

1990-91

Recognizing the increasing number of Sustaining members in the JLW and the need for better communication with that experienced group, 1990-91 began with the formation of the Sustainer council and was culminated with a special Sustainer "Homecoming" event. The Exchange Mart successfully led the League into the Modern Age with the purchase of a computer for all its recording and accounting procedures. The Friend Advocate Committee added in-home visits to the elderly along with hosting monthly parties at Lysock View. BACCHUS continued to boost responsible alcohol consumption awareness among the students at Penn College. The AIDS Speaker's Bureau made fifteen presentations, an effort that so impressed the American Red Cross that the League was awarded their "Good Neighbor Award." The membership voted to pledge \$50,000 to the Capitol Campaign - the community-wide effort to renovate the Capitol Theatre, and allocated over \$15,000 to the James V. Brown Library for renovation of the children's room.

1991-1992

What a difference the Junior League of Williamsport has made in our community this past year. The list below provides the agencies and/or organizations to which the League has directly contributed - either through manpower or money, or in some cases both, during the 1991-92 year:

1. American Red Cross and the Boodmobile
2. American Rescue Workers
3. Children's Discovery Workshop/YMCA
4. Community Arts Center
5. Challenger Division of Little League Baseball
6. Food Bank
7. Habitat for Humanity
8. Hope Enterprises
9. Interfaith Hospitality Network
10. James V. Brown Library
11. Lysock View Nursing Home
12. Organization United for the Environment
13. Muncy Prison
14. SPCA
15. St. Anthony's Center
16. Wise Options

The Junior League of Williamsport provided these services through an active membership of seventy-nine women, complimented by eighteen provisionals in January and in some cases assisted by some ever-dependable sustainers. We also provided education and training to our members; published eight Leaglets; recruited and trained eighteen new members; selected new leaders for the coming year; revised one of our slide shows; continued to market our three publications; sought and secured a new home for the Exchange Mart; and helped the Mart realize \$17,000 in profit. The efforts, talents, energy, expertise and commitment of the Junior League Membership have allowed us to serve children, homeless, the needy and hungry, women, elderly, disabled citizens, even the animals of our community while realizing environmental concerns in the area and supporting development of the arts.

1992-93

This year started out as one in transition. Following extensive renovations, the Exchange Mart

moved to its new location in June. In the Fall, we relinquished our "ownership" of the Children's Discovery Workshop project, now owned and operated by the YMCA. In addition to serving on eleven community boards, our successes have included: a Bloodmobile which netted 143 pints of blood; community grants to the American Red Cross, North Central Food Bank, and the Williamsport Education Association; continuing support for the Capital Campaign; the planting of ten trees throughout Lycoming County; and sponsorship via a TV commercial in support of the Lycoming County Foster Care Program. . Also we generated money, labor and materials worth over \$30,000 to be applied to the building of a house for Home for a Homeless Family. This work broadened our visibility and creditability

1993-94

This year we celebrated our Sixty-fifth Anniversary. Some of our many accomplishments included awarding five area high school graduates \$200 checks for their volunteerism, completing our Habitat for Humanity House, and adding five new Actives to our membership. Our Leaglet became more cost-effective and convenient for our notebooks. We presented our First Annual Fashion Show and our Second Annual Christmas Auction. We also sold Sally Foster Wrapping Paper that contributed to our fundraising efforts.

1994-1995

This year the Junior League of Williamsport made many changes for the improvement of the League. The Exchange Mart moved to 140 West Fourth Street. Placement passed a standing rule change that now allows active members to go sustaining after ten years of active status. Finance Council was created, Leaglet was published "in-house". AJLI Trainer, Lauren White, enlightened us on the Goal Centered Approach. The Annual Report was converted to our computer format. We also were able to raise \$5,000 through Ways and Means efforts.

1995-1996

Answering the membership's request to create a greater impact in the community, the membership voted to direct all our efforts in the focus area of Children's Health and Welfare over the next 3 - 5 years. Victims of the devastating flood in January '96 were helped by the membership via the Project-in-a-Day and the Provisional Committees and various volunteers. The Inaugural JLW Breast Health Walk was very successful, raising over \$10,000. The money was spent in areas of education and awareness, prevention and early detection and to pay for services not covered by conventional insurance. Finally, Sustainer Status was revised to include women who have served the league as an active for a minimum of 10 years.

1996-1997

To help lead us towards future goals and involvement, the JLW has adopted a vision statement – "The JLW is a regional resource and advocate committed to improving the quality of life for children and their families." The 2nd Breast Health Walk raised more money than last year. Projects in a Day provided much needed support to 6 agencies and groups. 12 copies of "Discover Lycoming County" were donated to each of the county's 16 elementary schools. "Victorian Thymes and Pleasures", the JLW cookbook, collected and triple tested over 600 recipes, selected art work, and wrote the editorial copy. The Provisional course was extended to 9 months. And finally, The Exchange Mart was closed. This long-standing and well loved community project and fund-raiser was closed to provide new fund-raisers for the members.

1997-1998

The Junior League of Williamsport became goal centered with a workable strategic plan, setting the groundwork for years to come. Our cookbook, "Victorian Thymes and Pleasures", was launched to rave reviews. Over three years in the making with over 250 recipes and beautiful artwork, it is a source of pride. The third and final year of the Breast Health Walk was completed raising \$16,000 and bringing its 3-year total to over \$40,000 raised. Ways and Means raised over \$19,000, with the League embracing both the challenge and the change of new fund-raisers.

1998-1999

The 1998-1999 was a year of new beginnings for the league. Two new projects, BORN TO READ and TOY LENDING LIBRARY were launched. BORN TO READ introduced the joy of reading to the newborns at Williamsport Hospital by giving them the book GOODNIGHT MOON. The TOY LENDING LIBRARY committee helped establish a library of toys and other equipment to be lent to physically and mentally challenged children. THERAPEUTIC RIDING and PROJECTS IN A DAY continued providing services to children and their families to the community. Placement and Nominating Committees were combined into one committee which would allow more members to be placed on our community projects in the 1999-2000 year. Community Research did several questionnaires which would help its efforts in the 1999-2000 research and presentation for vote of new projects focused on children. The league entered a car in the American Red Cross Susquehanna Mini Indy and won third place!

1999-2000

In trying to define our focus within Children's Health and Welfare, JLW decided to concentrate on Literacy. Born To Read expanded to include Evangelical Community Hospital in Lewisburg, and the membership decided to work with the Lycoming County Literacy Project to start a program where trained volunteers will read a story and provide a related educational activity for families twice a month. In November Projects in a Day oversaw the opening of the Toy Lending Library at the School of Hope.

In-league news included a visit in September by Anne Dalton, Managing Director of Governance at AJLI, who spoke about the importance of training our members to be effective volunteers within the community. The Sustainer council started looking into creating an oral history of JLW by having informal gatherings with sustainers. And in May the membership adopted a new Strategic Plan based on goals developed by each council with their Vice Presidents.