Numerous Junior League members have become household names through their professional and personal pursuits. Below is just a sampling of famous Junior League women.

Shirley Temple Black 1928-2014
Child actress featured in more than 40 films; U.S. Representative to the United Nations (1969-70); U.S. Ambassador to Ghana (1974-76); first woman to serve as White House Chief of Protocol (1976-77)
Palo Alto • Mid-Peninsula, CA

Barbara Bush 1925-
Community service volunteer, literacy activist, author; former First Lady of the United States (1989-1993); founder of the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy (1989)
Houston, TX

Laura Bush 1946-
Literacy activist, volunteer, author; former First Lady of the U.S. (2001-2009); launched Ready to Read, Ready to Learn educational initiative (2001)
Dallas, TX

Marilyn Carlson Nelson 1939-
Chair and former CEO of Carlson Companies, the first major North American travel company to sign the ECPAT international code of conduct regarding the sexual exploitation of children (2002); Chair by presidential appointment, National Women’s Business Council (2002-2005); Author: How We Lead Matters: Reflections on a Life of Leadership (2008)
Minneapolis, MN

Sarah Palfrey Cooke Danzig 1912-1996
Two-time U.S. Tennis Champion (1934, 35) and twice doubles champion at Wimbledon (1930, 36), author, activist; lobbied the U.S. Tennis Association to remove the color bar (1950); voted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame (1963)
The City of New York

Betty Ford 1918-2011
Grand Rapids, MI

Margaret Hamilton 1902-1985
Actress, best known for her role as the Wicked Witch of the West in The Wizard of Oz
Cleveland, OH

Katharine Hepburn 1907-2003
4-time U.S. Academy Award-winning actress (1934, 68, 69, 82); 3-time British Academy Award recipient (1969, 83); writer; daughter of suffragette Katharine Houghton
Hartford, CT

Oveta Culp Hobby 1905-1995
First Commander of Women’s Auxiliary Army Corps (1941-45); first U.S. Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare (1953-55) in President Dwight D. Eisenhower’s Administration
Houston, TX

Mary Pillsbury Lord 1904-1978
U.S. Delegate to the United Nations, succeeding Eleanor Roosevelt
Minneapolis, MN & The City of New York

Ruth Rowlands Nichols 1901-1960
Female aviation pioneer who held simultaneous world records for speed, altitude and distance. Was an early advocate for including women in the NASA space program.
The City of New York

Sandra Day O’Connor 1930-
First female U.S. Supreme Court Justice (1981-2006); Assistant Attorney General for Arizona (1965-69); first woman to serve as the majority leader of a state Senate (1969-74) in Arizona
Phoenix, AZ
Nancy Reagan 1921-
Actress, author; substance abuse prevention activist; former First Lady of the U.S. (1981-1989)
Los Angeles, CA

Eleanor Roosevelt 1884-1962
First Lady of the United States (1933-1945); social reformer; humanitarian; author; U.S. Delegate to the United Nations, (1946-52, 1961-62); Chair of the Human Rights Commission overseeing the creation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)
The City of New York

Mary Harriman Rumsey 1881-1934
Founder of The Junior League (1901); first defender of consumer rights in President Franklin Roosevelt’s Administration (1933); organizer, Farm Foundation Board (1933-34)
The City of New York

Eudora Welty 1909-2001
Pulitzer prize-winning author of The Optimist’s Daughter (1969); photographer; lecturer
Jackson, MS

Pamela Willeford 1950-
Former U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland and Luxembourg
Austin, TX

Elected to Government
Canadian Parliament

- Florence Bird
  Elected to Canadian Parliament 1978-1983
  Winnipeg, MB

- Margaret McTavish Konantz
  Elected to Canadian Parliament 1964-1968
  Winnipeg, MB

- Bobbie Sparrow
  Elected to Canadian Parliament 1984-1988
  Calgary, AB

Canadian Provincial Appointment

- Lois Mitchell
  Lieutenant Governor of Alberta
  2015-present
  Calgary, AB

U.S. Congress

- Judy Biggert
  Elected U.S. House of Representatives 1998-2013
  Chicago, IL

- Frances P. Bolton
  Elected U.S. House of Representatives 1940-1969
  Cleveland, OH

- Susan Brooks
  Elected U.S. House of Representatives 2013-present
  Indianapolis, IN

- Jennifer Dunn
  Elected U.S. House of Representatives 1992-2004
  Seattle, WA

- Anna G. Eshoo
  Elected U.S. House of Representatives 1992-present
  Palo Alto • Mid-Peninsula, CA

- Mary E. Pruett Farrington
  Elected U.S. House of Representatives 1954-1956
  Honolulu, HI

- Tillie K. Fowler
  Jacksonville, FL

- Isabella Selmes Greenway
  Elected U.S. House of Representatives 1933-1936
  The City of New York

- Kay R. Hagan
  Elected to U.S. Senate, 2008-2015
  Greensboro, NC
Famous Junior League Members

- **Carolyn Maloney**  
  Elected U.S. House of Representatives 1992-present  
  The City of New York

- **Lynn Martin**  
  Rockford, IL

- **Doris Matsui**  
  Elected U.S. House of Representatives 2005-present  
  Sacramento, CA

- **Ruth Sears Baker Pratt**  
  Elected U.S. House of Representatives 1929-1933  
  The City of New York

- **Margaret Chase Smith**  
  Elected in 1948 to U.S. Senate; elected in 1940 to U.S. House of Representatives; first woman to serve in both houses of Congress  
  Bangor, ME

**Local Government (U.S.)**

- **Kerry Healey**  
  Massachusetts State Lt. Governor, 2003-2007  
  Boston, MA

- **Alyson L. Huber**  
  California State Assemblymember, 2008-present  
  Sacramento, CA

- **Diane Patrick**  
  Texas House of Representatives, 2007-Present  
  Arlington, TX

- **Betty Sims**  
  Missouri State Senator, 1995-2002  
  St. Louis, MO

- **Emily Anne Staples Tuttle**  
  Minnesota State Senate, 1977-1980  
  Minneapolis, MN

**State Government (U.S.)**

- **Martha Bedell Alexander**  
  Charlotte, NC

- **Betsey Bayless**  
  Arizona 16th Secretary of State, 1997-2002  
  Phoenix, AZ

- **Roseann Knauer Bentley**  
  Missouri State Senator, 1995-2002  
  Springfield, MO

- **Mary O. Donohue**  
  New York State Lt. Governor, 1999-2006  
  Troy, NY

- **Beth Halteman Harwell**  
  Tennessee General Assembly Member, 1988-present, Speaker of the House, 2011  
  Nashville, TN

- **Pat Evans**  
  Mayor of Plano, TX, 2002-2009  
  Plano, TX

- **Margaret Hance**  
  First woman mayor of Phoenix, AZ, 1976-1983  
  Phoenix, AZ

- **Glenda Hood**  
  First woman mayor of Orlando, FL, 1992-2003  
  Greater Orlando, FL

- **Willie Mount**  
  First woman mayor of Lake Charles, LA, 1993-1999  
  Lake Charles, LA

- **Florence Shapiro**  
  Mayor of Plano, TX, 1990-1992  
  Plano, TX

- **Carole Keeton Strayhorn**  
  First woman mayor of Austin, TX, 1977-1983  
  Austin, TX