



# JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BAKERSFIELD

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**WILDFLOWER • WINTER 2020**



## Who We Are...

Since 1952, the Junior League of Bakersfield has been committed to promoting voluntarism and to training its members for community leadership.

Junior League members share a strong commitment to service. We seek women of all races, religions and national origins who are interested in the benefits of working together to positively impact our community.

The Junior League of Bakersfield makes a difference in Kern County through project and enabling fund grants, given annually to local non-profits.

The organization has been instrumental in funding numerous projects and activities focused on women and children.

To learn more about how to join Junior League of Bakersfield, email [memdev@juniorleagueofbakersfield.org](mailto:memdev@juniorleagueofbakersfield.org) or call 661-322-1671

## 315 Sports Toys Donated to Kids in Need

*by Katherine Erwin*

JLB's Fall 2019 Provisional Class is excited to share the final results for their "Play It Forward" sports equipment drive, supporting the Boys & Girls Club of Kern County and the Bakersfield Police Activities League (PAL). Through member donations and monetary support from the Walmart on Gosford Rd. and Pair & Marotta Physical Therapy, they were able to collect approximately 315 different items, exceeding the goal we set for our project. Each organization received multiple



items from their wish lists including basketballs, volleyballs, soccer balls, boxing gloves for PAL and a new corn hole set for the Boys & Girls Club.

On Friday, November 15th, members of the Provisional Class dropped off the donations at each organization. Sargent David of Bakersfield PAL was very excited for all the new equipment and couldn't wait to show the kids all the donations. At the Boys & Girls Club, the children couldn't believe their eyes when they saw everything we were donating. The Provisional Class met several kids, learned what they were most eager to play with, and even played a couple of rounds of "Simon Says".

The Provisional Class wants to thank everyone that was able to contribute to our project. They are proud of the contribution made with this donation drive and look forward to continuing to help achieve JLB's goals and mission.

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## Ms. Kern County *by Casey Mondol*

On April 13, 2019 Junior League's very own Tiara King was named Ms. Kern County. Tiara was part of one of the organization's most historic and special years, as it marked their 100th Anniversary of serving the community.

All the Queens are asked to use their platform to bring awareness to issues that matter to them. Tiara is using her platform to help end sexual violence, sex trafficking, sex offenses and the over-sexualization of children in dance and sports. Tiara said, "Ultimately, my goal is to restore the family unit by eradicating barriers to relationships that lead to offensive behavior."

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Katie McDaris, 2019-20 President  
Junior League of Bakersfield

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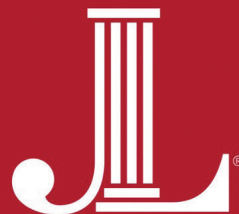
## Ms. Kern County *(continued)*

Tiara, who joined JLB in 2017, is a dedicated member who devotes much of her time to the Kern County Community. Aside from working at The Counseling & Psychotherapy Center, she is also the Executive Director of ShePower/HePower, a Board Member for Kern Dance Alliance, and an active member at Discovery Church. She currently serves as Vice President of Retrain the Night, a non-profit she founded. She is also a dedicated and wonderful mother to her six-year-old daughter. "I totally got into this pageant because of my daughter," she said, "I didn't even think I would win!"

The hard work, passion and love Tiara gives is unmatched. We are grateful to have her as a member, and a community leader on the forefront of tough issues.



# INFO NIGHT HAPPY HOUR



**Curious about joining the Junior League of Bakersfield?**

**FRIDAY JANUARY 24  
5 PM AT SONDER  
9500 BRIMHALL RD**



## JLB Sustainer is Named "Person of the Year"

By Karrie Camp

Junior League of Bakersfield Sustaining Member Nancy Wheeler Nichols was recently named "Person of the Year" by the Kern County Fair Board. Nancy began volunteering at the Kern County Fair in 1989, as a part of the Children's Festival. Nancy was appointed to the Kern County Fair Board in 2003, where she served faithfully for 12 years.



Throughout the years, Nancy has served on the boards of the following: The California Living Museum, Friends of Mercy, Junior League of Bakersfield, numerous PTA boards, and Kern High School Foundation. She is also an honorary member of the Men-

diburu Foundation and a CASA Volunteer Advocate. Nancy is currently on the Board of Directors for the Mid-State Fair in Paso Robles, CA. Nancy says JLB taught her many valuable skills, and her experience in League has opened doors of opportunity into many other non-profits. Nancy is very grateful for the many lifelong friendships she made in League.

During Nancy's years as an active member in the Junior League of Bakersfield, she served in many ways. She served as the President's assistant and as the Chair of the Holiday of Magic committee. She says, "Those years are full of memories of painting rabbits, hauling horse trailer loads of decorations from storage to the civic auditorium, working on sponsors and traveling around California with a bunch of girls to find the best merchants we could for the shopping."

As a part of JLB, Nancy served on a committee that helped establish a fund to help maintain JLB's Community Center. JLB is very grateful to the Wheeler Foundation for their donation of our JLB Community Center. They have also given generously, throughout many years, to help keep our Community Center running.

Many non-profit organizations are blessed by the Wheeler Foundation. We appreciate Nancy for her many years of service, in many different areas, and we are so grateful for the heart she has for Bakersfield and the Junior League of Bakersfield.

## Oktoberfest 2019: A Success!

Pretzels, bratwurst, and beer, oh my! Oktoberfest 2019 was a big success, thanks for all those in attendance that evening. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you at next year's event!

We are also so grateful for our business partners: Advanced Beverage, Jim Burke Ford, Centre for Neuro Skills, WA Thompson, and Thomas Frank DDS. We appreciate your continued support, which help to make our events successful.

Thanks for PrimeTime BBQ, Temblor Brewing, GhilaDolci, Cornerstone, and Alpine Pastries for the wonderful food! We look forward to seeing everyone again dressed in their finest outfits for a 3rd annual event next year!



## Condors Non-profit Awareness Series-Junior League Night

Join us for a night of fun at the Bakersfield Condors hockey game vs. the San Diego Gulls on Saturday, January 18, 2020! With recognition through the Condors Nonprofit Awareness Series, we are selling lower level tickets for only \$10 each. Proceeds from our ticket sales will help fund Junior League in its ability to give back to our local community. It's also "Girls Rock" Themed Night-how perfect is that!

For questions, or to purchase tickets, contact Tori Limbean at [inleague@juniorleagueofbakersfield.org](mailto:inleague@juniorleagueofbakersfield.org). Hope to see you there!

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[inleague@juniorleagueofbakersfield.org](mailto:inleague@juniorleagueofbakersfield.org)

**JLB NIGHT AT  
THE CONDORS!**

**THEME: GIRLS ROCK NIGHT**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020  
PUCK DROP @ 7:05 P.M.**



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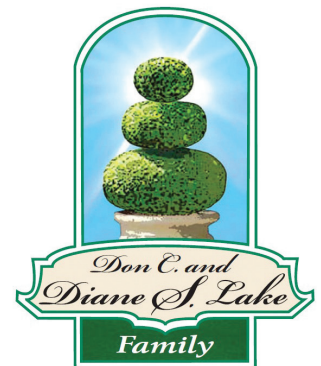
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