President's Message

I'm honored to serve as the incoming President of this wonderful organization. Since joining OJSL.

I've had the privilege of meeting so many incredible women who share the same vision and passion for this organization that I do. As I step into this role, one of my primary goals this year is to increase the visibility of OJSL within our community and continue building on the strong foundation that has already been established.

Each President is asked to choose a word that reflects her vision for the year, and the word I have chosen is commitment.

What does commitment mean to us as members of OJSL? It's a question we should each ask ourselves:

Why am I part of this organization?

Why am I serving on this committee?

What do I hope to contribute and accomplish?

While our answers may differ, I believe we all share one common purpose is to support one another, serve our community, and enjoy the friendships and experiences we create along the way.

OJSL thrives because of the dedication, energy, and heart each of you brings to this organization. Together, through our commitment, we can continue to grow, make an impact, and have fun while doing it.

So, this year, let's commit fully to each other, to our mission, and to making OJSL stronger than ever.

Sincerely,

Shobha Gardi

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OJSL COMMITTEE UPDATES

BINGO DAY

Meet the third Monday of each month @ 2:00pm

BINGO EVENING

Meet the second Monday of the Month @ 6:15pm

CYCLONE CLOTHING CLOSET

The daytime Clothing Closet is located in Santa Fe Trail Middle School. We meet the second Mondays from August through May with one exception.

Meet the first Monday in December due to the winter break schedule. Our dedicated committee members sort clothing donations and organize the Closet to prepare it for families to shop.

We are always in of need of new underwear and socks for children 4 years old to teens. Donations are appreciated.

GARAGE SALE ROUNDUP

Garage Sale Roundup members drive to homeowner's houses and pick up their leftovers after a garage sale. Then we take the goods to Center of Grace or Mission Southside, where they are gladly received. Both of these organizations are outstanding! They have rooms for home goods that are set up beautifully with gently used items for needy families.

In May, 2026, we had a large donation drive and pickup in Persimmon Hill, after the neighborhood garage sale. Four of us collected goods from 7 homeowners. We took them to Center of Grace, and unload into their basement storage room. Later, some of us took more goods to Mission Southside.

Center of Grace could use extra help, both in cleaning out the storage room, and in sorting goods into the home goods room. Their Monday afternoon sorting group has dwindled, and that'd be a good time slot for us to help. If anyone wants to help, let me know and I'll set it up with Grace. They would be so grateful!
We're hoping that fall will bring another round of garage sales, when the weather cools off. Meanwhile, let me know if you'd like us to come to your house and pick up donation goods!

2026–2027 MEMBERS:

Eve Supica | Cristian Philipp | Candy Koulback

Center of Grace
Donation hours: Monday and Thursday, 1–4 p.m.

Mission Southside
Donation hours: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1–4 p.m.
They will upload your car.

Requested items: home goods and baby gear.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

On September 14, the Scholarship Committee will represent OJSL at the annual Olathe Schools Local Scholarship Night.

Olathe North @ 5:00pm

. The event gives seniors and their parents the opportunity to speak with representatives from local organizations, get information, and ask questions about scholarship opportunities.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

WE HAVE OUR TWO UPCOMING FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES.

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER:
DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2026
TIME: 5:00-9:00 PM
LOCATION: BLACK BOB AND 119TH STREET

HAMBURGER MARY'S FUNDRAISER
DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2026
TIME: 4 PM

COMMITTEES WILL BE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE A GIFT BASKET, GIFT CARD WITH A $25.00 VALUE.
MEMBERS CAN ALSO ASK FOR DONATIONS FROM COMPANIES OR PERSONAL CONTACTS.

Please bring to September Meeting

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– OJSL MISSION STATEMENT

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Hospitality Committee

Has starting to work on your 2027 banquet and would like your input about the banquet. We want to you to have input and thoughts about what you would like to see for the banquet.

Please see the attached survey, fill it out, and submit back to me.

Can't wait to see each and everyone of you soon!

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D968TLR

Homeless Outreach

OJSL supported approximately 150 families at a back-to-school event.
Items Provided

- Large containers of Lysol wipes
- Laundry pods
- Other household support items

The event was described as meaningful and greatly appreciated by families.
Budget

Remaining funds may be used for gift cards or additional needs in coordination with Heather.
Gift Cards

The committee discussed continuing support for unaccompanied homeless youth through gift cards, including
birthday support and practical needs such as food or convenience-store cards.

Starfish Project Committee

We meet once a month the 2nd Tuesday of every month at their new location!

NEW HOURS: 5:30pm – 7:00pm

We do whatever is needed!

If you like to help out, please feel free to join us!

Sign-up Genius to come soon!

Crafters

The Craft Committee reported strong participation, with approximately 20 members.
Committee Work

The committee continues making blankets.The group meets throughout the year.
Some members complete work at home.

The committee may consider making pillows if there is a need and capacity.
University of Kansas Hospice House
The University of Kansas Hospice House has indicated a significant need for pillows. The committee will gather additional information and determine whether pillow-making can be added to current projects.
Projected Meeting Months

September
November
Late January
Late March or April

Future Communication

Please send any and all information that you want to be added to newsletter to:

OJSL.NEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM

Please do not email this to my personal email as it may get overlooked and missed.

Information:

Newsletter is scheduled to be send out the 5th of each Month

Please send all information by the 20th at the latest, any late submission may not be added to the newsletter.

I do apologize that this newsletter was sent out after the 5th, I appreciate your grace as we work to get information sent out.

Please also always check our website:

www.ojsl.org

Link your calendar to stay informed on how to stay involved.

Sign In.

Password: bluebook

2026–2027 MEETINGS

BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings will be held at JCCC: Olathe Health Education Center
Room – OHEC 119
21201 W 152nd St,
Olathe, KS 66062
7:00 PM

August 20, 2026
October 22, 2026
January 7, 2027
February 4, 2027
March 4, 2027

GENERAL MEETINGS

All meetings will be held at JCCC: Olathe Health Education Center
Room – OHEC 102
21201 W 152nd St,
Olathe, KS 66062
Social 6:30 PM / Meeting 7:00 PM

September 17, 2026 - Salad Supper
November 19, 2026 - Soup Supper
January Coffees – TBD
February 18, 2027 - Trail Mix
April 15, 2027 - Salad Supper
May 6, 2027 - Banquet

SignUp Genius! For September 17th – Salad Supper

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044DA4AA2AA3FE3-65335069-salad