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Bermuda Junior Service League

Provisional Process

Thank you for your interest in possible membership in the Bermuda Junior Service League. The League is an organization committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving the community in which we live.

New members are invited to join the League twice a year in May and November. In order to join the League you must be proposed and seconded for membership by either active or life members and be between the ages of 18 and 44. Completed application forms should be submitted to the provisional chairperson prior to the October and April executive meetings.

There is a financial commitment of an initial fee of \$200. This will cover the cost of first year dues (irrespective of when you join), league pin, one Island Thyme cookbook, name tag, league shirt, members hand book and administration fees. Thereafter there are yearly dues of \$70.

The provisional chairperson will guide provisional members through the process of becoming a member. Once the process has been completed the executive committee will review each provisional put forward by the provisional chairperson for membership and the committee will vote on their acceptance into the league.

Provisional membership is for a period of six months and there are the following requirements to be considered for active membership:-

- Contribute 40 hours of service to the League
 - 10 hours minimum community service (can include provisional project)
 - 10 Hours of fundraising (can include provisional project)
 - 20 Hours of other service (includes attending meetings and provisional project)
- Attend minimum of 3 provisional meetings of the 5 scheduled in the 6 month period
- Attend minimum of 3 general meetings in the 6 month period
- Complete a provisional project of the provisional group's choice.
- Provide baked goods for the Debate (all members are required to do this)

There are several aims of the provisional process and by the end of the 6 month period you will:-

- Be familiar with the BJSL history and current projects
- Have a working knowledge of BJSL operations and Bye-Laws
- Understand individual role within BJSL and community volunteerism
- Obtain a better idea of where interests lie within the BJSL
- Develop relationships within the provisional group, the full membership and the community at large.



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The purpose of the provisional project is to gain practical experience with the League's procedures and Bye-Laws. Also to have the opportunity to run a project from the beginning through to completion and understand what is involved with the community service the League performs. The project will also facilitate the development of relationships with other provisional members and the full membership.

The provisional chair will guide the provisional group through the provisional project and give advice and direction where it is needed.

The project is not supposed to take a long time but there are no restrictions on the time spent, it can be a "done in a day project" or take the full 6 months to complete. We would recommend that it takes between 10 to 20 hours.

Below are some guidelines to help you get started:-

- Decide whether the project you want to do is either fundraising or community service.
- Be realistic about how many hours the project may take
- Check what licenses may be required or if the general membership is required to vote on the project
- Discuss ideas with current members, they could have helpful input, or the League could have done something similar in the past that you could find information on.
- If any costs are to be incurred on the project discuss how these may be paid for or if funding could come from the League.
- You can run a current project that the League does or come up with a new one.

Here are some examples of possible provisional projects:-

- Bake sale
- Clean up of an area on the Island
- Paint/ repair a building in long term care or home less shelter etc.
- Tag day
- Hospital bag project
- Take part in a charity walk and organize a group from BJSL and raise money
- Decorate old peoples home for Christmas
- Cookies with Santa
- Raise funds to purchase equipment (e.g. waiting rooms at hospital, long term care etc)
- Don't leave your Drink
- Sell BJSL merchandise at Harbour nights