

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF THE ORANGES & SHORT HILLS: 2011-2012 Board



President Katherine (Kat) Eklund – Kat has served on the Community Committee, was Communications Council Chair and is now President of the League. She previously had a career in brand management and international marketing for consumer products companies. Kat received her undergraduate degree from the College of William and Mary and her MBA in marketing from The Wharton School. She is a former President of the Newcomers Club of Short Hills and Millburn and is active at Kent Place School and Community Congregational Church in Short Hills. Kat lives in Short Hills with her husband, John Gerbino, and their two children.



President-Elect Kate Lee – Kate served on the board as Community Research Chair and Community VP in 2003-2005. She spent 5 years on the State Public Affairs Committee, chairing it from 2009-2011. She was formerly a BBC News and Current Affairs Producer in London, and later worked as a newsreader for NHK World, when her family lived in Tokyo. She has been the President of the Newcomers Club of Short Hills and Millburn, and currently serves on the Board of Trustees at Far Brook School in Short Hills. She was appointed to the Governor's Advisory Council Against Sexual Violence in 2009, and is a member of the New Jersey Task Force on Human Trafficking. She lives in Short Hills with her husband and three sons.



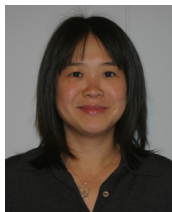
Community VP Margaret Santana – Margaret has been active in community projects including *First in Orange*, an after-school program for local teenagers. Last year, she spearheaded a successful used book drive for the East Orange Public Library. Margaret graduated from Amherst College. She lives in Short Hills with her husband, Chris, and their two children.



Membership VP Helen Lynas – Helen joined the League in 2007 soon after moving from Britain where she had her own Media Relations business. With a background in journalism, Helen has previously served the League as PR Chair, Newsletter Editor and Communications Chair. She and her husband live in South Orange and have three children.



Treasurer Christina Connant – Christina joined the Junior League in 2003, starting as a member of the Junior League of the City of New York. Upon moving to the area, she joined a committee to promote *The Littlest Volunteers* – a book published by the League to promote volunteerism at an early age. Christina graduated from Gettysburg College and previously managed Lipper Analytical's Offshore Funds Database in New York. She is a volunteer at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, an active school volunteer and a Sunday School teacher. Christina lives in Short Hills with her husband, Charles, and their two daughters.



Recording Secretary Sock Wang – Sock served on the League's Community committees. She has a BSEcon and a BSE degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Sock is on the Board of the Deerfield Elementary School PTO and lives in Short Hills with her husband, Eric, and their two children.



Fundraising Council Chair Jamy Kokinda – Jamy has served the past two years on the Fundraising Committee, including last year's *Chips for Charity* fundraising event. Outside of the League, Jamy has counseled homeless women through the process of qualifying for housing placement and currently rolls up her sleeves at a local soup kitchen. She balances her volunteer efforts with a full-time career in online retail. Jamy lives in Short Hills.



Communications Council Chair Sandy LoPiccolo – Sandy has been a member of the Junior League since 2009. She helped launch the East Orange Public Library’s first teen networking night, served on the Fundraising Committee for last year’s fundraising event, *Chips for Charity*, and is now spearheading the League’s PR efforts. Sandy holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hamilton College where she majored in History. She previously worked as a Producer for *CBS News Sunday Morning with Charles Osgood* and was nominated for several Emmy Awards. Currently she serves as Vice-President on the Board at Morrow Memorial Preschool in Maplewood and is a member of the Marshall Elementary School PTA in South Orange. She lives in Maplewood with her husband, Matt, and their two children.



Sustainer Council Chair Jane Carano – Jane has been a member of the Junior League since 1993, starting in Washington, D.C. She has served as Membership VP, Trainings and Meetings, and Provisional Chair. Jane graduated from Vanderbilt University, and previously worked in politics and graduate school administration. She served as Christ Church Nursery School’s Parent Association President in Short Hills, is currently active at Glenwood Elementary School and is a Daisy Troop Leader. She lives in Short Hills with her husband, Mark, and their 2 children.



Asst. Community Council Chair Robin Peacock – Robin joined the League in 2007 as a member of the “Children’s Best Interest” Community Committee, where she mentored young women preparing to age out of the foster care system. She chaired the Children’s Theater event and the Provisional Class Committees, and has returned to the Community Council to chair the Community Project Development Committee this year. Robin lives with her husband, Dan, and their three sons, in Maplewood.



Nominating Committee Chair and Asst. Membership Council Chair Michelle Solgan – Michelle joined JLOSH in 2007. Michelle served on JLOSH’s Women of Vision Committee before becoming Co-Chair of the Training, Meetings and Social Committee, and is now in her second year as a Nominating Advisor. She previously worked in new product development at American Express and JPMorganChase, and is currently taking on her latest challenge as a stay at home mom. She resides in South Orange with her husband, Christopher, and their son.



Asst. Treasurer Kelly Sandler – Kelly joined the Junior League through the Monmouth County chapter in 2004 and served on various councils including Provisionals and Education & Training before transferring to JLOSH in 2010 where she served on the Done-in-a-Day Committee. Kelly has a B.A. from Boston University and a J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law. She is currently an Assistant Prosecutor in Essex County. Kelly resides in Union with her husband, Jon, and their two daughters.



Asst. Fundraising Council Chair Gail Davis – Gail has been a member of JLOSH since 2007. She served on the Training, Meetings and Social Committee, and is currently on the Fundraising Committee. Gail served as President of the Tuxedo Park Neighborhood Association in South Orange and was Co-Vice-President of the Newcomers Club of South Orange and Maplewood. She graduated from the New York School of Interior Design. Gail currently resides in South Orange with her husband, Ben.



Centennial Director Sheila McClure - A member of the League for 7 years, Sheila has held leadership and committee roles in both fundraising and community. Her role this year is to help coordinate, across the League’s membership and the community the League serves, activities to mark our 100th Year. Sheila resides in Short Hills with her husband, Rob, and their daughter.