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## Junior League of Arlington celebrates 30 years of service

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About 200 guests in a standing-room-only gathering attended the Junior League of Arlington's 30th-anniversary celebration Feb. 13 at the league's headquarters.

The organization was admitted to the Association of Junior Leagues International on Feb. 22, 1982, transitioning from the Service League of Arlington, established July 9, 1975, by 44 founding members.

The parent group has more than 155,000 members and 292 leagues in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Great Britain. The Junior League of Arlington has about 450 members and has given more than \$2 million and 1 million volunteer hours to more than 100 local agencies since its inception.

The program included greetings from Mayor Robert Cluck, who recalled his wife Linda's years of involvement in the organization. President Paulette Tutor was presented proclamations from state Reps. Diane Patrick and Barbara Nash, Tarrant County Commissioner Andy Nguyen and state Sen. Wendy Davis congratulating the league on three decades of achievement.

Past presidents of the organization were on hand to celebrate the occasion, along with scores of active and sustaining members.

Delly Beekman, president of the New York-based Association of Junior Leagues International, read a special congratulatory message and later spoke about the future role of Junior Leagues across the country.

League members donate about 20,000 hours annually for community service and work with more than 20 community programs and agencies. JLA's annual fundraisers, Holiday Magic and "Tee It Up for Charity" Golf Tournament, enable the organization to fund local charities such as Aids Outreach Center, Boys & Girls Clubs of Arlington, Arlington Public Library, Camp Fire, SafeHaven, All Star Equestrian Foundation, Community Partners of Tarrant County Rainbow Room along with grants to a number of other local causes.

A permanent project is the Center for Community Service at the group's headquarters, at 4002 W. Pioneer Parkway, which provides meeting space at no cost to nonprofit organizations and government entities.

The Glass Slipper Boutique that provides prom attire for local high school girls in need of this service and a Back-To-School Fair providing school supplies and other services for Arlington ISD students in need are signature operations of JLA.

Those interested in becoming a member may contact the headquarters office at 817-277-9481.

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