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The Junior League of the Palm Beaches (JLPB) has announced its officers for the Board of Directors for 2021-2022. The officers of the

nonprofit, also celebrating its 80th year, include **Alexandra Chase**, President; **Marcelle Griffith Burke**, President-elect; **Whitney Pettis Jester**, Secretary and **Aimee Shaughnessy**, Treasurer.

“The Junior League of the Palm Beaches is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through trained volunteers,” said Chase. “We have over 600 members who dedicate more than 3,000 hours every year supporting more than 20 nonprofit partners. I have been a member of this League for many years and look forward to working alongside this influential group of women for another year.”

Chase has been a member of the Junior League for nine years. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas and her Juris Doctor from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Chase is a federal prosecutor in West Palm Beach, where she resides with her husband and son.

During her tenure as a member of JLPB, Burke has served as community vice president, served as a Board member-at-large, led the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion task force, and chaired several League programs. She currently works as the Senior Business Manager for a multi-platinum record-selling, BET nominated R&B recording artist and also serves as the director of talent relations for a premium social media access platform. Burke has called West Palm Beach home for almost 13 years.



Whitney Pettis Jester

Jester joined JLPB in 2016 and graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelor’s degree in Merchandising and Minor in Business Administration. She is currently the Director of Marketing and Merchant Relations at The Gardens Mall. She currently lives with her husband, Shane, and their two dogs in Jupiter.

Shaughnessy joined JLPB in 2005 and has served as Treasurer-elect, Communications Vice President and Publishing Co-Chair, as well as many other roles. She is the Director of Brand Strategy at Pathos in downtown West Palm Beach, where she works with clients to develop their marketing strategies and help shape their brands. She graduated from Florida Atlantic University with a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with a focus in marketing. Shaughnessy currently lives in Jupiter.

For more information on the Junior League of the Palm Beaches, or to become a member visit jlpb.org or call 561.689.7590. The deadline for 2021-2022 membership is on September 1, 2021.

The American Heart Association’s Palm Beach County office is proud to announce its Board Chair and Board President for the 2021-2022 fiscal year: **Melissa Mickle** and **Anita Wilborn, M.D.** The Board also has two new officers: **Roger L. Duncan III, M.D.** and **Dawn Nichols**.

This will be Mickle’s final term as Board Chair after serving in that role for three years. Mickle is an Executive Vice President with PNC Financial Services Group, where she serves as a Market Manager for Florida in the Retail Banking Division.

“Our Board is looking forward to a strong year ahead with opportunities to connect with and meet our residents where they are,” said Mickle. “Keeping health equity at the center of all we do, our focuses throughout the year will surround nutrition security, blood pressure control and chronic disease management, and reducing tobacco and vaping use in our community. We want to make sure that education and resources are accessible for all of our community members, so we can all lead longer, healthier lives.”

Board President Anita Wilborn, M.D., is also in her final year of her role. Wilborn practices internal medicine at Tenet Florida Physician Services, and in 2019 was named the *Palm Beach Post’s* “Best Family Physician.” She attended medical school at the Duke University School of Medicine.

“It’s been an honor to serve on this Board



Anita Wilborn, M.D.



Roger K. Duncan, III, M.D.

for three years,” said Wilborn. “This group is performing tangible, meaningful work to reduce deaths from heart disease and stroke and build overall health and mental wellbeing right here in Palm Beach County.”

Roger L. Duncan, III, M.D. and **Dawn Nichols** are new to the Board. Duncan is a Fellow of the American Society of Anesthesiologists and the Vice-Chief of Anesthesia at Palms West Hospital. He received his Undergraduate degree from California Polytechnic State University and his Medical degree and public health training from Yale University School of Medicine.

Nichols is the Vice President of Human Resources for NextEra Energy Resources. She received her Bachelor’s degree in Management Science and Information Systems from Pennsylvania State University.

The American Heart Association Palm Beach County serves the residents of Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie counties.

For more information about the American Heart Association visit www.heart.org or call 800.242.8721.

Under the leadership of **Dr. Gerald O’Connor**, Chairman for the Board of Trustees of **Quantum Foundation**, members recently approved 16 new grants totaling nearly \$1.5 million to Palm Beach County-based nonprofits.

Quantum Foundation is a health foundation that was formed with \$135 million in proceeds from the sale of JFK Medical Center. Now in its third decade of community investment, the foundation has assets of approximately \$170 million. Since its inception, Quantum Foundation has awarded more than \$150 million to hundreds of Palm Beach County nonprofit grantees. Every dollar the foundation grants stays in the county to benefit local communities.

“Our foundation has evolved to become a valued strategic partner in grantmaking to Palm Beach County initiatives that improve access to health services, improve health systems, expand health education, and focus on whole-health initiatives,” said **Eric Kelly**, President

of Quantum Foundation. “On behalf of our dedicated staff and our distinguished Board of Trustees, we extend gratitude to these 16 grant recipients, all working to make Palm Beach County a healthier home for all of us.”

Of the grants allocated for the first and second quarters of 2021, the largest was made to **FoundCare**, a nonprofit Federally Qualified Health Center with locations throughout Palm Beach County. Their mission is to fulfill unmet healthcare and social service needs of local individuals and families. Their services include pediatric and adult primary care, chronic disease management, behavioral health services, dentistry, laboratory services, x-rays, on-site pharmacy, and women’s health services (including screening mammography).

FoundCare will apply the Quantum Foundation funding toward construction of a new, in-house pharmacy at its newest location in West Palm Beach on Okeechobee Blvd. The site is projected to serve 10,000 unique patients per year, for approximately 25,000 visits. The **Quantum Foundation Pharmacy** at FoundCare will provide affordable prescription medications to established FoundCare patients.

“We are deeply grateful for the generous support we have received from our friends at Quantum Foundation,” said **Yolette Bonnet**, CEO of FoundCare. “This funding for our ongoing capital campaign will enable us to serve more patients at our new soon-to-open location, regardless of their ability to pay for services. The new Quantum Foundation Pharmacy will be a convenient addition to the health center because it allows patients to pick up their prescribed medications while on-site. Quantum Foundation’s support enables us to continue to expand our vital healthcare offerings during this unprecedented and critical time.”

For more information or to apply for grants visit www.quantumfnd.org or call 561.832.7497.



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