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# What's Inside

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ON THE COVER: 2011 SANTA'S SHOPPE TEAM

Front, L to R: Colleen Rice, Sarah Kelley,  
Kathryn Kohara, Caroline Nvall, April Dickard,  
Blair Harakas

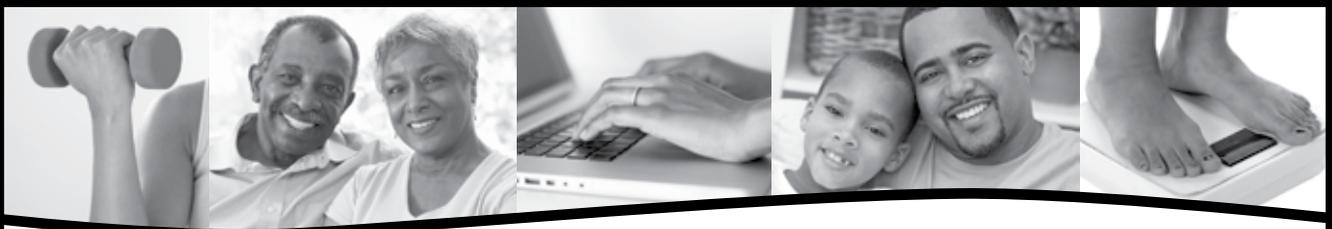
Back, L to R: Leah Anderson, Chrissy Proctor,  
Kelly Harvey, Leigh Anne Langley, Katherine McKibben

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### **Mission Statement**

*The Junior League of Spartanburg is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.*



## It's About Time

While you've been taking care of everyone else, who's been taking care of you?

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# Letter from the Editor

Kim Land | *Venture Editor 2011-2012*



It's hard to believe 2012 is right around the corner! Before we know it, Christmas trees will be coming down, ornaments will be packed up and the long stretch of winter will begin. Gone is the hustle and bustle of the holiday season - it's time for a much needed time out!

The new year brings with it a time of reflection. What were the things that meant the most to you in 2011? One of those things for me was that first trip to Disney World with my daughter - watching her eyes light up at every turn as she experienced the magic.

Also with the new year comes the promise of resolutions and new beginnings. Some of you will pledge to exercise more. Others will decide to read more, clean more, drink less... Studies show that four out of five people who make resolutions eventually break them. One third won't even make it until the end of January! Knowing all the stats, I've decided to take a different strategy for making 2012 a wonderful year. Beginning January 1, I have 525,600 minutes to spend in 2012. The thing that will make or break my year is how I decide to use those minutes.

How many minutes should I use to snuggle up and read on the couch with my little girl? How many for the gym? What about work? School? Family? Hobbies? Volunteer work? There are so many things in life that steal our minutes away. I want to make 2012 about prioritizing my life and making every minute count. After all, I only have 525,600 of them to spare!

Here's wishing you a new year filled with new hope, new joy and new beginnings! Make your minutes count...



# President's Perspective

Donna Cowan | *President 2011-2012*



Every year it amazes me how, within just a few days, the Spartanburg Auditorium is transformed into the Junior League of Spartanburg's Annual Santa's Shoppe Event. As you walk through the entrance hall, full of Christmas trees and holiday decorations, and then turn the corner into a room full of vendors and shoppers, you can't help but instantly become filled with the spirit of Christmas and giving. Shoppers are busy purchasing gifts for friends, family, teachers, business associates, and of course, themselves.

Santa's Shoppe is not just a shopping event, but a social one too. Santa's Soiree, the first holiday party of the season, starts off the weekend of events Thursday evening. Soiree provides an opportunity for friends and couples to take a break from their busy schedules and enjoy an evening out while supporting the JLS's most important fundraising event. The excitement surrounding the silent and live auctions is contagious. And, we are always anxious to see who wins the diamond each year! (Thank you Skattell's Jewelers for contributing this year's diamond.)

Every year I am asked why the JLS plans and hosts this major event. After eleven years as a member of the JLS, the answer is still the same: "so we can continue to work to improve our community." Even though the projects we have supported over the years have varied, this goal has remained the same. Without the continued success of Santa's Shop, the JLS would not be able to continue to improve the lives of women, families, children and teenagers in our community. We would not be able to provide life skills training for the young women at the Girl's Home, or help St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic with their diabetic program, or provide mini grants for teachers to enhance their classroom activities, or provide training for our members so they become better volunteers and leaders in our community.

So, next year as you enjoy your visit to Santa's Shoppe, please take a step back and think about what your support of our event means for the families, teachers, and members of our community. The purchases you make at Santa's Shoppe may be gifts for those people important to you, but they also provide a gift for members of our community who need support and assistance in order to improve their lives.

Thank you to all of the members of the JLS, the 2011 Santa's Shoppe Leadership Team, and most importantly to the Spartanburg Community for making the 2011 JLS Santa's Shoppe Event both enjoyable and successful.

Happy Holidays!!

Donna

# Decking the Halls for 23 Years

The Junior League of Spartanburg created Santa's Shoppe in 1989. In its early stages, the "holiday fair" was filled with vendors that primarily only offered holiday decorations and ornaments. The show also included local groups performing during the three-day holiday weekend. At that first Santa's Shoppe, you could find Miss Marion's School of Dance, Magician Jack Roper and the Dorman High School BlueBelles. Ticket prices were set at \$4 for adults and \$1 for children ages 4-14 and were sold only by League members and at the door - no discounts were available for early purchase. Santa was also on site for photos with children. In 1996, tickets prices were increased to \$5 for adults while kids remained \$1.

Some years Santa's Shoppe had a theme - in 1998 it was "A Decade of a Difference" to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the event. The team mailed out 750 letter and applications to merchants across the Southeast that year to recruit a new mix of merchants. Santa's Shoppe began with a ribbon cutting by Spartanburg Mayor James Talley and included musical entertainment for shoppers throughout the weekend.

In 2002, tickets were \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door and \$1 for children. A special event, Bedtime with Santa, was held on the Thursday evening prior to Santa's Shoppe to offer children an evening with Santa, photos and food for \$15.

Santa's Shoppe 2005 brought a cake and casserole sale in the Café made from recipes in Meet Me at the Garden Gate. League members also staffed a gift wrapping station.

In 2008, shopping began on Thursday and lasted 4 days!

Throughout its 23 year history, Santa's Shoppe has raised more than \$700,000 to be distributed to local nonprofit organizations and through the Mini-Grants program. Thousands of shoppers from all over the South Carolina and neighboring states have come to enjoy the event and many have made it a holiday tradition. We are proud of the history of Santa's Shoppe and amazed by the strides we continue to make each year.



RIBBON CUTTING AT SANTA'S SHOPPE



JL MEMBERS WORKING IN THE "OFFICE"

# Santa's Shoppe 2011

Kelly Harvey | Santa's Shoppe Chair 2011-2012



Thanks to countless hours from actives, provisionals and sustainers, our 23rd annual Santa's Shoppe was a success!!

Publicity got everything off to a great start. Billboards were seen all over Spartanburg; we made television appearances and had some great advertising in Belle Magazine and Spartanburg Herald-Journal. Spartanburg Everyday magazine will cover Santa's Shoppe for their December/January edition as well!

Old and new merchants were thankful and pleased with the enhancements made to our hospitality room. We had close to ten new merchants in attendance this year and hope to increase that number next year! We saw **over 4,000** people from South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and even Florida through the door at some point during the weekend.

Santa's Soiree went off without a hitch. Everyone was excited to see the Auditorium festively transformed complete with Christmas trees and yards of red, white and green adorning the tables. **Over 230 guests** left with bellies full of delicious fare from Palmetto Palate and Miyako. Arms were full of packages from merchants and silent and live auction winnings, including braces, two safari trips to Africa, and of course, the wall of wine donated by our Past Presidents. Jenny Stidham was the lucky winner of our Diamonds & Champagne donation from Skatell's Jewelers.

Our café delighted guests with snacks and drinks from hot dogs to chocolate mousse bites. Café workers sold cookies to guests and saw increased patronage. JLS also received an appreciated donation from Sharon Tillotson through her "Carolina Moose" sales. Our cookbook committee was on the ball, selling 19 cookbooks during the weekend. A welcome addition, the Kids in the Kitchen table, allowed our younger visitors to create Christmas shaped peanut butter sandwiches.

The Santa's Shoppe treasurer is hard at work crunching numbers. We will announce final weekend totals at our January GMM.

Huge thanks go out to my Santa's Shoppe committee. Without their hard work and dedication, the event could not appear so seamless to outside eyes. In turn, our committee could not have done this without the continuous hard work from our JLS members. On behalf of the Santa's Shoppe committee, thank you for all of your hours committed to this project. A huge thank you goes out to Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium for continuing their partnership with us. We also want to thank our merchants, sponsors and donors who continually support the Junior League of Spartanburg. I know Caroline will soon be hard at work making preparations to continue a fantastic event, which is always so well received by our community.

Wishing you all a wonderful Holiday season,

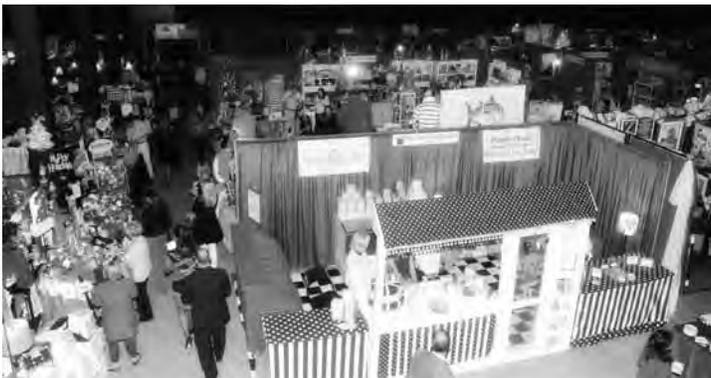
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# From the President Elect

Stephaine D. Monroe | President Elect 2011-2012



*"From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life."*  
Arthur Ashe

It's that time of year again, time for traveling, decorating, parties, family, friends, relatives and of course. . . . shopping. As I reflect back on our 23rd year of celebrating Santa's Shoppe, I just want to say thank you to all the volunteers for the giving of their time, for being patient with each other, and collectively pulling together and turning out another successful Santa's Shoppe - Shop 'til You Drop year. So again, thank you!

Giving gifts is on the minds of many at this time of year, and especially after Santa's Shoppe. We begin to think about what we want to give others and painstakingly start to make our own lists of gifts that we wish to receive. This time of year also encourages us to think about more ways that we can help those who are less fortunate. The overwhelming generosity I have witnessed in my seven years in Spartanburg during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons makes this time of year so incredibly special.

As members of the Junior League of Spartanburg, we have been building upon this premise for over 60 years - of generous giving and sharing in the lives of those in our community - through our time, energy, and passion for the mission. It is the collective effort that allows us the talent and resources to do far more to build a better community than any one of us could do alone.

Let me end with another quote from an unknown:

*A wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveler who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveler saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation. The traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime. But a few days later he came back to return the stone to the wise woman.*

*"I've been thinking," he said. "I know how valuable the stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone."*

God bless you all during this holiday season!  
Stephanie

# Mini Grants

Molly Moyer | *Mini Grants Chair 2011-2012*



This year the Junior League of Spartanburg awarded close to \$12,000 in Mini Grants for teachers in Spartanburg County. Forty-two teachers and teacher teams applied for grants and eighteen grants were awarded. Of the classes which were awarded grants (from grades 5K through 12th grade), more than 1,600 students will be served.

Many of the winners' topics will explore history in a wide variety of ways. One class will learn their way through 4.6 billion years of the Earth's history, while another class will concentrate on the history of the Holocaust. Specifically for the Holocaust project, students will be immersed in the history through Art, Literature (including Comic Books), and Film.

Other projects are taking their lessons beyond the walls of the classroom. One program for fourth & fifth grade girls will focus on positive mentoring and friendships for pre-teen girls through community service. The students will visit the Soup Kitchen, Children's Shelter, and several Senior Citizen facilities.

As a League, we are proud to support all these projects and programs. Our donations will reach students in the arts, in single-gender classrooms, and in groups of 300 or in groups of 12. If you know a teacher doing great things in the classroom, please refer him or her to the Mini Grant Program.



# Provisional Spotlight

Our Provisional class is in full swing! Now that they are working toward becoming Active members of the Junior League, we thought it was time to get to know each of them a little better. Below we spotlight the first half of this year's class:



*Front Row, L-R:*

**Kate Flemming** has a flair for decorating lighted wine bottles & Christmas balls and is a Dallas Cowboys fan.

**Ann Blair Gurganus** works for the Gibbs Cancer Center and her favorite color is yellow.

**Rebecca Anderson** loves outdoor activities and is from Columbia (Go Gamecocks!).

*Back Row, L-R:*

**Morgan Marlowe** lives in Boiling Springs and is looking forward to becoming more involved in the Spartanburg community through JLS.

**Leslie Bailey** graduated from Rhodes College and the University of Georgia and now works as Marketing and Public Relations Director for Advantage Healthcare.

**Shea Dent** works at Greenleaf/Grace Management Marketing & Design and loves to read.



*Pictured L-R:*

**Susan Pfister-Cartwright** is from Waxhaw, North Carolina, loves to go camping, and has two kids: Sebastian (3) and Tucker (1).

**Nikki Snow's** favorite color is coral and she is looking forward to developing new friendships in JLS.

**Beth McCord's** favorite holiday is the 4th of July and she is a fan of the Carolina Panthers.

**Sheila Turner** is from Charleston and enjoys running in her spare time.

**Jaime Evola** is from Great Falls, Virginia and she's hoping to meet other moms that enjoy doing volunteer work.



2011 PROVISIONAL CLASS AND PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE



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# Power of One

The Power of One Award is given at each General Membership meeting to a Junior League of Spartanburg member who has gone above and beyond her placement duties to make a difference. Congratulations to our fall winners!



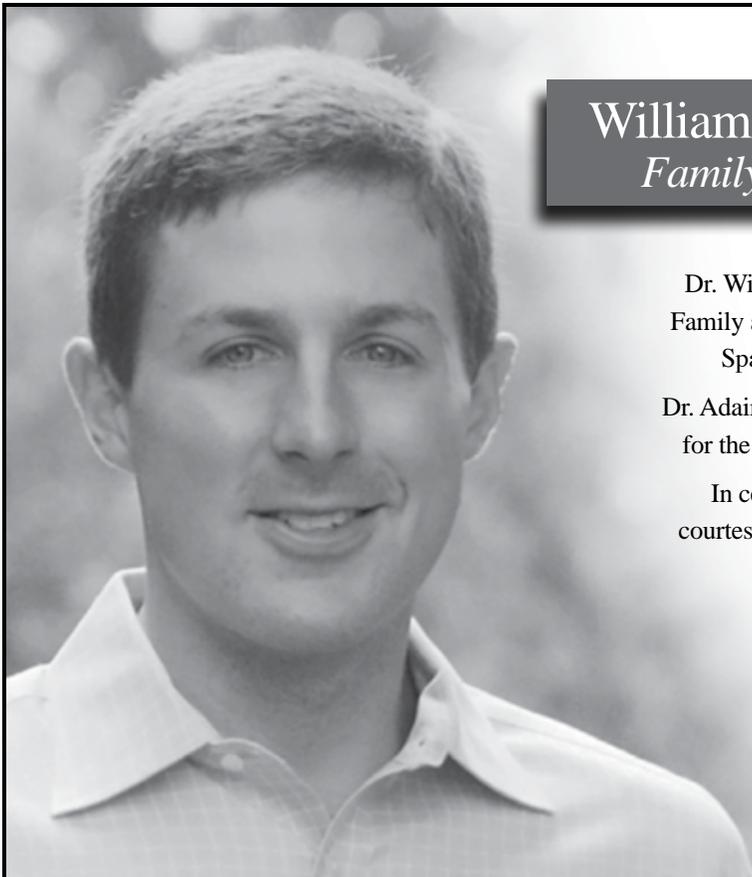
## **SEPTEMBER - Kimberly Genobles**

Kimberly demonstrated excellent leadership skills and determination in cleaning, organizing, and executing the Art for a Cause event. Her upbeat and positive attitude kept the volunteers motivated and laughing during the many hours of cleaning, sorting, and pricing items. Kim is the reason this event was such a success and provided additional funds to the League to support our programs. Thanks for a job well done!



## **OCTOBER - Brianna Woodsby**

Brianna really hit the ground running with Venture advertising sales this summer. Brianna not only met her advertising budget for the entire year, but she exceeded this goal by the very first issue. She does an excellent job communicating her progress with both the finance and Venture teams and has indicated that she plans to continue to make sales for the remainder of the year. Great job, Brianna!



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# General Membership Meetings



In September, the JLS presented a check to St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic. St. Luke's has provided high quality medical care for uninsured, low income residents of Spartanburg County since 1992.

Healthier citizens are more productive citizens, and having access to medical treatment and medications is critical to an individual's well being and good health. Over 40% of current patients at St. Luke's are diabetic, and regularly need test strips and insulin needles. The grant from JLS will help pay for these much needed supplies for St. Luke's patients.



## **MEMBERSHIP SERVICE AWARDS**

Also in September, our active members who had achieved five or ten years of service were recognized. Congratulations to our members who have put in countless hours of service to Spartanburg through the Junior League!

### **10 Years of Active Service**

Donna White

### **5 Years of Active Service**

Meg Clayton

Andrea Elliott

Michelle Owens

Catherine Pogue

Ashley Reynolds

Beth Van Delden

Melissa Washburn



# News & Notes

## *Little Leaguers:*



WILLIAM JOSEPH

Congratulations to **Jennifer Crook Bauer** and husband Jason on the birth of their son, William Joseph Bauer, on September 26th. William was 6 pounds, 14 ounces and 20 inches long.

Congratulations to **Nicole Wagner** and husband Eric on the birth of their daughter, Amelia Kathryn, born on November 17th! Amelia weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.



AMELIA KATHRYN



ISSIAH FREDERICK

Congratulations to **Andrea Saunders** and husband Mark on the birth of their son, Issiah Frederick Saunders on November 2, 2011. Issiah was 7 pounds, 4 ounces and 20 inches long.

## *Working Girls:*

**Stephanie Monroe** has been named the new City Manager for Woodruff. She will be leaving the City of Spartanburg. Best of luck in your new position!

**Amanda Ingram Mathis** has accepted a new position with Moroch, a national public relations and advertising firm. She will be handling their GSA market from Spartanburg. Congratulations!

## *Sympathy:*

Condolences go out to Sustainer **Anne Cheek Bailey** and her family for the loss of her father, William Bingham Cheek III, on November 10th.

## *Good News:*



Congratulations to Provisional **Carrie DuPre** who was named the Spartanburg Young Professional's Member of the Month in September. Carrie serves as the Executive Director of College Hub.

**Leah Anderson's** husband Patrick just opened a new law firm on October 10th - Anderson, Lapham and Moore. They are located on Magnolia Street.



# JLS Calendar of Events

## JANUARY

- 4th Board of Directors Meeting- 6:30 at JLS office
- 11th GMM at Spartanburg Public Library  
6:30 - Meet & Greet  
7:00 - GMM  
Social to immediately follow GMM  
at Refuel Wine Bar
- 25th Provisional Meeting - 6:30 at JLS Office

## FEBRUARY

- 1st Board of Directors Meeting- 6:30 at JLS office
- 8th GMM at Spartanburg Public Library  
6:30 - Meet & Greet  
7:00 - GMM - Voting Meeting  
Social to immediately follow GMM  
at Wild Wing Café
- 22nd Provisional Meeting - 6:30 at JLS Office

## MARCH

- 7th Board of Directors Meeting- 6:30 at JLS office
- 14th GMM Meeting at Young Office  
7:00 - Placement Party & Voting Meeting
- 28th Provisional Meeting - 6:30 at JLS Office

## APRIL

- 11th Board of Directors Meeting-6:30 at JLS office
- 18th GMM at Spartanburg Public Library  
6:30 - Meet & Greet  
7:00 - GMM - Dues for 2012-2013  
are due (*Installments are available*)  
Social to immediately follow GMM  
at Gerhards
- 25th Provisional Meeting - 6:30 at JLS Office

## MAY

- 2nd Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 at the  
JLS office  
Joint Meeting with the 2012-2013 Board
- 9th GMM- End of Year Celebration!  
Cookbook Responsibility (\*2 Book Minimum)  
must be met by this date!



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## DECEMBER

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01 Kim Land  
02 Susan Fretwell  
02 Helen Mitchell  
04 Elizabeth Gasiorowski  
04 Lisa Grier  
09 Mary Whitehurst  
11 Cathy Bagwell  
12 Joanna Case  
14 Stacey Henderson  
12 Laura Henthorn  
15 Nicole Wagner  
16 Marguerite Cates  
18 Jane Woods  
21 Mary Cribb  
21 Mary Margaret Crocker  
22 Colleen Gilmore  
23 Cynthia Beacham  
23 Mary Beth Lyles  
24 Lynn Jordan  
28 Nancy Holmes  
31 Jennifer Bauer

## JANUARY

01 Jean Helms  
01 Diane Pickens  
03 Lori Axelrod  
03 Susan Britt  
04 Cynthia Hellyer  
04 Ashley Reynolds  
04 Jennifer Snow  
07 Andrea Saunders  
07 Lalage Warrington  
08 Janice Grizzle  
09 Cara Lynn Cannon  
10 Grace Coleman  
11 Samantha Adair  
11 Lacy Chapman  
14 Anne Bailey  
17 Kristina Keith  
17 Martha McDaniel  
18 Sandra Battocchio  
18 Marjorie Cannon  
18 Kathleen Willard  
19 Natalie Popkin  
20 Chandis Digby  
22 Susan Oldham  
23 Corrie Ponder  
23 Rosalind Richardson  
24 Carol Rudisill  
26 Jane Easler  
27 Carole Youngblood  
28 Anne Flynn  
31 Jennifer Britanisky  
31 Jane Marie Edwards  
31 Stephanie Hall

## FEBRUARY

01 Marsha Elliott  
01 Claircy Purinton  
02 Mary Berry  
04 Jayne McQueen  
04 Virginia Shuler  
05 Charlene Marx  
06 Mandie Allen  
07 Janice Pack  
11 Leslie Bailey  
12 Stacey Rousey  
12 Jill Saleeby  
13 Jessica Carlson  
15 Kelli Caldwell  
15 Elaine Freeman  
18 Nancy Lake  
18 Jana Snapp  
20 Martha Chapman  
21 Sonia McDuffie  
21 Dixie Pinson  
22 Betty Smith  
23 Leigh Anne Langley  
23 Jennifer Yates  
24 Dorothy Edwards  
24 Margaret Littlejohn  
25 Robin Fuller  
25 Alice Smith  
26 Jane Crowder  
26 Lila Pate  
27 Kate Gerrald  
28 Mary Grace Close  
28 Diane Lee  
28 Ann Moore  
28 Susan Murphy

## MARCH

02 Patty King  
03 Wallace Johnson  
04 Catherine Heatly  
04 Betsy Williams  
05 Tracy Shoulders  
06 Beth Hudson  
07 Karen Lyles  
08 Anna Jones  
08 Elizabeth Kellis  
08 Margaret Young  
10 Taylor Smith  
11 Jill Moody  
11 Christine Overcarsh  
12 Cara Thompson  
13 Nancy Demo  
13 Marianna Habisreutinger  
13 Libba Lee  
14 Amanda Mathis  
15 Lynne Burton  
16 Patricia Bock  
16 Nancy Crowley  
16 Blair Harakas  
16 Anne Sanders  
17 Lisa Cureton  
18 Paula Baker  
18 Vicki Fowler  
18 Kristi Herring  
21 Susan Mullins  
22 Brenda Brooks  
22 Patricia Hevener  
25 Nancy Martin  
26 Isabel Barber  
27 Mary Hamilton  
28 Elizabeth Brendle  
28 Anne Poliakoff  
29 Alice Langford  
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