



Olathe Junior Service League Newsletter

Making a Difference in Olathe

President's Message

Dear OJSL Friends,

As we transition into the next year of service, I want to take a moment to reflect on this past year. It's definitely been a year like no other as we dealt with the restrictions, closures and safety concerns brought about by the pandemic. Throughout this past year, the women of the Olathe Junior Service League have done an amazing job of continuing to **connect** with one another and the Olathe community.

We were challenged this year to find ways to carry out our mission of service, starting with not being able to hold our meetings in person. Virtual meetings through ZOOM were the answer to **connect**, along with our monthly newsletter. Closures of care centers and schools meant we couldn't play BINGO or run the clothing closet as usual, and again the ladies of OJSL met these challenges head on. We couldn't make or sell fudge this year, but the FUNdraising committee came up with not one, but two different safe events that we hope to continue in the future. These are but a few examples of how, time and again, our members rose to meet the challenges presented.

This year looked very different in the way we conducted business and served the Olathe community, but it also served as a wonderful example of what the compassionate, service-minded women of OJSL can do even when obstacles are placed in our way. Congratulations to all of you on another year of service. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as President this year and to **connect** with all of you.

Sincerely,

Cristan Philipp

OJSL President

"Connection and connectedness are other words for community and communion." ~ Parker J. Palmer



Board Meetings

Begins at 7pm

July 23
Old/New Board
KAW Shelter at Cedar Lake

August 20

September 10

October 22

January 7

February 4

March 4

April 22

Old/New Board
June 8 @ Cedar Lake

General Meetings

Social 6:30pm

Meeting at 7pm

Meetings are at the
JCCC Olathe Health Education Center
21201 W. 152nd Street, Olathe
unless otherwise noted

**Look for a Zoom invite —
no in-person meetings at this time**

September 24

November 12

January Coffees
Week of 17—21

February 25

April 8

May Banquet
May 6 @ Lake Olathe

Meeting Notes

June 8 will be the New/Old Board Meeting outside at the KAW Shelter in Cedar Lake. We'll be having a picnic! Look for more information via email soon.

News You Can Use

May Banquet — Fifty Plus

Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces in person on May 6!



News You Can Use

2021-2022 Board and Committee Positions

New Board Members:

Mary Cobb, Vice President

Jessie Harris, Recording Secretary

Lanie Fasulo, Treasurer Elect

Admissions:

Sandy Keating, Chair

Jessie Harris, Co-chair

Ashleigh Schembs

Nancy Meuten, Sustainer Rep

Nominating:

Shobha Gardi

Patty Stadler

Member-at-Large:

Sandy Keating

News You Can Use

Committee Chairs

Service Project and Standing Committee participation form and report were due by April 22, but if you've not submitted your form and report please do so ASAP.

Chairs need to:

- Go online to complete the [Participation Form](#)
 - Send the Blue Book report to Lanie Fasulo: laniefasulo@yahoo.com
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Membership Dues

Don't forget that Membership Dues (\$50) should be paid before June 1 to avoid a \$10 late fee. If you are paying online, the fee is \$52 to help cover PayPal costs.

Committee Connections

Fundraising

Make Every Penny Count!



Do you shop on Amazon? If you don't, I bet you know folks who do!!

Amazon Smile is a way to grow donations to OJSL simply by shopping online! Try it out for yourself and then share the following blurb and link with your social network ...

Shopping on Amazon? Want to do more than just shop? You can, using AmazonSmile!! AmazonSmile is the same

Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice — we hope you'll select OJSL.

We still have many *At Your Service* cookbooks to sell and time is running out for the cookbook to remain relevant to our 50th year.

Our website has information for online sales (<https://www.ojsl.org/cookbooks>), but if you want to help out the old-fashioned way ... word of mouth, offering to buy one or two yourself to give as gifts ... we'd greatly appreciate the help! The cost is \$20/book and at this point, sales are pure profit for us.

Let's make it a goal to be sold out before June!!

Cristan has a few books, but most are with Sustainers. So please just let us know how many you need and we'll get them.



Committee Connections

Community Needs

OJSL will be donating to the following local organizations ...

\$250.00 to Mayor Bacon's Book Club Program - Mayor Bacon's Book Club, formerly the "I Read with Mayor Mike" program, has the goal to share the love of books with young readers, and encourage Olathe to become a City of Readers. They will once again give each first grader in Olathe's Title I schools a free book, and a chance to visit with their Mayor and read a book together.

\$500.00 to Olathe Civic Theatre Association (OCTA) - BROADWAY: Sung and Gone is a virtual cabaret scheduled to play online during the month of April to commemorate the 1-year anniversary of OCTA shutting down for the pandemic. The cabaret will feature the 5 directors who didn't get to produce their show during the shut-down. Funding will go to the performers and technicians.

\$750.00 to Olathe Public Schools McKinney-Vento Homeless Program - This program supports the academic stability of students who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. Funding will be used to purchase gas cards for youth with car options to get to school.

Member Moments

Happiest Wishes to April Birthdays!

Actives

Kathy Bock (17)

Desiree George (14)

Denise Herman (22)

Provisionals

Teresa Dobesh (25)

Sustainers

Cathy Anderson (5)

Andrea Cronin (19)

Jennifer Fales (4)

Marcie Harness (20)



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BLUE BOOK UPDATES

Need to update your information in the Blue Book?

Please send updates to Lanie Fasulo at: laniefasulo@yahoo.com

Reminder that the OJSL Members Only page password is: bluebook

Have a newsletter submission?

Please send it to the newsletter editor,
Leesa Gabel, by the 25th of the month.

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Use Hashtags: #OJSL #AtYourService #OlatheProud

Calendar

Date	Event	Time	Place
May 6	May Banquet	6:30PM	Beaver Shelter at Lake Olathe
June 8	Old/New Board Meeting	7PM	KAW Shelter at Cedar Lake