

Seventy-five Years and Counting Junior League of North Little Rock Celebrates Milestone in Service



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The Junior League of North Little Rock (JLNLR) celebrated its 75th anniversary by hosting 'Pearls on the Plaza' on Saturday, June 3rd at Argenta Square. A light breeze swept through the plaza as Smith Kafetadora Catering provided the nibbles, <u>Bobby's Bartender Service</u> provided the libations, and the <u>Rodney Block Collective</u> provide the music.

Dr. Ericka Mays serves as JLNLR president and reflect on her year of service, "When I realized we would be celebrating our 75th anniversary during my year as President, I was initially nervous, but also excited. I believed it was my role as leader to learn more about Junior League in general and more specifically the community of North Little Rock and how we could make a bigger impact. I believe we were able to do that."

Regina Moss, a member since 2017, agrees with JLNLR's community impact. Invited to join by past president, Dr. Ruby Ben, Moss attended a recruitment event at Bar Louie in North Little Rock and the rest is history. Says Moss, "I have read to the children through our Literacy Project, virtually and on the North Little Rock School District Literacy Bus. I have volunteered with Teacher Appreciation, Shop with a Cop, the League Locker, Heaven's Loft, etc. There are so many opportunities for knowledge, professional development and service. It has been a wonderful ride and I am grateful for the women I have met!"

For both Mays and Moss, service to the community is fundamental. "I consider myself a servant leader my leading by example. I didn't ask the members to do anything that I would not do myself. I am pleased with the direction the League is going and we were able to accomplish some things that will help to sustain us for the future," said Mays.

Membership in the JLNLR has also provided opportunities for personal growth. Moss shares, "The League has allowed me the opportunity to gain



Debbie Horton, Dr. Ruby Ben, Margarette Powell, Dr. Ericka Mays (JLNLR president), Teri Todd

knowledge about and hone my skills in tools such as Canva and MailChimp. My work in Social Media Management for the League has allowed me to share those skills with other organizations, for which I also serve as Communications Chairperson. The Junior League believes in the development of Women. I have had the opportunity to grow and learn in the League. I had the opportunity to experience the Association of Junior Leagues International Racial and Equity Summit, which enlightened me to the facts that there is so much to learn about others.'