Donna Loomis
Celine Lowrey
Jeanne McCarthy
Anne Nagan
Reesa Reynolds
Pam Sibcy
Gail Steinmetz
Gigi Stewart
Wendy Watkins
Marge Weaver
Paula Whitelaw
Liz Winebrenner

SAPPHIRE

Genny Adsit
Jane Arbuthnot
Bette Aymar

Charlene Barnette
Marilyn Bartter
Betsy Barton
Jane Borchers
Susan Brock
Kris Buck
Betty Busey
Lenore Cameron
Laurie Champion
Lisa Crowder
Joyce Coughlan
Nancy Cusick
Maryanne Dignan
Mugs Dunn
Hilda Emerson
Susie Estabrook
Liz Folberth
Pat Frey
Louise Friedlander
Connie Fuller
Connie Godley
Gale Guild
Lynne Haarlow
Denise Hadley
Susan Harris
JoAnn Henneman
Sue Hester
Faye Heston
Polly Higgins
Mary Ann Jenkins
Mary Beth Johns
Mary Beth Jones
Jane Kelly
Bobbie Kunkler
Sally Kuralt
Maria Lane
Kathy Layden
Tricia Leipzig
Mary Beth Leytze
Karen Lutz
Bo Maher
Kathy Mahoney
Geri McCarthy
Melissa McClayton
Paula McNulty
Weezie Morris
Sandy Morse

Catherine Napier
Kim Olson
Kathy Peterson
Dana Ragiel
Liz Reid
Judy Ringler
Jane Salin
Susan Schreiber
Barb Schroeder
Doreen Spidaletto
Linda Stikeleather
Jane Stone
Mary Lou Swartz
Betty Thompson
Peggy Vogelsinger
Julie Wade
Nina Webber
Julie Whittaker
Lois Ziegler

PEARL

Nancy Ahern
Karen Anderson
Carolyn Auman
Penny Austin
Mary Beidler
Deirdre Benson
Jean Boland
Bunny Brooks
Ellie Buchanan
Linda Cleveland
Betty Cronin
Judy Dawes
Ann Dietz
Melanie DiLeo
Sandy Dubberley
Gina Finch
Ginny Fleming
Cici Freeburg
Margaret Friis
Diane Frisicaro
Alice Gardner-Boreta
Susan Hickey
Kelly Hutchinson
Chris Inslee
Kathy Johnson
Sarah Johnson

Gwen Kade
Colleen Kaminski
Jane Kerr
Sally Kellogg
Suzie Kountz
Christine Kruman
Lucy Kuhne
Barb Ledinsky
JoAnn Lekas
Susan Limpitlaw
Suzie Lount
Kathleen Maier
Susan Mainwaring
Dee McClay
Cathy McCourt
Diane McGinty
Lee Mehnert
Pixie Messey
Sherry Mills
Connie Mockenhaupt
Dianne Murray
Ann Nerad
Jane Perin
Lauree Personette
Sonia Pierson
Annalinda Ragazzo
Sara Rawson
Kathryn Rieger
Connie Roessler
Linette Schaden
Joan Shipman
Nance Siewert
Elise Spina
Nancy Taylor
Patti Taylor
Vicki Tullis
Heidi Varsames
Sandy Vasey
Sarah Werder
Barb Westover
Daphne Whitman
Janice Wilson

* Deceased
2/27/2020

The League Club 2020 Grant Recipients

ABLE Academy, Inc.
Alliance for Period Supplies of SWFL
American Red Cross
Baby Basics of Collier County, Inc.
Blessings in a Backpack SWFL
Books for Collier Kids
Boys and Girls Club of Collier County, Inc.
Catholic Charities of Collier County
Children's Network of Southwest Florida, LLC
Champions for Learning™
Community Cooperative, Inc.
Conservancy of SW Florida, Inc.
Eva's Closet and Foundation
Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation
Florida Lions Eye Clinic, Inc.
Friends of Foster Children Forever, Inc.
Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.
Grace Place for Children & Families, Inc.
Guadalupe Center, Inc.
Habitat for Humanity of Collier County, Inc.
Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida
Healthcare Network of SW FL
Hope for Families Ministry Corp.
Literacy Volunteers of Collier County
Meals of Hope
NAMI Collier County, Inc.
Naples Art Association
Naples Lions Club Foundation, Inc.
Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.
Neighborhood Health Clinic, Inc.
New Horizons of SW FL
Partners for Breast Cancer Care, Inc.
Pathways Early Education Center of Immokalee
Physician Led Access Network of Collier County (PLAN)
Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA)
Senior Friendship Centers, Inc.
South Florida National Parks Trust, Inc.
Sparkling Literacy, Inc.
St. Matthews House, Inc.
The Immokalee Foundation, Inc.
The Shelter for Abused Women & Children
Valerie's House, Inc.
Wellfit Girls Program SWFL, Inc.
Youth Haven, Inc.



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS 2019-2020:

Patron Party & Briefcase Breakfast Sponsor

FineMark National Bank & Trust

Speaker Sponsor

John R. Wood Properties, Inc.

Supporting Sponsors

Anonymous Friend of the League

The minor League

SunTrust

Reception Sponsor

Gold Sponsors

DiDonato Assoc., Inc.

éBella

Jett Thompson HOME

Mercedes-Benz of Naples

Moorings Park

Patina Collection | Design

Seminole Casino Hotel Immokalee

WAVV 101.1 FM

Silver Sponsors

Direct Travel Luxe with Abercrombie & Kent

Direct Travel Luxe with Silversea Expedition

Florida Gulf Coast University

The Glenview at Pelican Bay

Wintrust

Design Partner

Design + Décor

Media Sponsors

Naples Illustrated

Naples Daily News

ENDOWMENT FUND 2019-2020

Annual report

“What smart, brave women know”

After having the opportunity to meet Lynda Carter, aka Wonder Woman, through our community partner, the Seminole Casino Hotel, I opted to change the face of the Endowment Fund for the year. This heroine of courage and action used a lot of catch phrases and believed in things The League Club mission embraces.

The League Club established an Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of Collier County in 2011. The purpose of the fund is to perpetuate our legacy of providing resources to improve and enrich the lives of people in our community who need help. Through financial support from our membership and other friends of the organization, the endowment can build and protect our legacy for this community in the years ahead. As of this printing, we have \$218,882.02 in the Endowment Fund. This total does not include the \$1,355.85 gift from J. McLaughlin for Sip N’ Shop.

The membership was encouraged to make gifts to the endowment in these ways.

- To honor the memory of a loved one
- To thank or show appreciation to a special person
- To commemorate a special occasion.
- To celebrate special holidays such as Valentine’s Day, Mother’s or Father’s Day
- By shopping with Amazon, using; <http://smile.amazon.com>
- By shopping at J. McLaughlin for the annual League Club Day in February

All tribute gifts were appropriately acknowledged, and contributors were published in The League Club newsletters.

Gifts could also be designated as part of an estate plan, but none were reported or received during this fiscal year.

Members who had to take a charitable distribution (QCD) from their IRA were encouraged to support the League Club Endowment as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Sparrow, Endowment Chair



THE LEAGUE CLUB, INC.
FISCAL YEAR RESULTS
MAY 1, 2019 TO APRIL 30, 2020

Operating Fund

Assets

Checking/Savings	\$ 697,765.84
Total Fixed Assets	1,254.18
Other Assets	0.00
Endowment Fund	<u>202,390.97</u>

Total Assets \$ 901,410.99

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities **\$ 84,108.91**

Equity

Restricted CTF Emergency Fund	\$ 10,000.00
Restricted Operating Fund	4,206.00
Restricted Endowment Fund	202,390.97
Restricted for FR Grants	443,563.37
Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>157,141.74</u>

Total Equity **\$ 817,302.08**

Total Liabilities & Equity \$ 901,410.99

Community Trust Fund

Total Grants Paid in FY 2020 **\$ 425,387.00**

Net Revenue for Distribution in 2020/2021 **\$ 443,563.37**

